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Bishop Burbidge ([00:00](#)):

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Billy Atwell ([00:08](#)):

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Billy Atwell ([00:33](#)):

Make sure you're following the diocese on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We're posting a lot of content from Work Camp. It's there already. If you're hearing this, there's plenty of good stuff to see, good videos and photos that really capture what's happening here. If you have questions for Bishop Burbidge, please email [info@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:info@arlingtondiocese.org), or you can call (703) 831-7013. I welcome your host, Bishop Burbidge. Bishop, how are you doing?

Bishop Burbidge ([00:55](#)):

Billy, I'm doing great. It is so inspiring and uplifting to be with our young people last night and again today, and to be joined by four of our wonderful young people from the diocese here today on the podcast. I'm sure our listeners will really enjoy getting to know them.

Billy Atwell ([01:10](#)):

What was last night like for you?

Bishop Burbidge ([01:12](#)):

Last night was wonderful, because really, even though I've been visiting our schools and parishes, last night was actually the first time in quite a while that I walked into a room and there's over 300-plus kids, young people, all together without the social restrictions and the masks. To see their excitement and to hear their enthusiasm, it was just uplifting, I have to tell you. I went home just so, so filled with energy.

Bishop Burbidge ([01:40](#)):

That night is usually the night, too, which is very prayerful. There's a Eucharistic adoration, in which our young people can spend time quiet with the Lord after working for a full day. Then we had about 18 priests, 45 priests throughout the diocese last night, who were available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

Billy Atwell ([02:02](#)):

That's wonderful.

Bishop Burbidge ([02:02](#)):

It really was. It was just a great night

Billy Atwell ([02:04](#)):

Because the priests haven't had a lot of opportunities to get together either, through COVID and everything. It's nice for them to come together, and obviously in service to the young folks there.

Bishop Burbidge ([02:11](#)):

Right. That's for sure.

Billy Atwell ([02:12](#)):

That's very good. Can you believe we're back at Work Camp already? I couldn't believe a year had passed since the last one.

Bishop Burbidge ([02:17](#)):

I know, because you think about where we were this time last year. We had some local efforts and diocesan efforts, but it wasn't our typical Work Camp. The fact that we're ... thank the good Lord for giving us the gift to persevere to be back together. We're also mindful of people who have died this past year, still suffering, so we continue to pray for all of them, but thank the good Lord. We're made to be in communion. I even hear from our young people how challenging it was not to be together. Thank the good Lord we're here now.

Billy Atwell ([02:53](#)):

Absolutely, absolutely. You're going to be heading out to sites here over the next day or two to see some of the work that's happening around the diocese. This year is a little bit different, and Kevin Bohli is going to take us through that in a minute. Thinking back to past years, what are some of the memorable moments for you of the young people serving and carrying out these works of mercy?

Bishop Burbidge ([03:14](#)):

Yeah. First of all is that they work hard. They work very hard. It's a long day and it's heavy-duty lifting, many, many times. Kevin probably explains better, but that's why we have expertise on the sites with the young people, construction experts and things like that, because it's pretty technical. It's pretty hard work, and they accomplish, by the end of the week, some major accomplishments, improving the facilities in the homes and situations in which people are living. Many people who are in need probably could not get this work done otherwise. That's always a highlight for me, to see them working together. They're often joined together as teams, not necessarily with their best friends but with young people from around the diocese, so that reminds us that we're a diocesan family too.

Bishop Burbidge ([04:06](#)):

I guess one of the highlights too is to see the appreciation of the people who are benefiting from the work, because what's really unique about the Work Camp is that our young people also engage with the people they're helping and serving. I think sometimes the people who benefit from their work appreciate more the opportunity to get to know such wonderful young people, which really gives them hope, hope for the future of our world, that there's so many nice young people who just want to do good and to serve.

Billy Atwell ([04:40](#)):

That's interesting, because we'll interview a lot of these folks that are being helped, but the news media will come and interview them. That's one of the takeaways I get from seeing the interviews, is they

thought they were going to be served with a wheelchair ramp or a patched hole in the roof or whatever it might be, but it seems like they were fed so much more emotionally and spiritually in the end. The work is almost the extra. What they got just in seeing young people want to come out and serve and help them, and that expression of God's love, really seems to carry more the work in the end.

