



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The 2025 Bishop's Lenten Appeal theme is, "*Abounding in Hope.*" As we look ahead to the Lenten Season and beyond to the glorious Resurrection at Easter, we are inspired with the hope and peace that Our Lord promises to those who follow Him. For where Christ is, hope assuredly abounds.

When you support the BLA, you help share the grace of Christ Jesus, bringing spiritual, charitable, and educational assistance to thousands across the diocese. I respectfully ask that you prayerfully consider a sacrificial pledge to this vital appeal if your circumstances allow. Your gift will profoundly impact the lives of others and reveal to them the love of God.

I am grateful to all who have given to this appeal in the past. Your continued sacrificial support to our diocesan Church is truly inspiring and shows your dedication to 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 black ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington