

# "THE WORD OF GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU



Catholic Diocese of Lansing 228 North Walnut Street Lansing, MI 48933

# 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
- Building and Property Management
- · Campus Ministry
- Care for our Priests Active and Retired
- · Catechesis and Catechist Formation
- Catholic Charities Works of Mercy
- · Catholic Schools
- Communications and Technology
- · Consecrated Vocations
- Diaconate Formation and Support
- Discipleship and Lay Formation
- · Evangelization Initiatives
- · Faith-Based Counseling
- FAITH Magazine
- Hispanic Ministries
- Hospital Ministry
- Human Resources and Legal Services

- Marriage and Family Programs
- Marriage Tribunal Services
- Natural Family Planning and Life Ministries
- · Outreach Ministries
- Parish Financial Services
- Pregnancy Counseling and Services
- Professional Services for Parishes
- Religious Education
- Restorative Justice/Prison Ministry
- Retreats and Conferences
- Sacramental Records and Archives
- Seminarian Education and Formation
- · St. Francis Retreat Center
- The Catholic Foundation
- Worship and Liturgical Resources
- Young Adult Vocational Formation
- Youth Formation

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 2020 is provided to the right.

- Ministry Grants, Service Agreements, Subsidies 22.3%
- Vocations 15.3%
- Catholic Charities 7.6%
- New Evangelization 3.9%
- Chancery Services and Communications 18.4%
- Education 6.3%
- Discipleship Formation 9.1%
- Diocesan and Parish Financial Services, Stewardship and Human Resources 17.1%

## 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.

# 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.