Bishop Burbidge ([05:09](#)):

I think that's exactly right. It's the encounter, right?

Billy Atwell ([05:11](#)):

Exactly. Exactly. Kevin Bohli, we've got Kevin Bohli here with us. Kevin, for those who are hearing about Work Camp for the first time or maybe they're not too familiar, if you could take us through the background of what it's intended to do.

Kevin Bohli ([05:27](#)):

Sure. Thank you, Billy, and thank you, Bishop. Work Camp is a program that's been in the diocese since 1989. It actually was called Hammer Time the first year, so those of you that recognize that reference there. That's a throwback, but it pretty quickly switched over to Work Camp. For all these years it's been a diocesan program, which makes it beautiful, because it's not just our kids going to serve outside of the diocese. It's always within the diocese.

Kevin Bohli ([05:53](#)):

We take a big school, typically, and the young people come, and it is a camp traditionally, where you're spending a week together in community. As you said, Bishop, community is such a big part of what Work Camp is. We built up. About two years ago, we were up to about 1,200 people all coming together, staying in one school for an entire week. They would serve at 160 different projects across the diocese, 50 parishes in the diocese would be involved, and these young people would be going out and serving on work crews.

Kevin Bohli ([06:21](#)):

Each work crew consists of an adult leader to work with the young people, but then also a contractor, a person that has the expertise to do the work. We've accomplished all kinds of amazing projects over the years. We've replaced entire trailers in one week. We've built roofs, tons of windows. Our whole goal is to make homes warmer, safer and dryer.

Kevin Bohli ([06:42](#)):

That's a traditional Work Camp, but then you enter into COVID times. Last year we really transitioned to almost a completely virtual experience. Young people were able to serve at home and in their parishes, but everything was outdoors, and then all the evening program was done online. We did that, and it worked. It worked out last year. We did the best we could with what we had.

Kevin Bohli ([07:03](#)):

This year as the planning was starting, we had to start this planning months ago. Then it became the question of where are we going to be in June, so we had to look into that crystal ball a little bit and figure out where we were going to be. That's why this year, we decided to still be doing Camp parish-

based, but then in the evenings we figured ... and we hoped and prayed ... that we'd be able to gather together. That's where we are this year.

Kevin Bohli ([07:27](#)):

This year's Work Camp, we have actually six locations across the diocese. First, the young people wake up in their own beds. They go to mass in their own parishes in the morning, and then they're put into groups and then they work in their communities. They're working some at their parishes, some at the residents that live around their parishes. Then in the evening, they all come together at one of our six locations.

Kevin Bohli ([07:50](#)):

Those six locations are O'Connell High School, Paul VI High School, Good Shepherd, which is over in Alexandria, Holy Family, which is down in Woodbridge, and then there's a large group of six parishes meeting down in Fredericksburg and then one meeting out at Winchester. There's actually six sites in the evening where all these young people come together. This year we have about 650 young people all coming together at one of those various locations, and then about another 200 adults.

Bishop Burbidge ([08:17](#)):

That's very good. Kevin, we talked a lot about it's not just about service, but it's also about serving God's people in prayer. Tell our listeners a little bit about that.

Kevin Bohli ([08:29](#)):

Yeah, so everything is built off of it. We try to begin the whole week talking about Acts 2:42, that we look at the early church, the way that the early church lived. They broke bread together. They shared everything in common. They lived in community. As a result of that, what happened? The community grew, and there was great joy. We hear that that's the way that Christ's early church started, and so that's what we're trying to replicate here at Work Camp.

Kevin Bohli ([08:53](#)):

We call it an intentional Christian community. Yes, the service is a big part of what's happening here, but the service isn't just because we want to go out and be do-gooders. We're going out to serve our fellow community, our fellow Christians. That's the whole reason that we're going out to serve. We think that that's helping young people to have a transformative, a convergent experience in their lives.

Kevin Bohli ([09:16](#)):

Yeah, each day begins with mass, and then throughout the day there's different prayer experiences. We actually ask them to invite the resident, the person they're working with. If they want to join them for lunch and be a part of that lunchtime discussion, please do. Then even on the drives to and from their projects, we have little devotionals, things they can talk about, and then they experience prayer in the evening.

