

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL (DSA)?

The DSA is an annual appeal, meaning gifts are used to sustain the ongoing, day-to-day work of the Church in our diocese. Our contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries and activities. The dollars are not invested or reserved for future use.

HOW ARE DSA CONTRIBUTIONS USED?

Contributions are used to fund the ministries, programs and services that offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to our parishes, schools and affiliated Catholic organizations. These include, but are not limited to:

- Adoption and Foster Care Services
- · Campus Ministry
- Care for our Priests Active and Retired
- Catholic Charities Works of Mercy
- · Catechesis and Catechist Formation
- · Catholic Schools
- · Communications
- Diaconate Formation and Support
- · Diocesan Assemblies
- Evangelization
- · Faith-Based Counseling
- FAITH Magazine
- · Financial Services and Audits
- · Hispanic Ministries

- Hospital Ministry
- · Lay Ecclesial Ministry and Formation
- · Marriage and Family Programs
- · Marriage Tribunal Services
- · Natural Family Planning
- · Pregnancy Counseling and Services
- · Professional Services for Parishes
- · Religious Education
- · Restorative Justice/Jail Ministry
- · Retreats and Conferences
- · Sacramental Records and Archives
- Seminarian Education and Formation
- · St. Francis Retreat Center
- Worship
- Young Adult Vocational Formation
- Youth Formation and Ministry

DSA contributions are the primary source of income for the Central Services Fund of the Diocese of Lansing. A report of the Central Services Fund expenses in fiscal year 2019 is provided below:

- Ministry Grants, Service Agreements, Subsidies 25.1%
- Vocations 13.2%
- Catholic Charities 8.3%
- New Evangelization 6.7%
- Chancery Services 16.8%
- Education 4.9%
- Formation 9.1%
- Diocesan and Parish Financial Services, Stewardship and Human Resources 16.0%

WILL DSA FUNDS BE USED FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS?

No. DSA funds have not been nor will be used for costs related to abuse. Nor are DSA funds diverted to help pay abuse costs in other dioceses.

IS MY ANNUAL DSA GIFT REALLY NEEDED?

Yes. The annual support of the faithful across the diocese is critically important to fund our active, ongoing ministries. All gifts, of any size, will provide needed support for ministries that benefit your parish and the mission of the Catholic Church throughout the diocese.



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