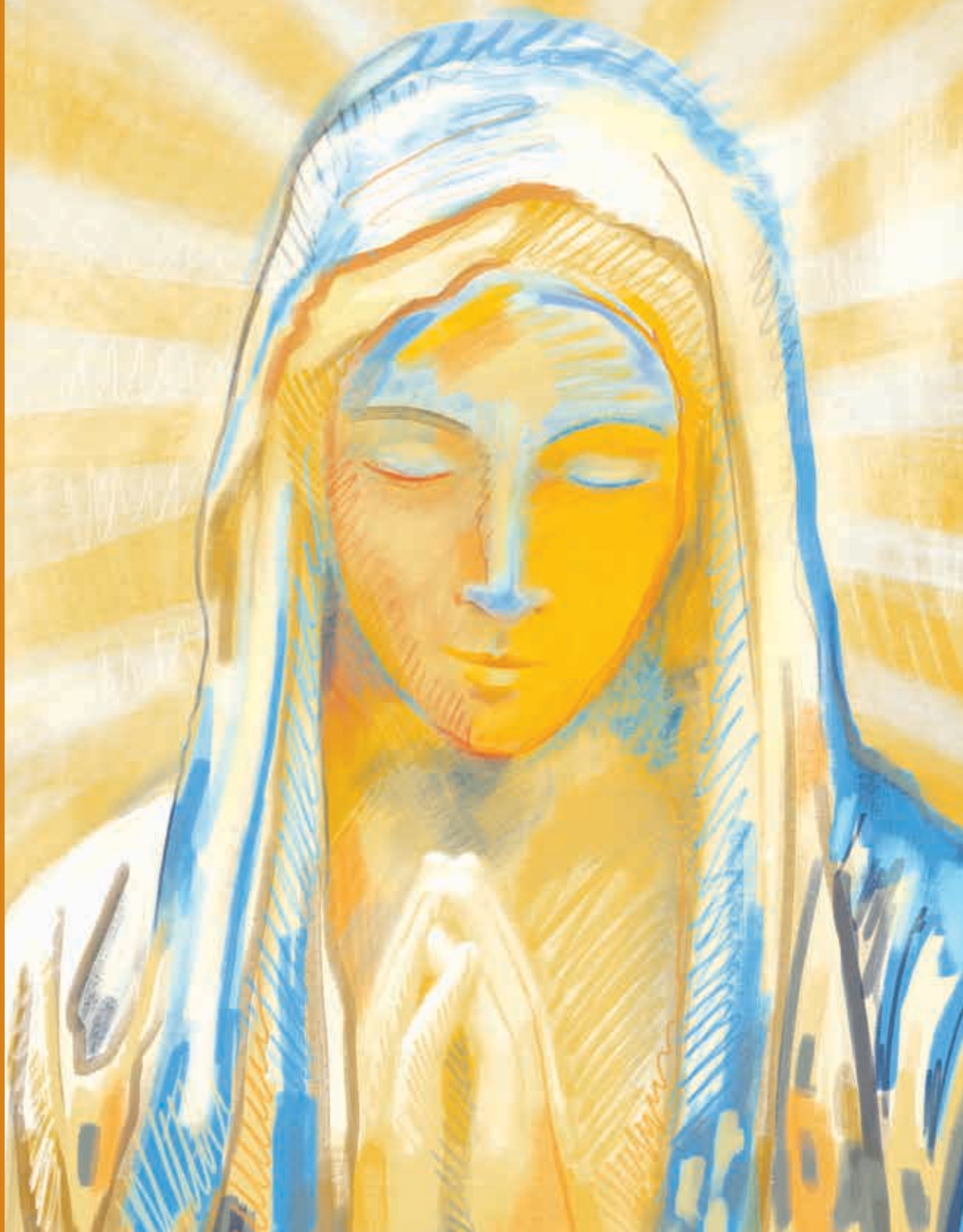


STEADFAST IN *faith* AND JOYFUL IN *hope*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Blessed Virgin Mary is a perfect model for fulfilling God's will. Two thousand years after she said "yes" to God in Nazareth, her example still offers us strength to follow the will of God in our lives. Our theme for the 2020 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA), *Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope*, represents our affirmation of Mary's "fiat" and her unwavering trust in God's divine plan.

Our ongoing path to holiness requires our "yes" to God with our words and in our deeds. When we support the BLA, we bring the hope of Christ into the lives of thousands of people in need of spiritual, charitable and educational assistance across our diocese. By sharing our unique, God-given talents, gifts and resources, we reveal the steadfast faith and joyful hope of Mary.

Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial pledge to this year's BLA. May Our Lord Jesus bless you with His peace now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael F. Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

2020 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

STEADFAST IN *faith* AND JOYFUL IN *hope*

Each year, the Bishop's Lenten Appeal provides an opportunity to come together as one Church to support the ministries, programs and offices that help enrich parish life, inspire and form future generations, strengthen families and help the poor and vulnerable throughout our diocese. Through the BLA, we can accomplish so much more in unity for the Mission of Christ than any individual person or parish can do alone!



"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me."
Philippians 4:13



"A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit."
Psalm 51:12



THE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Your gifts at work in our diocese!



There are 49 men currently studying for the priesthood, who, God willing, will one day serve in our parishes.



More than 26,800 students enrolled in parish faith formation classes.



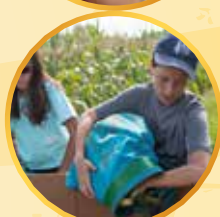
Nearly 16,500 students are enrolled in our Catholic schools to excel academically and grow in their faith.



Thousands of teens and young people participated in the *Diocesan Workcamp, Rally, Life is Very Good* and other events.



Gabriel Project provided prenatal care for 63 mothers in need.



More than 1.25 million lbs. of food was collected and distributed through Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project last year!

WE ARE:

Established: 1974

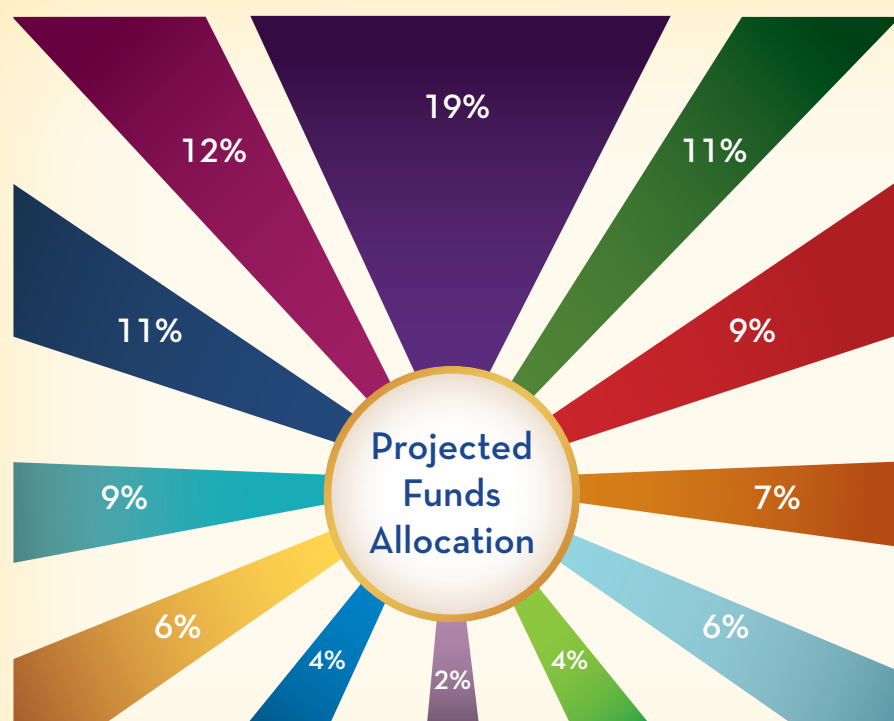


453,577 Registered Catholics
155,719 Registered Households
Parishes: 70 / Missions: 6
Catholic Eastern Rite Parishes: 3

Total priests:	276
• Brothers:	6
• Sisters:	125
Seminarians:	49
Total permanent deacons:	87
Catholic High Schools in diocese:	4
Catholic elementary schools in diocese:	41
Students served by schools:	16,413
Baptisms in 2019:	6,067
Adult R.C.I.A. candidates in 2019:	1,123
Sacramental Marriages in 2019:	1,322
First Communion in 2019:	6,736
Confirmations in 2019:	6,104
Parish Faith Formation Enrollment:	26,815
Meals provided to homeless individuals through Catholic Charities:	18,000+
Pounds of food distributed through St. Lucy Project:	1.25+ Million lbs!
Uninsured patients served by Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic:	818
Gabriel Project Mothers assisted with prenatal care in 2019:	63
Teenagers participating in Youth Ministry programs:	16,000+ and growing!