Kevin Bohli ([09:35](#)):

We have adoration, like you said, last night, Bishop. There's confessions throughout the week. Then at night they get back into their parish groups, and we give them questions and things to discuss about the

theme for the day and the theme for the week. Everything is wrapped up in prayer, throughout the entire week.

Bishop Burbidge ([09:51](#)):

I know our listeners want to hear from our young people, but if I could just ask you one more question. First of all, thank you, Kevin, and your entire team. I know as soon as this Work Camp is finished, you begin next year's Work Camp. It demands that kind of work, so thank you and your team for your incredible service. You've been doing this a while. How about in your own faith? How has Work Camp helped or shaped or formed you?

Kevin Bohli ([10:16](#)):

It truly is a community. I mean, so many of the people that are coming to volunteer at Work Camp, they've been coming for years and years. We can look back at the t-shirts we have from 15 years ago, and we just remember that experience. It really is, I believe, what Christ intended, that we would be gathering in these communities and in our parishes and serving one another. That just fills me. To me, it's one of the best experiences of church, I think, because I'm with the same people year in and year out. We all have this common vision, this common goal of serving and working with young people.

Kevin Bohli ([10:50](#)):

Now as a parent, I have two kids here at Work Camp. In many ways, it's also become I want this for my kids. I want to pass this on. Even last night at O'Connell, I'm seeing my kids out there experiencing something that was transformative in my life, and God willing, now it's going to be transformative in their lives as well.

Bishop Burbidge ([11:06](#)):

That's great. That is wonderful. Well, thanks again, Kevin.

Kevin Bohli ([11:08](#)):

Thank you, Bishop.

Billy Atwell ([11:09](#)):

Very good. All right. Thanks, Kevin, very much, and for all your work. We'll get our teams here set up, but while we're doing that, you've, Bishop, like you've mentioned, been real connected with the youth throughout the pandemic, going to schools and stuff. What are some of the things that you learned from them and witnessed in their experiences through the last year?

Bishop Burbidge ([11:29](#)):

I would just say their desire, their zeal to serve. I mean, you think about it. This is a summer, right? It's June, middle of June, and these young people have lots of opportunities to do many things. The fact that I see young people throughout this diocese saying, "Well, I'm going to give a week," to work hard to serve and to build community, I don't know. It just gives me such hope and just is so uplifting to see.

Bishop Burbidge ([11:56](#)):

Then I look at these young people, and I think I can see that they have bright and promising futures and that God has big plans for them. I just pray daily for them, that they're listening to where the Lord is leading them and how He wants them to use their gifts and talents.

Billy Atwell ([12:14](#)):

Very good. Well, I've got an easier question for you now. If we were working on one of the sites and you had to have in your hand a drill, a saw or a paintbrush to work accordingly, which one would you choose?

Bishop Burbidge ([12:24](#)):

I would say a paintbrush. I am not the most handy man, so probably I would do the least damage with a paintbrush.

Billy Atwell ([12:34](#)):

Very good. All right. If you each could introduce yourselves, we'll start over here and work your way around. Just introduce your name and your parish.

Sofia ([12:44](#)):

I'm Sofia. I'm from St. Agnes parish.

Robert ([12:47](#)):

Robert, also from St. Agnes parish.

Xavier ([12:51](#)):

Xavier, also from St. Agnes.

Olivia ([12:54](#)):

Olivia, also from St. Agnes.

Bishop Burbidge ([12:57](#)):

Our listeners can tell all of us were at St. Agnes this morning for mass, and so we have four of our St. Agnes young people here. Well, thank you everyone. That's great. It's great to have you here, and thanks for doing this. How many Work Camps have you been involved in? Can you tell me?

Sofia ([13:15](#)):

This is my third Work Camp.

Bishop Burbidge ([13:17](#)):

Third, wow. Robert?

Robert ([13:18](#)):

This is also my third, yes.

Bishop Burbidge ([13:19](#)):

Great.

Xavier ([13:20](#)):

This is my second.

Olivia ([13:22](#)):

This is also my second year.

Bishop Burbidge ([13:23](#)):

That's great. You all came back, so that's a good sign. I mentioned to the people listening that you are giving a week of your summer, this valuable time, to do Work Camp. Why? Why would you? Why do you want to do this? I think our listeners would really appreciate hearing from you. Maybe you could begin, Olivia.

Olivia ([13:43](#)):

oSure. Well, last year I came into it not really sure how I was going to like camp, but I had a really good experience last year and coming into it this year. I've just had a lot of fun, and getting to work with everybody and doing it for God and offering it up really makes a big difference in my life.

Bishop Burbidge ([14:06](#)):

That's great. How about you, Xavier?

Xavier ([14:08](#)):

Yeah. Well, I also had a really positive experience last year. I mean, that was my first Work Camp. Even though it was in the middle of a pandemic, it was still a lot of fun. This year I was like, "Okay, well, I want to do it again." There's just something really special about just helping other people and just spending time with people you don't normally hang out with. Then at the end there's a big community, so just a lot of fun times.

Bishop Burbidge ([14:38](#)):

Okay. That's great. Robert, you're one of the veterans. Three years, right? How come?

Robert ([14:45](#)):

Well, the first one I did was back in 2018, my freshman year. I remember distinctly my mother saying, "You're doing this." Of course, it's my mother. When I first got there, I wasn't really too excited about it. I just put the mentality of I'm going to get through it and that's going to be it. By the end of the week, I distinctly remember not wanting it to end. I wanted it to be one more day, to go back to the work site or stay with the crew a little bit longer. That's what drove me to come back the second year.

Robert ([15:11](#)):

Definitely the second year was definitely a more religious experience for me. I definitely grew a lot more in the faith. I began to understand and ask more questions about different aspects of the faith that normally I just brushed aside. Yeah, I've been coming back each year, and it's been a wonderful experience.

Bishop Burbidge ([15:27](#)):

That's one of the opportunities you have, right, because you engage with priests, you engage with counselors, youth ministers, youth directors, where you can discuss issues like with the faith.

Robert ([15:36](#)):

Right, yeah. Work Camp gives a lot of opportunities to discuss with all the adult leaders and priests as well, then also your crewmates and your fellow parishioners. You're able to develop not only your own understanding, but also learn from others of what their experiences with the faith are.

Bishop Burbidge ([15:51](#)):

Yeah. Thanks for sharing that. Sofia?

Sofia ([15:54](#)):

Well, I keep coming back to Work Camp. Probably my favorite aspect is, like Mr. Bohli said, the intentional Christian community aspect of Work Camp. I love being surrounded by my peers who are on fire for the faith and want to serve the Lord in the community together, and want to pray together and grow in their faith together and strengthen each other by this Christian community.

Bishop Burbidge ([16:23](#)):

Yeah. That's definitely part of the whole reason we have this Work Camp, right, for this type of community. What lasting impact do you think this experience will have on you? Something that maybe you say, "This is something I'm just going to take with me as I move forward in life as a lasting impact or memory"?

Olivia ([16:51](#)):

I think a lasting impact for me would definitely be the engagement I've had with our other peers. I think it's important to be open with each other, and I've really learned that throughout this time at Work Camp, especially this year. It's only day three, and having those devotion times has really helped me to open up. I think that going into college next year, it'll help me be open with others and we can all share each other's experiences.

Bishop Burbidge ([17:26](#)):

That's a great point. That's a very good point. How about you, Xavier?

Xavier ([17:30](#)):

Honestly for me, I think one of the most lasting impacts would be just the beauty of daily mass. I don't know, just something about going in and just starting your day, your work day especially, with just praying to God and then just celebrating mass is just really special. I don't have my license yet so I can't always just drive to daily mass, but whenever I go, it's just an awesome experience.

Bishop Burbidge ([17:56](#)):

It's a great way to begin the day, isn't it? You offer everything. "Everything I'm about to do, Lord, I offer it to You, and I call upon Your divine assistance," right? Robert, how about for you?



Robert ([18:08](#)):

I would say probably the biggest takeaway is confidence in my faith. Often, going to a public school, you end up feeling like you're the only one who's Catholic or who really takes their faith seriously, and you're often the only one posed with questions. Going to Work Camp each year, you see that not only are there a lot of people who agree with your faith, who believe in it, but it's people your age, and people who you can relate to and people that you can do things with. It makes it a lot easier and a lot more doable to remain strong in the faith and to expand on your faith.

Bishop Burbidge ([18:40](#)):

That's great. How about you, Sofia?

Sofia ([18:44](#)):

Well, Work Camp has given me a lot of opportunities to get out of my comfort zone and do things that I wouldn't have otherwise had the opportunity to do, like from using power tools, even to our crews have leadership roles. Last year I was my crew's devotion leader. I helped lead our discussions and prayers, and I'd never really done something like that before. Coming out of it, I learned a lot of skills about how to lead discussions and be a leader, and just being together and praying with people. Yes, I think I've grown a lot in confidence as well with a lot of things through Work Camp.

Bishop Burbidge ([19:27](#)):

That's a practical outcome too. See, that's maybe why I'm not so handy. I didn't have Work Camp when I was at high school, you know? How about we come back to you, Sofia? We'll go around the other way this time and ask you a question. What has been the reaction of the people or the families that you're helping? Does anything stand out for you in meeting the people that benefit from your work?

Sofia ([19:54](#)):

Yeah. The first year I did Work Camp, we built a wheelchair ramp for a woman, and just I will never forget the look on her face just seeing her throughout the week. She was just so grateful, not only for the work, but just for us being there and inviting her to join us in our devotions and in lunch, and for our company and for our prayers for her. It was just so special, being able to see her and talk to her, and yeah, I'll never forget her.

Bishop Burbidge ([20:29](#)):

Sure. I'm sure that touched your heart, right? How about you, Robert?

Robert ([20:33](#)):

A similar experience. In my second year, the woman that we were fixing her house for, at first she was a little timid and shy, and she didn't want to come out the first couple of days. She just stayed in her house for the most part, but by the end of the week she was basically involved in everything that we were doing, and she was loving every part of it. She said, at the very end, her biggest regret was not coming out in the beginning, that we were some of the most caring and awesome people that she'd ever met.

Bishop Burbidge ([21:02](#)):

That's incredible.

Robert ([21:02](#)):

That was a wonderful experience.

Bishop Burbidge ([21:04](#)):

That's really nice to see. Xavier?

Xavier ([21:05](#)):

Well, this being my second year, so both years of Work Camp have been at the parish, and so there's not really one specific person we're doing the work at the parish for, but I don't know. It's just really cool after you're finished and you see whatever you built, and then you see people use it and it's like, "Oh, I did that. We did that." I don't know. It's just something that just ... how do I put this ... just for the community. It's just fun to see all the work you've done, and it pays off.

Bishop Burbidge ([21:38](#)):

Yeah. You have a great sense of accomplishment. Olivia?

Olivia ([21:41](#)):

I'm also in the same boat as Xavier. I did it last year during COVID, but I think that the work that we do, really we don't see the person that we're helping, at least for my group, but in a way that gives you a deeper faith in the work that you're doing. Then also you have people around the parish thanking you for your work, and they seem so proud of having a community of young kids being able to really fix up things that need fixing.

Bishop Burbidge ([22:21](#)):

That's a great insight, though, when you think about it, because sometimes we never know the impact of our work, or sometimes we don't see the immediate results of it, but God promises us that if we do it for Him and His glory, He'll use that work in ways that we can't imagine, right? Can I also ask you maybe a non-Work Camp question? Robert, we'll begin with you on this one then. How has this past year changed your perspective on what matters most in life? That's a good question.

Robert ([23:06](#)):

I was a senior, so I've been doing a lot of college application processes and applications, and it's very easy to get lost into a routine. With school and college and a whole bunch of other stuff that you have to deal with, sports, you end up getting into a routine of you have to do this and then this, and then this next. It seems like before you blink, the day's gone and you really didn't have time to think.

Robert ([23:32](#)):

I noticed that, at least with our youth group every Tuesday night, that was one of the real chances for me every week to really wind down, truly without technology or something like that, but just wind down and actually talk to people, and to be able to enjoy a time without having to worry about some due date or some practice that you've got coming up. I've really noticed that friendship and a community is one of those important things to keep yourself in a healthy relationship with God.

Bishop Burbidge ([24:02](#)):

Yeah. It's a great blessing, isn't it? Are you able to tell us where you're going next year? Did you figure that out?

Robert ([24:08](#)):

I recently got accepted to Old Dominion University for the Naval ROTC program there. I'll be going there for the next four years, and hopefully serving the country for a long time after that.

Bishop Burbidge ([24:19](#)):

Well, congratulations. That's great news, and thank you for that willingness to serve our nation.

