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Reverend Thomas P. Ferguson
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Dear Father Ferguson,

Congratulations! I have learned that your parish has achieved its 2023 BLA financial goal. I am truly grateful for your leadership and commitment to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA).

I particularly commend you for your efforts in implementing the BLA in-pew pledging process. Moreover, thank you for your spiritual guidance to help parishioners reflect upon their blessings from God, and to share their gifts with a joyful spirit, thus exemplifying this year's BLA theme, "*My Soul Rejoices in the Lord.*"

Please express my appreciation to your dedicated parish staff and lay leaders whose collaboration was vital for the success of the BLA in your parish. I ask you to consider announcing you have achieved your goal at a time that will not dissuade those who have not yet pledged. In doing so, please also extend my heartfelt gratitude to your parishioners for their generous support of the Bishop's Lenten Appeal.

Know of my continued gratitude for your faithful priestly ministry and dedicated pastoral leadership. May Our Lord Jesus bless you with his peace and may Mary our Mother watch over you always.

Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington