



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Jubilee year for our diocese, the theme for the 2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal is, "*Behold, I make all things new.*" As we look ahead to the momentous occasion of our 50-year Golden Anniversary in August, we are inspired with the desire to share what we have received from our Lord, especially by bringing others to greater faith in God as well as carrying out works of mercy.

When we support the BLA, we help 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 you consider prayerfully a sacrificial pledge to this important appeal if your circumstances allow. Your gift will be used to enrich and improve the lives of others and reveal to them the compassion of Christ.

I am grateful to all of you who have given in the past to this appeal. Your continued sacrificial support to our diocesan Church is truly a meaningful way of giving thanks to God and sharing the Good News of the Gospel. In a few moments, your pastor will guide you through the pledge 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