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XXXDate of mailingXXX

XXXMr. and Mrs. SmithXXX  
XXX123 Main StreetXXX  
XXXArlington, VA 22203XXX

Dear XXXMr. and Mrs. SmithXXX:

Since its creation, the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation (DASF) has helped more than 458 needy children realize the dream of attending a Catholic school in our diocese, something their families never thought was possible!

**What further sets the DASF apart is that qualified donations are eligible for a 65% Virginia State tax credit, as well as qualifying for a charitable tax deduction.** As a State of Virginia tax credit program, many people have commented that this philanthropic opportunity has provided them a very beneficial tax incentive which has not impacted their other charitable giving. I share with you this quote from one of our recurring donors:

*"I am so happy to help a needy student attend a Catholic school in our diocese and receive a substantial tax benefit for my donation."* – A current DASF donor

As Vicar General of the Arlington Diocese, I oversee many offices including the Office of Catholic Schools. I have seen how the cycle of poverty can be broken through quality education and our Scholarship Foundation is a vital organization for providing needy families the opportunity to send their child(ren) to a Catholic school. To help illustrate the impact of this program, below are comments from parents whose children are attending a school through this program:

*"We are grateful that our daughter receives this scholarship from the diocese. It helps us to provide our children with a quality Catholic education, something that would otherwise not be possible."*

*"This scholarship has helped to transform our son's life...We have never seen our child so eager to go to school. I am forever grateful!"*

Over, please

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Bishop Burbidge and I sincerely hope and pray you will consider making a donation to the Scholarship Foundation.

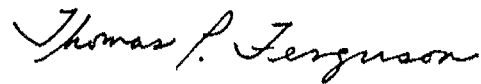
Enclosed you will find the Virginia Department of Education (VA DOE) preauthorization form which must be completed and mailed to the VA DOE to receive preauthorization prior to making your donation. Once you receive your Approval Letter from VA DOE, you are ready to make your donation. Please see the enclosed brochure with detailed instructions or call the Scholarship Foundation office at 703-841-2764.

**Please also share this information with others you feel would be interested in supporting it!**

Our schools are committed to providing an education rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ where Catholic values and academic excellence prepare each student for a life of faith, service and integrity. DASF funds are used to continue tuition support for children who have already entered Catholic school through this program, as well as welcoming new students who qualify.

With continued support for the DASF, the seeds planted today in the hearts and minds of our children will bring faith, hope and wisdom to our future world. Thank you for your consideration of support to help these children.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas P. Ferguson".

Reverend Thomas P. Ferguson  
Vicar General, Diocese of Arlington  
President, Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation