**2019 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 March 4-8. 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. If mailed, it is recommended that the DSA brochure be enclosed with the mailing.**

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 2019 Diocesan Services Appeal – “Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” This scripture text assures us that we will be richly blessed for our generosity. The passage from second Corinthians continues – “God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things . . . you may have an abundance for every good work.”

Every good work! That is exactly what results from our collective support for our annual appeal. Our contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries to 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 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, March 16 & 17.

Our DSA parish goal for 2019 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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