LIVES TOUCHED BY THE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL...

infinite!!!



This chart reflects projected 2020 BLA funding for \$18.85 Million which is allocated to these various areas.

100% of all donations received for the BLA are restricted gifts to be used within the diocese for the sole benefit of the programs and ministries outlined below.

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal supports and assists 70 parishes, 6 missions, 45 Catholic schools, over 5,300 parish, school and diocesan employees and hundreds of thousands of parishioners throughout our diocese.

19%	Seminarian Education and support, Vocation Awareness Programs, Permanent Diaconate Program	7%	Support to the Virginia Catholic Conference and Chancery offices assisting the Bishop as he leads our parishes and the diocese
12%	Catholic Charities, parish subsidies and other charitable works that assist people in need	6%	Diocesan development and communication programs
11%	Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries	6%	Spanish Apostolate and Multicultural Ministries
11%	Programs and ministries that assist our 70 parishes, 6 missions and 5,300+ parish, school and diocesan personnel	4%	Evangelization efforts including: INOVA Hospital Ministry, Peace and Justice Commission, Charismatic Renewal Ministry and our Dominican Republic Missions
9%	Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and the Tribunal	4%	Parish/Diocesan properties and land development
9%	Catholic Schools, Office of Sacred Liturgy and Religious Education Programs	2%	San Damiano Spiritual Life Center

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Your gift to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal provides vital support for offices, programs and ministries that radiate God's hope and compassion into the world! May we seek to imitate the steadfast faith of the Blessed Virgin Mary and joyfully reveal our gratitude for the many blessings we have been given.

"Therefore...be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
- 1 Cor 15:58

Online Giving – You may make a one-time gift or set up recurring monthly gifts via credit card at our secure site: www.arlingtondiocese.org

Pledging – You may make a pledge commitment and send payments throughout the year. You will receive monthly statements until your pledge is paid. The statements include an option to pay by credit card or direct debit.

Checks – May be made payable to "Bishop's Lenten Appeal" or "BLA" and mailed to the address below.

Stocks or Securities – Please visit our website or call 703-841-3896 to get a Stock Donation Form.

IRA Charitable Distributions – Qualify as BLA donations

Bishop's Lenten Appeal Leadership Giving

Through the BLA, we are called together in joyful hope as a diocesan family to sustain and increase the mission of the Church in caring for God's people. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the 2020 BLA to ensure that vital diocesan ministries continue to flourish. May your heart overflow in gratitude for the countless gifts that God has given you!

Holy Mary, Mother of our Church, Pray for us!

- **Circle of Faith** \$750 - \$1,499
- **Circle of Hope** \$1,500 - \$2,499
- **Circle of Charity** \$2,500 - \$4,999
- **Crozier Guild** \$5,000 - \$7,499
- **Miter Guild** \$7,500 - \$9,999
- **Lumen Christi Guild** \$10,000 and above

For more information, please call the **Bishop's Lenten Appeal** office at **703-841-2570** or visit our website at

www.arlingtondiocese.org

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON
BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL**

200 North Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, Virginia 22203

Each year we ask parishioners throughout the Diocese of Arlington to pray for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. This prayer is said by Catholics across the 21 counties and seven cities of the diocese, uniting our local Church in a common cause of charity and faith!

2020

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL PRAYER

God our Father,
you call us to be good stewards
of your many gifts
and to live our faith each day.

Through the intercession of
the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the perfect model of discipleship,
grant that we remain steadfast in faith,
and joyful in hope,
so that through
the Bishop's Lenten Appeal
we may bring the light of Christ Jesus
to all those we encounter
on our journey of faith.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.

(Amen)

*Saint Thomas More, pray for us.
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.*

☐ Mr. and Mrs. ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Other _____

First Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Last Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please credit my gift to the following parish:

Parish Name _____

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2020 PLEDGE

SUGGESTED PLEDGE	10 MONTHLY GIFTS
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 2,500.00	Circle of Charity 250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,500.00	Circle of Hope 150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 1,000.00	Circle of Faith 100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750.00	75.00
OTHER GIFT LEVELS	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500.00	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 300.00	30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 200.00	20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ Other _____	
Total Amount Pledged \$ _____	
Amount Enclosed \$ _____	
Balance to be Paid \$ _____	

You will receive monthly reminder statements for your pledge balance



This is a sample BLA pledge card. You will have an opportunity to join in support of the 2020 BLA at your parish later this month.