**2018 Diocesan Services Appeal**

**“I Give to the DSA . . .”**

**For use by Lay Presenters or by any parish staff or DSA volunteer speaking about the Diocesan Services Appeal. Select one or more inspiring causes from this group or other ministries supported by the DSA to share your personal motivation for generous support for DSA.**

**I give to the DSA:**

… so the New Evangelization efforts, including the upcoming Made for Happiness Assembly can bring new missionary disciples into the work of the church for the salvation of souls.

…so parish-based initiatives like Grow & Go, Evangelical Catholic, and Alpha can take root and energize evangelization efforts in our communities.

…so the homeless in our parish and our diocese will be able to receive food and shelter as well as counseling services.

…so the poor in our parish, and throughout our diocese, can receive a warm meal from our diocesan food kitchens.

… so refugees can receive resettlement and support services.

…so our St. Francis Retreat Center can continue to offer refuge, solace, and a beautiful space for the Spirit to work miracles through the encounters that occur on its grounds.

… so our Women’s and Men’s and High School and Middle School conferences can continue to energize and inspire us.

… so Faith-Based counseling can be offered at our Catholic Charities agencies to incorporate the love of Jesus Christ and the tenants of the Catholic faith to offer hope to all who are hurting and struggling.

… so new Catholic Schools teachers can be equipped to be missionary evangelists and build strong disciples.

…so lay ecclesial ministry programs like Called & Gifted and Spiritual Director Formation may grow scope and impact.

… so our Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp can continue employing the principles of youth leadership; producing teens who are ready to serve as Disciples of Christ in our diocese.

…so members of our parish and our diocese who are struggling to afford basic personal necessities like shampoo and toothpaste, and household items like towels and blankets, can find help to make ends meet.

 …so the Deaf and Hard of Hearing can continue to be brought into worship by interpreters who sign Mass, priests who sign as celebrants and sign language interpreters who use a videophone to teach RCIA.

…so The Ministry for Persons with Disabilities can continue to provide spiritual growth through retreats, brailing and audio taping of materials like *FAITH* Magazine.

…so the Diocese of Lansing’s televised Outreach Mass can continue to provide spiritual nourishment for those living in retirement communities, nursing homes and other group living situations - as well as the elderly, homebound, physically ailing individuals and the imprisoned.

… so that our seminarians will continue to receive financial support for their priestly formation and education.

These are just a few of the *many* reasons why the DSA is a priority on my family’s charitable giving list.

With our generous gifts to DSA, we help our diocese reach out to those who are in need of our compassion, our love and our mercy and to those who have yet to know Christ’s love through the work of the Catholic Church. Please join me and my family in sharing the love of Christ with the world.

Thank you.