**2018 Diocesan Services Appeal**

**Sample Pastor/Parochial Administrator Letter of Support**

**Please send the following message, as approved or revised by your Pastor/Parochial Administrator the week of April 9-12. The message may be mailed, or emailed, or shared through a parish app, the important thing is that the message be sent from your Pastor/Parochial Administrator to each individual/family registered to your parish.**

Dear Parish Family, [or address personally if your system allows]

I write this letter to invite you join me in support of this year’s 2018 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA). Our theme, *"Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord,"* reminds us that each of us is called to discipleship. Supporting the DSA is one way to share our blessings and the Good News with the world.

Our contributions to DSA enable the Catholic Church to evangelize through dozens of ongoing ministries in our parish and throughout our diocese. The programs and services funded by the DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to our parishes, Catholic schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. Vitally important is the impact these efforts have in our parishes, where so much of the Church’s evangelizing work occurs in the activities of everyday life.

Please prayerfully consider making a DSA contribution this year. The special DSA edition of *FAITH* magazine and a DSA video message from Bishop Boyea are available online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa). You may also use this link to make a DSA gift via credit card or electronic funds transfer from a bank account. Pledge forms will also be provided at liturgies on DSA Commitment Weekend, April 21 and 22.

Our DSA parish goal for 2018 is $<insert goal>, and with your help, I am confident we can reach that goal. Once we reach our goal, 50% of any contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned to our local parish.

Thank you for your generosity. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Pastor/Parochial Administrator Signature*

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