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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Our Savior's triumph fill your hearts with peace, joy and hope this sacred day and always!

The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus manifests His saving victory over the powers of sin and death. This sacred event filled the Apostles with new life and grace, which gave them hope after experiencing grave fear at His crucifixion. In turn, the Apostles spread the message of this wondrous mystery so that others might experience the freedom of His saving grace and joy and consolation in His promise of eternal life.

As disciples of Jesus, we are renewed once more in the hope that Christ's triumph brings to us. He reminds us of the new life of grace that we have received, which no darkness or despair can overcome. He assures us that all sufferings united to His will lead to glory and that not even death can defeat us. May we spread this Good News by our commitment to the faithful and consistent living of our faith and the compassion we extend to others, especially those most in need.

I pray that you and your families will be filled with God's abundant blessings during this sacred Season of Easter and always. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother, may you live in the newness of life that we share in Our Risen Lord, now and forever.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington