**2021 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 February 22-26. 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 the 2021 Diocesan Services Appeal – “The word of God is at work in you who believe.” This scripture text from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians affirms a fundamental truth and teaching of the Catholic Church – the word of God is alive here and now, it is active in you and in the work of all who believe. Thanks be to God for His Holy Word!

My friends, DSA is an opportunity to put God’s word into action, to participate personally in the many good works of our Church in communion with fellow Catholics. I ask you to join me, and join together, in support of the good works of our Catholic Church. Our contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries to offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to parishes, Catholic schools, and Catholic Charities agencies.

Please prayerfully consider making a DSA contribution this year. A DSA video message from Bishop Boyea is 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 6 & 7.

Our DSA parish goal for 2021 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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