



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

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Dear Informal Name,

In 2021, the Catholic Diocese of Lexington embarked upon an important campaign called "Providing for Our Future." The success of this campaign will allow the diocese to be more responsive to the needs in our region and help us to support our parishes and missions in the implementation of the priorities in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. The goal of our campaign is \$7.3 million, which corresponds to the amount of our current debt as a diocese. We have already raised \$3.7 million previously since the campaign began.

This substantial debt, incurred more than a decade ago, makes it hard for the diocese to financially sustain our many ministries. The debt was incurred with good intentions to enhance and improve ministries and outreach, but created unsustainable financial liabilities. With the help of our Diocesan Finance Officer and Diocesan Finance Council, we have worked hard to address these financial strains. The facilities that were unsustainable were sold and the ministries that were still viable have been consolidated. We have sold properties and negotiated better loan structures and interest rates. Nonetheless, the interest payments and owed principal still restricts the diocese and prevents the kind of growth and engagement with the larger community that we would like to have.

Due to your highly valued support and generosity over the past years, we are excited to welcome you in this process. Our hope is that your participation, along with other faithful supporters, will create great momentum.

You will be contacted soon by a representative of our campaign counsel, Grace Philanthropy, to schedule a visit where we will share detailed information regarding the campaign and our specific needs. We ask that you receive this visit graciously, listen with an open heart, and ask any questions you might have. It is our sincere hope that you consider our request prayerfully and respond as generously as your situation and resources allow.

We appreciate your faithfulness and commitment to the Catholic Diocese of Lexington and the Providing for Our Future campaign as we continue our work to build up our local Church. Please know that we will keep you and your loved ones in our prayers, and we ask that you please remember the diocese in yours.

Peace and all good,

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

Fr. Dan Noll,
Vicar General

