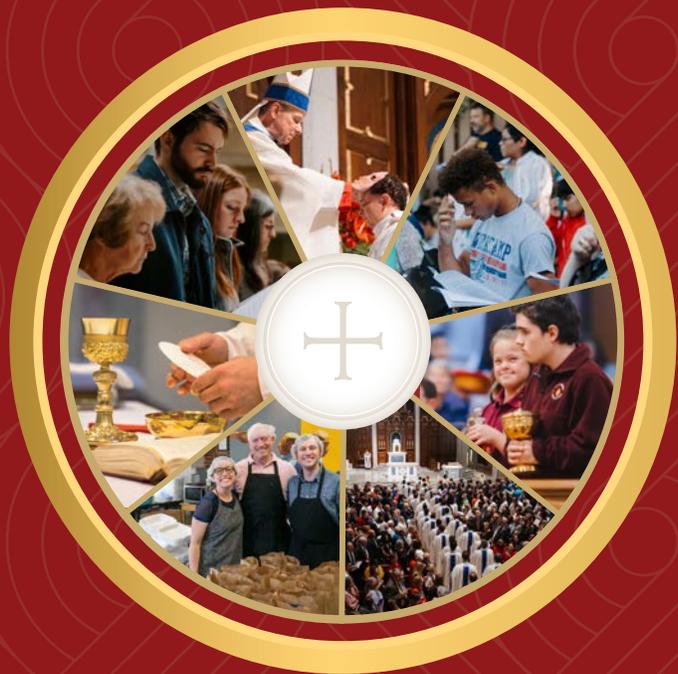


IN *Christ* WE ARE *One*



A Message from Bishop Burbidge

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal, "In Christ We Are One," reminds us that we are never alone on our journey of faith. In Baptism, the Lord gathers us into one Body and calls us to share his love with all we meet.

Each day across our diocese, your generosity makes this unity visible and tangible. Through the BLA, you stand with our seminarians preparing for priestly service, support our parishes and missions, accompany families through Catholic Charities, and help form disciples among children, youth, young adults, and the elderly. You bring Christ's light to those who are suffering, searching, or feel far from the Church.

I invite you to join me in making a sacrificial gift to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal. I ask you especially to consider a recurring monthly commitment, which allows your generosity to continue bearing fruit throughout the year and may enable you to make a greater gift in thanksgiving for God's goodness.

Thank you for all the ways you live the truth that, in Christ, we are one. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones during this holy season of Lent.



The Bishop's Lenten Appeal:

Your Gifts at Work in Our Diocese!



Catholic Charities continues to meet the increase of requests for rent/mortgage and utilities assistance, groceries, and mental health counseling. The St. Lucy Food Project fulfilled nearly 70,000 requests for assistance, distributing over 2.1 million pounds of food last year.



Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Faith Formation, and the Office of Divine Worship.



The Office of Hispanic Ministry served nearly 400 families with Quinceañera and Marriage Preparation Retreats and formed approximately 500 students and lay ministers through the Institute of Pastoral Formation and Liturgical Trainings.



There are 40 men currently studying for the priesthood, who – God willing – will one day serve in our parishes.

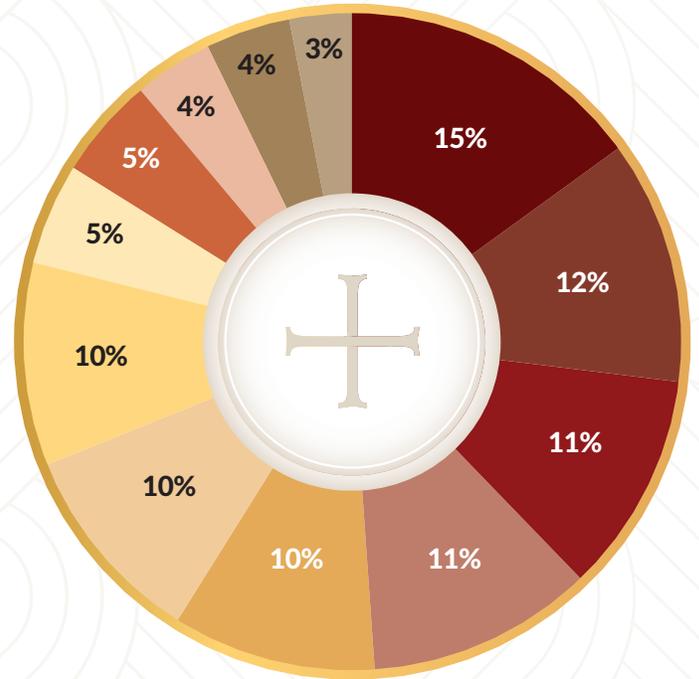


Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries, and Campus Ministry at colleges and universities throughout the diocese, including Mary Washington, George Mason, and Shenandoah University.

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This allocation reflects a projected \$24 million in 2026 BLA funding dedicated to these critical ministries of the diocese.



15% Vocations

Seminarian education and support, Vocation Awareness Ministry, and the Permanent Diaconate.

12% Charitable Works

Catholic Charities, parish subsidies, and charitable assistance for the vulnerable and needy throughout the diocese.

11% Religious Education

Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Faith Formation, and the Office of Divine Worship.

11% Assistance to Parishes and Missions

Ministries, offices, and support services for 70 parishes and 6 missions, including 4,600+ parish, school, and diocesan personnel.

10% Youth and Young Adult Outreach

Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries, and Campus Ministry at colleges and universities throughout the diocese, including Mary Washington, George Mason, and Shenandoah University.

10% Support for Families

Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, and the Diocesan Tribunal.

10% Chancery Offices

Support to the Virginia Catholic Conference and various Chancery offices assisting the Bishop as he leads the parishes and diocese.

5% Evangelization Efforts

INOVA Hospital Ministry, Peace and Justice Commission, Spiritual Assistance Ministry, Diocesan Pilgrimage, and the Bánica Mission in the Dominican Republic.

5% Diocesan Development and Communication Programs

The Communications Office utilizes various platforms to promote, educate, and evangelize the faithful and wider community. Development initiatives, including the BLA and other charitable vehicles, provide strategic financial support to the diocese, parishes, and schools.

4% Hispanic Ministry and Multicultural Ministries

Pastoral services and assistance for more than 20 ethnic communities within our diverse diocese.

4% San Damiano Spirituality Center

A peaceful venue offering a wide variety of retreats for laity, religious, and clergy seeking reflection and spiritual renewal in the chapel and grounds of the Shenandoah Valley.

3% Parish/Diocesan Properties and Land Development

The diocese purchases land granted to newly founded parishes for their parish grounds.

MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Arlington has received a \$300,000 challenge gift to match first-time or increased gifts to the 2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA).

MONTHLY GIVING

We invite families to consider starting a new monthly recurring gift to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Monthly giving is an easy and convenient way to support the vital ministries of the diocese throughout the year. Monthly Gifts lower the admin cost of fulfillment, and you can adjust or cancel anytime.

Monthly gifts add up and will be matched!

\$25/month adds up to \$300 over the year

\$50/month adds up to \$600 over the year

\$100/month adds up to \$1,200 over the year

and enters you into the Lumen Christi Guild.

The Lumen Christi (Light of Christ) Guild recognizes those whose generous annual support helps the Bishop's Lenten Appeal illuminate the lives of countless people across the Diocese of Arlington. Membership is based on your total giving to the BLA within a calendar year.

HOW TO START YOUR MONTHLY GIFT OR PLEDGE

Scan the QR code or visit
www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla



For more information, please call the Bishop's Lenten Appeal office at 703-778-8600 or visit our website at

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