



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme for this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal is shared with the second preparatory year of our diocesan Golden Jubilee, *My Soul Rejoices in the Lord*, and draws our attention to our Blessed Mother. Each of us can seek to imitate the perfect example of Mary by proclaiming the greatness of the Lord each day as we live our faith and share our blessings.

When we support the BLA, we help to bring the glorious gift of Christ Jesus to thousands of people in need of spiritual, charitable, and educational assistance across our diocese. I respectfully ask that, if your circumstances allow, you prayerfully consider a sacrificial pledge to this important appeal. Your gift will be used to enrich and improve the lives of others and will be an instrument of the joy and peace that only Christ can give!

I am grateful to all of you who have given in the past to this appeal. In a few moments, your pastor will guide you through the pledging process.

Please be assured of my prayers for you. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, may Our Lord Jesus bless you abundantly now and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington