



## **FAQ'S: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Why is the DSF necessary?**

The Diocesan Services Fund helps all of us fulfill Christ's mission here on earth by supporting those programs and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish alone.

### **Which program areas are supported by the DSF?**

More than 60 programs receive all or part of their funding from the DSF. The broad areas include: Catholic education of children and adults; pastoral ministries for the sick, the poor and the incarcerated; the formation and education of church leadership; and social service programs such as San José Clinic, St. Dominic Village and Catholic Charities. These ministries are listed in detail elsewhere in this document.

### **Are all of the funds raised by the DSF spent locally?**

Yes, all funds are spent within archdiocesan boundaries with the exception of support for our missions in Guatemala.

### **Are any of the funds spent on administration of the Chancery?**

No funds are spent on general administrative expenses of the Chancery. Only 4.78% of the funds are spent on the DSF campaign expenses. This percentage does not cover staff compensation expenses or office supplies which are covered under general administrative expenses of the Chancery.

### **How does the DSF benefit my parish?**

The DSF benefits your parish in many ways, from training and supporting archdiocesan priests and deacons, to training pastoral councils and catechists, to supporting the parish school system.

### **How can I confirm that my parish is getting credit for my donation?**

Check with your parish. Parishes are able to download reports from the archdiocesan website every week. Contact the Development Department if your donation is not credited.

### **Does the DSF qualify for matching gift programs?**

Yes, DSF qualifies for many corporate matching gift programs. Contact your employer for more information on their matching gift program.

### **May I have my payments deducted from my checking account?**

Yes, you may set up a direct debit on your checking account on your pledge card. Just follow the directions on the card. You also may pay by "e-check" online at [www.archgh.org/dsf](http://www.archgh.org/dsf).

### **May I charge my DSF payments to a credit card?**

Yes, you may charge your donations to a credit card either using your pledge card or going online. We accept payments via MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express.

### **May I designate my donation to a particular ministry?**

No, all donations are pooled and all the DSF ministries are funded from this pool as budgeted.



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### *ESPECIALLY THE STRANGER*

#### **May I make a donation of stock, IRA's, Mutual Funds, or securities to the DSF?**

Yes, the Development Department can help arrange the transaction. Information is also available on the archdiocesan website – [www.archgh.org](http://www.archgh.org).

#### **How may I get a letter for my income tax?**

Acknowledgment letters are sent at the time a pledge is made. All gifts equaling \$250 or more are sent a tax letter at the end of January following the tax year the donation was given.

If you do not receive a tax letter call 713.652.4417 and request a letter.

#### **How can I learn more about the DSF?**

Visit the Archdiocesan website at [www.archgh.org](http://www.archgh.org) and click on the DSF logo or call the Development Department at 713.652.8217.