XXXXXXXXXXX Catholic Church XXCityXX, VA

A message from Bishop Burbidge and Father XXXXXXXXX

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sample:

The unity of our Catholic Church exhibited by the faithful in our diocese during this COVID-19 pandemic has been edifying. This includes the high level of participation in online Masses and many other ways parishioners are reflecting their love for the Lord and one another.

As we face the challenges of the pandemic, be assured that the work of the Church continues throughout our diocese. A few examples of our ongoing ministries include:

- Catholic Charities is safely providing food and other basic necessities to a greater number of people and also offering new "teletherapy" mental health counseling to an increased number of clients.
- Pregnant mothers are receiving assistance with pre- and post-natal care through Project Gabriel.
- The formation of 49 seminarians is being conducted via online studies, while they are now residing at parishes.
- There are enhanced Communications initiatives with livestreaming Masses, devotions, social media alerts/updates, online discussions and web efforts.

This year has been like no other, and our 2020 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) theme, *Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope*, has truly been exemplified through the above examples. Your past support of this appeal has been a blessing to the thousands of people assisted by the 40+ programs funded by the BLA.

If your circumstances allow, we respectfully ask your help with a gift again this year. Please know all BLA gifts are restricted only for the areas outlined in the enclosed brochure.

Let us remain united in Christ Jesus and as members of God's holy family. May our Risen Lord bless you with his peace throughout the Easter season and always.

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BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL	Total Pledge	10 Monthly Payments
200 N. Glebe Road • Arlington, Virginia 22203	□ xx	\$xx per month
Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope	\Box xx	\$xx per month
	\Box xx	\$xx per month
Parish: Xxxxx Xxxxxx	\Box xx	\$xx per month
BLA ID #: 123456	\Box xx	\$xx per month
	\Box xx	\$xx per month
XXXXX SOURCE CODE XXXXX	☐ Other	
	Please make checks payable to: Bishop's Lenten Appeal	
Mr. & Mrs. John Q. Sample	Amount Enclosed \$	
12345 Street Name	Balance Due \$	
City VA 12345	For: 10 months 1 Other	

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