



PARISH CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

December 13-14, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Leo XIV's motto *In Illo uno unum*, which means "In the One, we are one," reminds us of the profound unity we share as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. We are not isolated individuals but members of God's family, created in his image and bound to serve one another with love and care.

When we are *United in Charity*, we recognize the face of Christ in those who come to us in need. We respond with Christ's love, offering support to give them hope and the opportunity to transform their lives.

On the weekend of December 13 and 14, I ask you to unite in love for our vulnerable neighbors by making a gift to the Parish Christmas Collection. Your gift has the power to uplift a heart, provide hope, and restore faith.

As we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth in a humble stable, may we be newly aware of the unity of the human family and support those in need.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael F. Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Your gift helps individuals and families in need – right here in the Diocese of Arlington.

Requests fulfilled for food assistance

85,665



Evening meals served

25,677



Patients treated at free medical clinics

2,110



Individuals served by pregnancy and adoption services

353



Refugees resettled or served

2,039



Adults, children, and families provided with mental health counseling

837



People helped with emergency assistance
(rent, utilities, car repair)

1,673



Education & workforce development
(GED/English/citizenship classes, vocational training)

2,291



Source: Catholic Charities fiscal year 2025

To make a gift, please go to **ccda.net/Christmas** or mail this envelope to Catholic Charities.

YES! I/We will share our blessings with those in greatest need.

☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____ Parish: _____



Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities and note Christmas Collection in the memo.

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Your support of Catholic Charities helps serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer – *our neighbors right here in our diocese.*

*“I have a new set of skills
that I can take with me.”*

★ **Q** and her children had fallen on rough times. When they moved to the safety of Catholic Charities transitional housing for women, she was able to go back to school to study nursing.



*“Everyone deserves a fresh
start or a second chance.”*

★ **PETER** lost his mother, his stepfather, and his job. He began to drink to numb the pain. At Catholic Charities transitional housing for men, he received the spiritual, emotional, and educational support he needed to get sober and start looking for a job again.

*“I stand here for every Afghan girl
who was told to stay silent.”*

★ **SHAHIRA** feared for her life in Afghanistan and studied in secret. When she and her family fled to the United States, Catholic Charities helped them settle in Virginia. She is now studying business at a local university.



Give today!



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the QR code or give online at
ccda.net/Christmas