



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. By sharing our gifts, we help those whose needs are the greatest: the poor and the vulnerable. Our gifts also demonstrate our commitment to promoting the sanctity of life, the teaching of our Catholic faith, our service to the youth and vocations for the Priesthood.

If your circumstances allow, I respectfully ask you to consider a sacrificial pledge to the BLA this year. 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

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Your Gifts at Work in Our Diocese!

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.



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 25,500 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!

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Matching Gift Opportunity!

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.

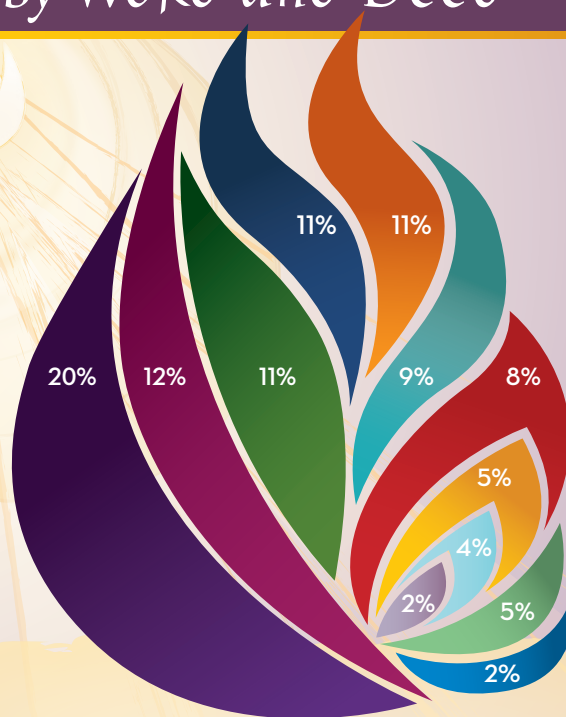
For every dollar you donate above the gift amount you last donated to the BLA, the challenge gift will match up to \$300,000. If you are donating for the first time to the BLA, your entire gift will be matched!

Ways to Give

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 to the address below.



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.



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

www.arlingtondiocese.org

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Or text “BLA” to 703-260-9800

Or scan here to make a donation:

