



## Lenten Expressions of Gratitude

My Dear Friends in Christ,

The term Lent comes from an Old English word for “springtime.” The Lenten season is not only a time for “giving things up,” but a time to be rich in good works, and a readiness to help others. We can’t always be the one to comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, teach the young and minister to those in need. However, through our Lenten commitment of generosity, we can ensure that those needs are met!

The ministries funded by the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) touch each of us and are key to insuring a strong and vital future for our diocese. Our generosity supports our Catholic schools and religious education programs, provide grant assistance to parishes, offer a helping hand to the most vulnerable among us, ensure the formation of priests, deacons and lay leaders and teach our young the values of faith. If you have not already had an opportunity to participate in the DSA this year, a gift to the Appeal is an opportunity to prepare for Easter in a very profound way! You will also join with the many faithful who have already participated and shared in the united parish effort.

As we journey toward Easter together let us reflect how the Lenten sacrifices that we make are expressions of our gratitude to the Lord for giving his life for us.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Bishop Peter Christensen

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I am pleased to join in support of our parish Diocesan Services Appeal!

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I/we would like to make a one-time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to make a pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Paying now \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance due \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Reminders mailed monthly/Checks payable to DSA*