



Catholic Diocese of Arlington

A message from Bishop Michael Burbidge

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sample:

Please know that our priests and I are with you in thought and prayer in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through emails and the websites of the diocese and parishes, we are offering guidance and spiritual support while we are unable to gather for Masses. May we continue to pray for one another and remain united in faith and hope, especially as we celebrate Easter in the absence of our Eucharistic Lord.

Be assured that the spiritual outreach programs and the pastoral ministries you support are continuing in this time of crisis. Catholic Charities is assisting many who are in need; communications initiatives are allowing us to live stream Masses and offer spiritual consolation; evangelization efforts have increased; and students and seminarians are doing remote learning.

The links below offer information on live stream Masses, prayer guides and the work of Catholic Charities:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/covid19resources/>

<https://www.cdda.net/>

Your ongoing support and sacrificial giving are important and help our diocese, Catholic Charities and parishes to continue our pastoral and spiritual outreach to those who need us the most at this time. Please know of my sincere appreciation for your partnership in our mission through your offertory and the Bishop's Lenten Appeal that allows us to carry out the work of Our Lord.

Be sure to entrust your families, our world and nation to Our Lord Jesus and consider offering daily the prayer below. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus bless you with His healing love and watch over you always.

Prayer to Jesus for Healing and Guidance

Jesus, Son of God, you were sent by the Father to bear our weakness;
be with us in this time of crisis. Merciful Savior, heal and comfort the sick, so that, with health restored,
they may give you praise. Divine Physician, accompany our caregivers so that, serving with patience,
they may heal wisely. Eternal Wisdom, guide our leaders so that, seeking remedies,
they may follow your light. Christ, the Anointed, protect us in body and spirit,
so that, freed from harm, we may be delivered from all affliction.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.