

November X, 2021

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Donor
123 Main Street
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Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Donor,

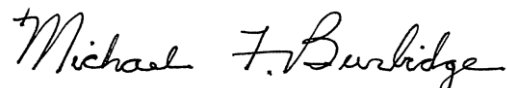
As we enter this season of gratitude, we remain thankful for God's grace and His many blessings, especially the gifts of faith and family. The difficult times endured throughout the pandemic have reminded us of how essential the work of our Church is to our lives and those of our brothers and sisters.

Please know of my sincere appreciation for your participation in the 2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). Allow me to share with you just some of the good works accomplished this past year: providing food, rent and utility assistance to 90,000+ people in need, offering financial and emotional support to 285+ pregnant women through Gabriel Project, and providing education and formation to our 49 seminarians who will one day serve as our future priests. These few examples, as well as countless more, are made possible by your support of the 40+ programs and ministries funded by the BLA.

I invite you to share your personal prayer intentions so I may include them in the Masses which I shall offer during the approaching Advent and Christmas seasons. The enclosed card with your intentions may be mailed back to me at your convenience.

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus bless you and fill you with his peace on Thanksgiving Day and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Enclosure