Robert ([24:24](#)):

Thank you.

Bishop Burbidge ([24:25](#)):

We'll be praying for you. Xavier, how about something that, this past year, has taught you what's important in life?

Xavier ([24:31](#)):

Well, definitely for me ... and I think a lot of people have experienced this ... but just the importance of family and especially faith. Because before the pandemic, I'd go to youth group, whatever. It was like, "Oh, I know some people, it was fun." Then, I don't know, something. Right when all the quarantine and restrictions happened, I immediately just fell in love with my faith again. A lot of people started doing less because of all the restrictions, but I felt like I was starting to do more. I joined the Bible studies. Robert was in it. I participate more at mass. If they needed an extra altar server, I'd help out.

Xavier ([25:15](#)):

I don't know, especially parents. I guess for a lot of us, your parents would start working at home, and just spending that quality time with your parents, especially if they work long hours, it's just changed a lot of how we value our family and faith. I think it's been pretty good.

Bishop Burbidge ([25:35](#)):

Yeah. There's been some quality time together, that you realize how important it is and how sometimes we take those we love the most sometimes for granted. I think this year, as you said, really has helped us to realize what a great blessing and gift that God has given to us in each other. Olivia, what would you say?

Olivia ([25:59](#)):

Well, Bishop, I know you've mentioned this before in prior conversations, but I've learned that we're not in control. At the very beginning of last year in the summertime, I really learned how to grow in my faith, especially since my life stopped. The busy-ness stopped, so I had that time to really focus on God. I'm really thankful for my sister also, who was also growing in her faith. It helped to just be able to pray with her in the evenings and really stick to it every night.

Bishop Burbidge ([26:44](#)):

Wow. That's great that you have that kind of support for each other. We did learn that, didn't we, that we're not in control? Sometimes that's one of the hardest things to acknowledge, but even the Saints tell us that all the time, that one of the greatest ways that we grow in holiness is to surrender, is actually not to control but to surrender, to surrender our lives to God. There we find freedom, and there we find the peace and the strength to endure. Thanks for sharing that. I appreciate that. Sofia, how about for you?

Sofia ([27:17](#)):

Well, like everyone else said, the pandemic really eliminated a lot of distractions and busy-ness from my life. I had a lot more opportunities to be still and especially to be grateful for what I do have, especially my family and my friends and my faith and the Sacraments. Yeah, this past year has taught me a lot about gratitude and slowing down.

Bishop Burbidge ([27:43](#)):

Yeah. Two important lessons for all of us, including myself and everyone who's listening too, I am sure. For a young person, one of your peers or colleagues out there, who isn't sure if they want to come next year to Work Camp but they're listening to you right now, what would you say to encourage them to participate? Besides Robert saying your mother told you to do so? What would you say to them, Robert?

Robert ([28:14](#)):

It's one of the best experiences you'll ever have. The first two years of mine, I still remember the weeks very, very clearly. I still look forward to hopefully doing a Work Camp in the future, whether I'm a helper or an adult leader or whoever, but it's an amazing experience. It's definitely something that not many people get to do. It's just you're overwhelmed with faith and with joy, with happiness the whole week. It seems like nothing can go wrong that whole week.

Bishop Burbidge ([28:45](#)):

That's great. Anyone else?

Sofia ([28:47](#)):

Yeah. I know that on paper it doesn't sound very fun, working in the sun for eight hours, no phone, you're with strangers a lot of the time, but what's not on the paper is all of the little moments that really make it worth it. I'm just sitting there sanding something, and then you're having a conversation with someone that you wouldn't have had a conversation with otherwise, and talking about your faith. Or last night, I remember my crew and I, we were just looking at the sky together and admiring how beautiful it was, or having that moment of conversion and adoration or something. Yeah, it doesn't sound great, but once you're here, it's great, so you should do it.

Bishop Burbidge ([29:49](#)):

That's wonderful.

Olivia ([29:52](#)):

I think also just hearing it from somebody your own age and somebody who's already been through the Work Camps. They can really tell you their own personal experiences. I think also it's just great to be able to connect with people that you normally wouldn't connect with. When you're placed in your

groups, you're all in the same boat. You may not have spoken with each other before. I think reaching out to everybody, you really learn to love your crew.

Bishop Burbidge ([30:27](#)):

Thank you.

Xavier ([30:29](#)):

Honestly, the only advice I'd give is just try it out. Just try it once, because I'm sure. Like what everyone else was saying, it doesn't sound like the most amazing thing, but when you're there, it's just ... I don't know. The atmosphere changes, you change, everyone changes, and you're all united together in your faith and for your community. It's always just comforting, knowing that you're there for a purpose. You're not wasting time. You're not there, just sitting there. You're working on something to help someone or help a group of people. The feeling you get afterwards when the project is done, it's just awesome.

Bishop Burbidge ([31:08](#)):

Well, I am sure myself and the people who are listening to this podcast have really appreciated this opportunity to get to know the four of you. You're very inspiring, gifted young people. As I said in the beginning, God has special plans for you, but you also represent the many other young people who are participating in this Work Camp, who had the same desire to grow closer to Christ and to serve others.

Bishop Burbidge ([31:41](#)):

I want to thank you on behalf of the entire diocese and all of your friends and peers, not so much only for what you're doing and what you're accomplishing this week ... because you are accomplishing a great deal ... but also to thank you so much for just your willingness to share your love for the Lord and your desire to grow in your faith and the joy, the joy that you're finding in working together as a community and serving one another. You're certainly an inspiration to me, and I know probably to all those who are listening to us today.

Bishop Burbidge ([32:19](#)):

I really thank you for joining this podcast and for sharing your thoughts with us, and wish you continued blessings throughout this weekend, and asking God to protect you and your friends. I am sure that with His help, you will produce abundant fruit in ways that you can't even imagine. Billy, thank you for letting me ask the questions this time. Usually you're the one asking all the questions, and [Inaudible 00:32:43] and Bishop Urban.

Billy Atwell ([32:44](#)):

I'm a sucker for hot lights, so yeah. Something I wanted to raise as I'm listening, these are very powerful experiences and the work sites are doing a lot of different projects. Like Kevin said, warmer, safer and dryer is the goal. Well, that's not inexpensive, especially with lumber prices the way they are and the different materials. There are volunteers here, but there's a major cost to Work Camp and providing all this service, and that's paid for because there are generous donors throughout the diocese who give to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. Through that, we're able to fund this. I figured you'd want to share a message with them directly.

Bishop Burbidge ([33:21](#)):

Yeah, thank you so much. When we do our Bishop's Lenten Appeal each year, we do talk about the 40-plus ministries that benefit from that, assisting, helping people in need. I'm sure as our listeners hear our four young people speak today, to realize that their generosity and goodness helps to provide them with this experience, I'm sure it gives them motivation and reason to help the diocese in such a powerful way. I join, I want to echo those words, Billy, of thanks to all the faithful of our diocese, who in so many ways support our ministries. Thanks, everyone.

Billy Atwell ([34:05](#)):

Kevin Bohli runs our office of youth, young adult and campus ministry, and that office as well, they work on this year-round. They're funded by the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. If you want to learn more about that office of youth ministry and the various events and programs they put on throughout the year, go to [arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry](http://arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry). You can also find them on Facebook, Arlington Youth Ministry. They're on Twitter as well.

Billy Atwell ([34:27](#)):

You can find also a lot from this week on the diocesan Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. A lot of great content going up there constantly from throughout the diocese. If you've got a child working on a crew, you just might see them there. You never know, see how they're doing. Yeah, again, thank you to everyone who gives to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. You make all of this work possible. Any final thoughts, Bishop, and if you would send us off with your blessing?

Bishop Burbidge ([34:52](#)):

Right. No, thanks again to our four young people, and thanks to Kevin and his office, and know that I'll be praying for you. It's day three, right? I'll pray for you for the rest of the week that, through the intercession of Mary, our Mother and St. Joseph, the worker, that God will bless you and your friends in carrying out the tasks that you set forth this week, and that in a very special way, as you continue to move forward in your life, that you will always ask the Holy Spirit to lead and to guide you, so that you may always be doing God's will and saying yes to God's plan for you. Because as you know, it's in that yes that we do find our joy and we do grow in holiness. Thank you so much, my dear young friends, and we pray for each other and we pray that together, we will walk humbly with our God.

Bishop Burbidge ([35:45](#)):

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