

Matching Gift Opportunity!

PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR BLA GIFT
TO HELP BRING GREATER ASSISTANCE
TO THOSE IN NEED

The Diocese of Arlington has received a challenge gift this year, which we hope will inspire you to make as generous a gift as possible to the 2021 BLA to provide more assistance to those in need.

For every dollar you donate above the gift amount you last donated to the BLA, the challenge gift will match up to \$300,000. If you are donating for the first time to the BLA, your entire gift will be matched!



Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life



Office of Divine Worship

Bishop's Lenten Appeal Leadership Giving

Please consider joining this community of benefactors who take a leadership role in the work of the diocesan Church through the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Through your gift, you become partners in a shared vision for the future of the Diocese of Arlington as you set an inspiring example of good stewardship and reach out with love to people and ministries in need of assistance.

- **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

Encourage One Another by Word and Deed

Countless lives throughout our diocese and in our parishes are uplifted and transformed by the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Your gift helps further the Mission of Jesus Christ entrusted to our diocesan church now and in the future!

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 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 Here to Make a Donation:



Catholic Charities



Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries

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

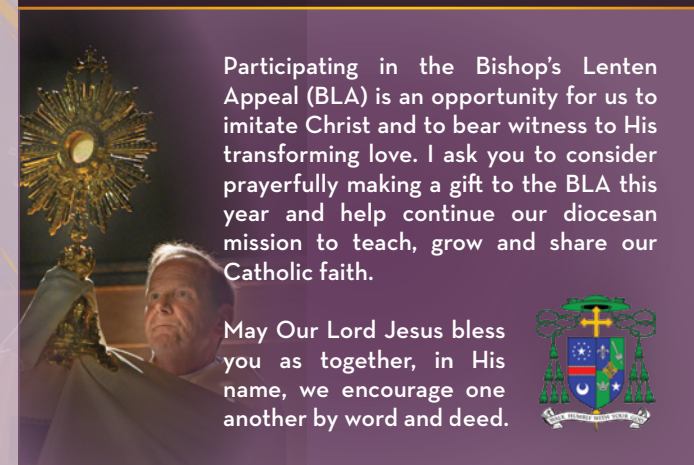
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Encourage ONE ANOTHER BY WORD AND DEED



Participating in the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is an opportunity for us to imitate Christ and to bear witness to His transforming love. I ask you to consider prayerfully making a gift to the BLA this year and help continue our diocesan mission to teach, grow and share our Catholic faith.

May Our Lord Jesus bless you as together, in His name, we encourage one another by word and deed.



2021 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

Encourage ONE ANOTHER BY WORD AND DEED

2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Prayer

As faithful stewards of the many gifts that God has generously bestowed upon us, we lift up our hands in thanksgiving and praise, and God continuously fills them with goodness and blessings. In return, let us use our words and deeds as instruments of grace and compassion to benefit others.

Heavenly Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for the countless blessings
you have bestowed upon us
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Fill us with the Spirit of your charity
so that through the Bishop's Lenten Appeal
we may be instruments of Christ's love
and encourage one another by word and deed.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL Your Gifts at Work in Our Diocese!



Over 1,200 youth and adult leaders participated in projects ranging from refreshing outdoor Stations of the Cross, food preparation to serve the needy, yard work for elder parishioners and support of various food pantries.



More than 25,578 students enrolled in parish faith formation classes.



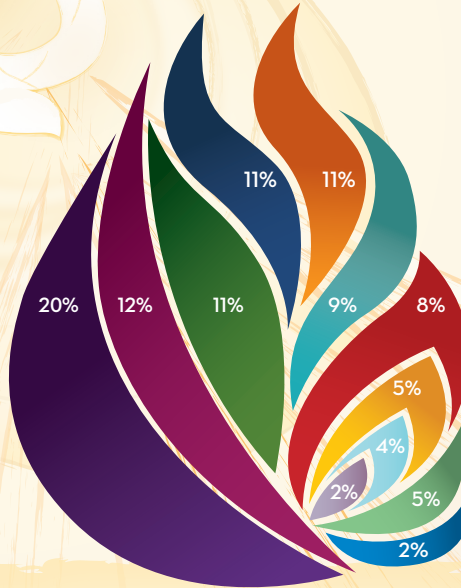
There are 50 men currently studying for the priesthood, who, God willing, will one day serve in our parishes.



Gabriel Project provided prenatal care for 285 mothers in need.



Catholic Charities is still experiencing a tremendous influx of requests for rent/mortgage and utilities assistance, groceries and mental health counseling. Additionally, more than 1.3 Million lbs. of food was collected and distributed through Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project 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.

- 20%** Seminarian education and support, Vocation Awareness Programs, Permanent Diaconate Program
- 12%** Programs, offices and ministries that assist our 70 parishes and 6 missions, and 4,600+ parish, school and diocesan personnel
- 11%** Catholic Charities, parish subsidies and other charitable works that assist people in need
- 11%** Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries
- 11%** Catholic Schools, Office of Divine Worship and Religious Education Programs
- 9%** Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and the Tribunal
- 8%** 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, Charismatic Renewal Ministry and our Dominican Republic Missions
- 2%** Parish/Diocesan properties and land development
- 2%** San Damiano Spiritual Life Center

This chart reflects projected 2021 BLA funding for \$18.85 Million which is allocated to these various areas.



Catholic Schools



Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life



Multicultural Ministries



Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life



Catholic Charities



Spanish Apostolate