

MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE DIOCESE OF LANSING

We, disciples of Jesus Christ, are a portion of God's people, assembled by the call of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing. In communion at the Lord's altar and with each other, we form a "... particular church in which the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Christ is truly present and operative."

(Decree of Bishops' Pastoral Office in the Church, Ch. 3, Sec. 11)

We are called by God:

- To hear and respond to the Word and reform and renew our minds and hearts,
- To grow in holiness,
- To form a community of faith, and
- To witness God's love and saving presence in this world.

We are sent by Christ:

- To praise, thank and worship God,
- To proclaim the Word,
- To celebrate the holiness of life through his sacraments,
- To heal and reconcile all people,
- To promote God's justice and peace in the Church and in the world,
- To teach truth by word and deed,
- To serve and liberate the poor, the alienated, and the oppressed.

We give thanks for the uniqueness and the diversity of our many ministries which strengthen our diocesan Church. Anointed and empowered by the Spirit in our baptism, we accept our mission to proclaim the kingdom of God and to be on earth a "... seed and beginning of that kingdom."

(Constitution on the Church, Ch. 1, Sec. 5)

DIOCESAN VISION STATEMENT

With mutual respect and accountability, we will enter into a partnership with parishes and regions to be a catalyst in fulfilling the prophetic, priestly and servant role of Christ.



provide counsel
work for peace
share the gospel educate
BUILD PARISH COMMUNITIES



THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH

Your contributions to our Diocesan Services Appeal allow our diocese to meet the financial demands of seminarian education. Our future priests are the greatest and most important investment we can make in the future of our parishes, our diocese and our Church.

We are blessed to have a great many young men who have accepted the call to prepare for diocesan priesthood. These young men need our prayers and our generous charitable support as they go through their extensive education and formation in the seminary.

We welcome four newly ordained priests to our diocese... young men who will guide us in our constant effort to – *Do Everything for the Glory of God.*



Left to right: Fr. Pieter Van Rooyen, Fr. Thomas Wasilewski, Fr. Anthony Strouse, Fr. Mathias Thelen.

DO EVERYTHING FOR THE
GLORY OF GOD

We live for the glory of God when we honor Him in all that He provides to us. Each of us must be concerned with promoting the welfare of others.

The work of the Diocese of Lansing and our Catholic Charities Agencies is carried out through a myriad of ministries and programs that serve our 10 counties, along with the efforts of our diocesan parishes, and the personal and financial contributions of our more than 76,000 parishioners.

We pray that, as a diocese, we will continue to work together — as a people, as a Church, and as one Catholic family. We also pray that God's love will continue to be present in the work of our hands and our hearts.

Our Diocesan Services Appeal is critical to the future of our diocese. When you give to DSA, you strengthen our parishes, our communities, our families and our diocese as a whole.

Please open your hearts, prayerfully consider your gift to DSA, and begin promoting the glory of God by providing for the welfare of our sisters and brothers.

For additional information about our Diocesan Services Appeal, please contact:

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share God's gifts

HELP THE POOR
pursue the common good WORK FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
build parish communities

To learn more about our DSA stories, read the DSA issue of FAITH magazine or visit www.DioceseofLansing.org to see our DSA video.

Do everything for the
Glory of God
1 Corinthians 10:31



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2011 Diocesan Services Appeal
Goal: \$4,500,000

Each year, Catholics in our diocese join together in support of the many ministries and services administered by the Diocese of Lansing, with generous gifts to our Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA).



Do Everything for the Glory of God — this year's DSA theme, reminds us that whatever we do, we should make it tend to

God's glory and make it a lesson to our friends, our neighbors and our families.



Our DSA contributions support more than 100 ministries throughout our diocese... ministries that bring God's love, comfort and salvation to so many.

build parish communities
SHARE GOD'S GIFTS educate
pursue the common good
work for Christian unity



feed the hungry
help the poor
uphold and advocate the dignity of every human being
FIGHT FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS
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Your generous support of our DSA enables our diocese, through the work of our Catholic Charities Agencies, to perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy while answering the call to... *Do Everything for the Glory of God.*

The Holy Angels Warming Center offering homeless people a place to get out of the cold, have a cup of hot coffee, wrap up in a warm blanket and enjoy the comfort of a friendly smile.



... the Holy Angels Soup Kitchen serves a sit-down hot meal to approximately 100 people a day, Monday through Friday, from 11 am to 12 Noon.



... and the Holy Angels Community Closet provides clothing, shoes, books and personal needs items such as toothpaste, soap, deodorant, shampoo, and diapers... items many of us take for granted.

PRESERVE OUR FAMILIES

Do Everything for the Glory of God conveys to us that all comes from God by His love, and all should be returned to God with our love. Our Catholic Charities Agencies return God's love through services that honor the glory of God.

As a diocese, we work to provide the kind of spiritual, educational and developmental support that today's families need. More than ever, it is critical that as a faith family we reach out to others in need.



provide foster care
care for creation
Advance adoption FAMILY COUNSELING
FEED THE HUNGRY
Teen Support pregnancy counseling



Our Food Pantries provide literally thousands of meals to needy families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet.

We provide marriage preparation through We C.A.R.E. classes. We also offer intensive intervention and counseling to families in crisis. Our parenting courses guide families through child rearing, and we reinforce family values through our family preservation programs.

We continue to defend the life of the unborn, and are actively involved in adoption services and foster care programs, so that all children may grow up in a warm, safe and nurturing environment.