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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every ten years, our country conducts a census to count the number of men, women, and children residing in the United States. The goal of the census is to determine how to allocate billions of dollars in funding towards programs designed to reduce poverty and support families, and the Catholic Church relies on the census to provide an accurate count in order to serve those in need effectively.

I encourage you to participate in the census count. Many avoid counting themselves or family members in the census, and this results in incorrect data that drastically effects the allocation of resources for schools, legislative and voting districts, and the planning of organizations and businesses in the community. There are mandated protections that prohibit the U.S. Census Bureau from sharing the information collected with law enforcement and other government organizations, so your individual information is confidential.

Once again, I urge you to be among the counted, and know that the Diocese of Arlington is here to support you and guide you if you have any questions or concerns.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May Our Lord Jesus bless you and keep you in His care.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington