**2018 Diocesan Services Appeal**

**Sample Bulletin Announcements**

**Please include the following Announcements in your Bulletin on the noted dates.**

**ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND – April 14 & 15, 2018**

* “Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord” is the theme of our 2018 Diocesan Services Appeal. It 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.

Next weekend our parish, and all parishes throughout our diocese, will conduct Commitment Weekend for our Diocesan Services Appeal. This is when we will be asking each member of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parish to consider a generous gift to DSA. Our parish goal of $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be reached if each one of us shares a portion of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Please prayerfully consider how you or your family will respond to this call to carry on Christ’s work in our community.

* Consider including the 2018 DSA Prayer in the Bulletin on Announcement Weekend or at any time during the active phase of the appeal:

**2018 DSA Prayer**

*Loving and gracious God, we praise you and we thank you for the bountiful gifts that you have bestowed upon us.*

*Instill in us the courage to “Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord.”*

*Help us to understand that we are called to discipleship, to grow actively in faith and to go and share the good news with the world.*

*Please bless our unified efforts and help us to bring Christ’s love to all we encounter.*

*Give us the grace to be generous in our support of the Diocesan Services Appeal, so that we may faithfully participate as missionary disciples in the work of Your Holy Church.*

***Amen****.*

**COMMITMENT WEEKEND – April 21 & 22, 2018**

* This weekend is our Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. I invite all members of our parish community to join in support of our annual appeal. Our parish goal is $ .
No gift is too small… every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned to our parish for our local use here at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parish.

You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend - or take your DSA envelope home, prayerfully consider your gift decision. Those paying by cash or check are invited to return your completed pledge form, in the DSA envelope, to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa). I encourage every one of our parish households to reflect on the many blessings we have received from the Lord and share these blessings through a generous gift to our DSA.

**FOLLOW UP WEEKENDS**

* Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. Evangelization occurs through dozens of ongoing ministries made possible by our contributions to DSA.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa). Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

* When you reach 75% or more of your parish goal, let your parishioners know how close you are and ask their help to reach your goal:

This week we reached % of our DSA goal. Thus far families have contributed to this year’s appeal. I am grateful for these contributions and invite others to join me and join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

**ONCE THE PARISH GOAL HAS BEEN REACHED**

* Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge to DSA. This week we surpassed our goal of $ . Now that we have reached our goal, one-half of all additional contributions received will be returned to our local parish for our use. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider supporting our appeal with a gift that will benefit the work of Christ in our parish and through the wider church. You may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa) or with a DSA pledge envelope to the parish office.