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January 2023

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]  
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED],

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. She humbly acknowledged the great things that God had done for her and expressed deep joy with her whole being! 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*.

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 Blessed Mother is our model of joy, trust, and service. When we support the BLA, we give the glorious gift of Christ Jesus to thousands of people in need of spiritual, charitable, and educational assistance across our diocese.

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

Through the intercession of Mary Our Mother, may Our Lord Jesus bless you with His peace and joy.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

Enclosures

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MY SOUL *Rejoices* IN THE *Lord*

Your increased gift will help us to achieve the matching gift!

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Please kindly consider a gift/pledge  
at one of these levels

<u>Total Pledge</u>	<u>10 Monthly Payments</u>
<i>Lumen Christi Guild</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$12,500.00	\$1,250.00 per month
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000.00	\$1,000.00 per month
<i>Miter Guild</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 9,000.00	\$ 900.00 per month
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 8,000.00	\$ 800.00 per month
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 7,500.00	\$ 750.00 per month
<i>Crozier Guild</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 7,250.00	\$ 725.00 per month
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

Please make checks payable to: *Bishop's Lenten Appeal*

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For:  10 months  Other \_\_\_\_\_

BLA ID# 421254 Parish: Saint Stephen the Martyr

See reverse side for credit card, debit and  
online payment information

## **CREDIT CARD, DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS and ONLINE GIVING**

If you make a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge that will be paid in installments, you will receive a monthly reminder statement until your pledge is completed. The reminder statements include a section you may complete to pay your pledge by credit card or direct debit, either recurring monthly or with a one-time payment.

Additionally, you may make a one-time gift or set up recurring monthly gifts via credit card to the 2023 BLA at our secure site: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla) or by scanning the QR code on the right:



For questions regarding BLA payments, please contact the BLA office at: 703-841-2570.