

In 2024, the Diocese of Arlington will celebrate our 50th Jubilee Anniversary. During the past 5 decades, BLA-funded programs and ministries have fed the hungry, ministered to the sick and elderly, engaged the youth in their faith, ordained priests and deacons and reached out to evangelize to the larger community. In 2023, our Jubilee second preparatory year focuses on the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Cause of our Joy and Mediatrix of all Graces.



BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL *Leadership* GIVING

Giving is a joyful experience! We give to help others in need and to share God's blessings. The Bishop's Lenten Appeal helps provide the essential resources to fund vital programs and ministries that further our faith, strengthen our parishes and reach out to assist those in need.

- **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

MY SOUL *Rejoices* IN THE LORD

A generous spirit is a joyous one! When we share our gifts to further the mission of Our Lord Jesus through the Bishop's Lenten Appeal, we help spread His gospel message. We help people in need. We assist people in growing spiritually. We enable our diocese and our parishes to shine as God's lights in the world.

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/BLA or scan the QR code below.

Pledging - You may make a pledge commitment and send payments throughout the year. You will receive monthly statements until your pledge is completed. 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 in the enclosed envelope or 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.

Scan QR Code Below to Make a Donation:



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

www.arlingtondiocese.org

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MY SOUL *Rejoices* IN THE *Lord*



A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BURBIDGE



As we are now into the second year of preparation leading to the celebration of our diocesan 50-year Jubilee, we are filled with joyful anticipation! So, too, was the Blessed Virgin Mary when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her bringing the news that she was to be the mother of Jesus. Our 2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) theme honors Mary's "yes" and is shared with the theme of the diocesan Jubilee's second preparatory year, *My Soul Rejoices in the Lord*.

I ask you to consider prayerfully a sacrificial pledge to this year's BLA. Your gift will be used to enrich and improve the lives of others and will be an instrument of the joy and peace that only Christ can give!



2023 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

MY SOUL *Rejoices* IN THE LORD

2023
BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL PRAYER

Joy comes from God actively working in our lives. We seek to imitate the perfect example of our Blessed Mother by proclaiming the greatness of the Lord each day as we live our faith and share our blessings.

THE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: *Your* GIFTS AT WORK IN OUR DIOCESE!



The Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries returned to an in-person RALLY with 700+ people participating in this day of faith and fellowship! RALLY is designed to help students deepen their relationship with Christ and love for the Church by participating in a large Catholic celebration with hundreds of their peers.



There are 48 men currently studying for the priesthood, who, God willing, will one day serve in our parishes.



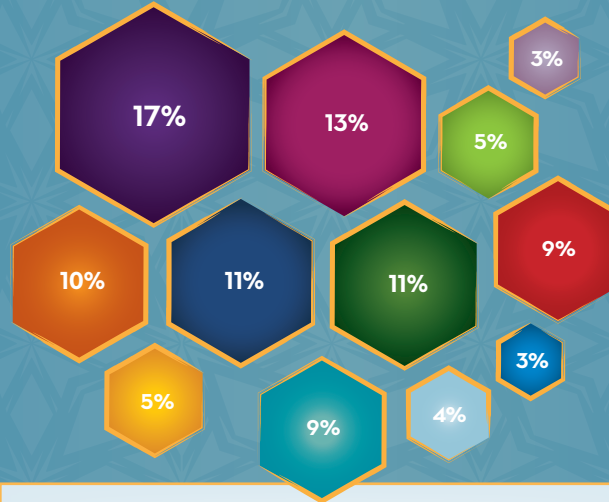
Over 1,500 people across the diocese attended the Diocesan Family Festival to enjoy music, food and attend outdoor Mass with Bishop Burbidge.



Gabriel Project provided prenatal care and support for 383 mothers in need!



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 more than 49,394 requests for assistance, distributing over 1.7 million pounds of food last year.



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.

- 17%** Seminarian Education and support, Vocation Awareness Programs, Permanent Diaconate Program
- 13%** Programs, offices and ministries that assist our 70 parishes, 6 missions, and 4,600+ parish, school and diocesan personnel
- 11%** Catholic Schools, Office of Divine Worship and Religious Education Programs
- 11%** Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries
- 10%** Catholic Charities, parish subsidies and other charitable works that assist people in need
- 9%** Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and the Diocesan Tribunal
- 9%** Support to the Virginia Catholic Conference and Chancery offices assisting the Bishop as he leads our parishes and the diocese
- 5%** Diocesan development and communication programs
- 5%** Spanish Apostolate and Multicultural Ministries
- 4%** Evangelization efforts including: INOVA Hospital Ministry, Peace and Justice Commission, Spiritual Assistance Ministry and our Dominican Republic Missions
- 3%** Parish/Diocesan properties and land development
- 3%** San Damiano Spiritual Life Center

This chart reflects projected 2023 BLA funding for \$20.3 Million which is allocated to these various areas.

O Mary,
Mother of the Church
and Cause of our Joy,
help us to rejoice with you
that the Almighty has done great things,
and holy is his name.

As we prepare to celebrate
our diocesan Golden Jubilee,
may our participation
in the Bishop's Lenten Appeal
inspire us to serve others
out of love for your Son,
who is the fount of true and lasting joy
and the giver of every good gift.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

