

# LETTER FOR Commitment Weekend

February 6/7, 2021

**Pastor will offer a brief Homily based on the readings of the day; and then will read the message below from Bishop Burbidge before starting the in-pew pledging process.**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The theme for the 2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal is *Encourage One Another by Word and Deed*. 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 youth, vocations for the priesthood and many other pastoral ministries.

In these challenging times, the need to assist and support others is greater than ever. I respectfully ask that, if your circumstances allow, you please give prayerful consideration to a sacrificial pledge to this important appeal. Your support will make a significant impact in the life of our diocese.

All BLA donations are treated as restricted gifts and are used for the sole benefit of the programs and ministries described in the appeal materials and on the diocesan website.

Please know of my sincere gratitude 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.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May Our Lord Jesus bless you as together, in his name, we encourage one another by word and deed.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington