



November 3, 2022



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2022/2023
"Joy"

November in a flash!

The next few weeks leading up to the Thanksgiving break will be quick! And when we return we will have entered the season of Advent!

Next Thursday, November 10th the Knights of Columbus will be performing a flag retirement ceremony for the students (this is in addition to the one that will be done in the evening - see the parish flyer below). This is a terrific opportunity for our students to learn more about our reverence for the flag of the United States. The students will learn that this ceremony honors "both the symbol of our nation and our fellow citizens who rallied to it, fought for it, and died defending it." Helping our students to grow up to be productive and proud citizens of the United States is another important part of the history of Catholic education in this country. Parents are invited and the ceremony will begin at 9:00 am.

Reminders that Thursday, November 10th is an early dismissal day for parent/teacher conferences and Friday, November 11th is a no school day for students for parent/teacher conferences. See the information below.

Thursday, November 17th is a PTO Spirit Gear day. Students may dress down as long as they are wearing purchased PTO Spirit Gear.

The Parent Portal in PowerSchool will close on November 18th while we prepare report cards. The 1st Trimester officially closes on Tuesday, November 22nd and report cards for grades K-8 are distributed on December 2nd.

The Thanksgiving holiday is Monday, November 21 through Friday, November 25th.

When we return on Monday, November 28th our annual toy drive supporting Santa's Ride will begin. Look for information in next week's newsletter.

During the week of November 14th, grades 1-8 will be presented the Diocesan mandated Formation in Christian Chastity program. I highly encourage parents to review the course materials for this safe environment training via the link below. This is an Opt-Out program, which means that the material will be presented to all students unless a parent specifically opts a student out via the form provided below.

Parent Information for Diocesan Formation in Christian Chastity Program

Formation in Christian Chastity OPT-OUT Form



Holy Spirit is blessed to have many members of our community serve as either former or current members of the military and as first responders.

Each year the National Junior Honor Society sponsors our "Wall of Heroes" and we would love to have members of your family recognized.

In addition to an activity that students will do here at school, please take the opportunity to tell us a bit about the military members of your family. You may use the form below. Please return any forms by Monday, November 7th as the display will be put together by the NJHS members prior to Veterans Day.

Tell us about the members of your family!



Ton of Love Food Drive Wrap-Up

The students at Holy Spirit rock! Because of their generosity, they collectively donated 2,465 pounds of food to help hungry families this season! More than any other donated amount I have seen since Oct 2019! These donations equate to 66 meal boxes to feed many struggling and on a budget right now.

Please thank them from everyone here at St. Lucy's and let them know how wonderful they are for their charitable donations.

Blessings, Lori

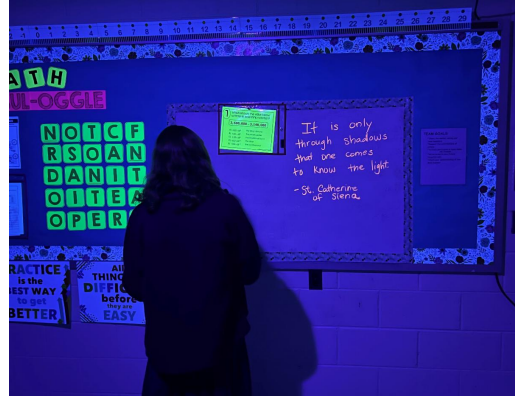
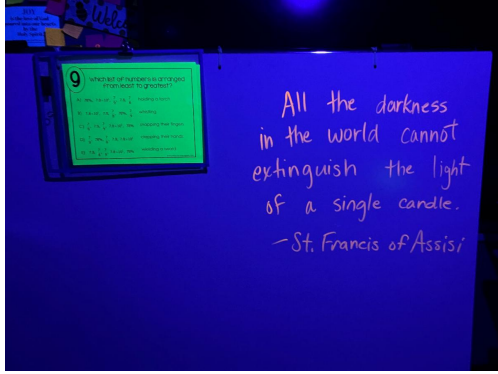
Lori Sikra

Outreach Specialist, St. Lucy Food Project

(A special "Thank you!" to the Student Council for sponsoring our food drive.)

Glowing Math

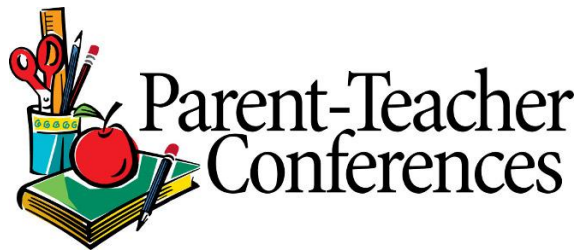




Monday's math reviews in middle school took on a new look for the day with some glow in the dark puzzle work all centered on the Saints. We are blessed to have amazingly creative teachers here at Holy Spirit who work to be sure that students are engaged and learning each day.

New Sod for the Back Field

Landscaping crews have been busy at work laying new sod on the back field. Although we are missing playing on the field right now, hopefully the long-term benefit of better drainage and a safer play surface make it all worth the wait!



SIGN UPS FOR CONFERENCES CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON NOVEMBER 4TH

Annual Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 10 (this is an early dismissal day from school) and Friday, November 11th (this is a no school day for students).

Per Diocesan requirements, parents are expected to meet with the HOMEROOM TEACHER for each of their children over the course of this day and a half.

Parents will be provided the option for either an in-person or Zoom conference with the teacher.

A series of Sign-Up Geniuses are used in order for families to sign-up for a conference timeslot.

Families should not contact the homeroom teacher and ask him/her to sign them up; families

are responsible for signing themselves up for a timeslot.

Use the "button" below to sign-up for a conference.

The access code is: 2022Conferences

**Results from the Fall session of the NWEA MAP assessment for students in grades 3-7 went home last week. The results of these assessments will be on the agenda for parent/teacher conferences.

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-Up

Look for the full Partners in Faith (November) newsletter in the Family Folder section below!



Thoughtful Moments
Happy New Year!
Each year the Church begins a new liturgical year on the Sunday closest to the feast of the Apostle Andrew (November 30). This year the first Sunday of Advent is November 27. We begin Year A in the liturgical cycle. Celebrate by lighting the first candle in your Advent wreath.
Pick a cause
Prayer isn't the only thing we can do to make the world better: it's the best thing we can do. Try this: Choose an event from the news that brings concern to your family. Then find a saint devoted to that cause. For example, St. Vincent Ferrer - the patron of reconciliation - ask him to intervene to end the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.
Immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be mentioned among you, as is fitting among holy ones, no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk, which is out of place, but instead, thanksgiving (Ephesians 5:3-4)

Encourage saints as heroes
Children learn by imitation. However, many values presented by today's celebrities won't lead to holiness or happiness. Instead, introduce youngsters to true heroes - the saints.
The saints were real people. Living a saintly life is not all haloes and holy cards. Some saints had chaotic home lives, worked difficult jobs, and others were known for their tempers. Make a point of reading books or watching movies about your children's "birthday" saints, or those who share their interests in art, sports, and hobbies, for example. Help saints come alive.
Share your favorites. Are there saints or holy people to whom you're especially drawn? Whether famous or lesser-known, tell your children about them and what you admire in them. Sharing heroes gives you a chance to explain how to choose role models. Draw comparisons. Few compliments are more powerful than being positively compared to your hero. When children demonstrate a virtue for which their saint is known, point it out! "You were generous like St. Elizabeth of Hungary," or "Good job studying for your spelling test - just like St. Thomas Aquinas." Seek their advice. Many saints wrote about conquering problems we also face, such as uninspired prayer life, unpleasant work, or temptation. Remind youngsters that the saints struggled, too, but didn't give up. Encourage them to think, "What would a saint do?"

Why Do Catholics Do That? Why are Catholics required to attend Mass on Sunday?
The Third Commandment is "Keep holy the Sabbath," and attending Sunday Mass is our Catholic response. However, we aren't just to attend Mass; we are to assist. By doing so, we prove that we belong to Christ and are faithful to Him and His Church. We also "give witness to...[our] communion in faith and charity... testify to God's holiness and our hope in salvation, [and] strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2182)

The FACTS Tuition Assistance Application for the 2023/2024 academic year opened on November 1, 2022. Applications must be submitted by March 15, 2023. A full overview of the programs and eligibility requirements may be found by clicking on the "button" below. Awards for Holy Spirit School are typically made in May after financial awards have been made by the Diocese.

Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview 2023/2024

Holy Spirit School relies heavily on our current families to help promote our school. If you know

of someone considering a Catholic school education for their children - send them our way! Our first Open House for prospective families is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th.



Discover
Catholic Schools
Discover **Holy Spirit**
November 16th
& January 11th
6-7:30 PM Open House
Holy Spirit Catholic School
Annandale, VA
www.holyspiritflames.org

Holy Spirit
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming Events:

November 7 – Ledo’s Pizza Fundraiser!
November 27 – Christmas Tree Sales!

PTO Meeting: The November PTO meeting will be on November 16, 2022, at 6:30 pm. You can either attend in person in Room 14 of the school, or online on the link below. This is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming events, meet fellow parents, and to get involved. Additionally, the meeting attendance counts towards the PSSC hours. Please join us at the following link:

[https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?
pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09)

Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723 Passcode: 483688

Recess Duty: Sign up for recess duty opportunities is available through:
<https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/ta43kmlw3>.

Connect1:

If you need more assistance with Connect 1 you can either contact Tom Fields at PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org or visit <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/gmguig6pp>

Next Monday!!!



Enjoy a great family dinner while raising money for
Holy Spirit School

November 7th from 5pm to 9pm

West Springfield Ledo Pizza

8324 Old Keene Mill Road
West Springfield, Virginia 22152

The organizer receives 20% of dine-in sales for each flyer
presented!

Your group also receives 20% of takeout orders when
mentioning the fundraiser! Call ahead for takeout!
703-451-5336

If any staff or parents order catering the entire week of the
fundraiser, our school will get 10% of the check total!

Bring a friend and tell your neighbors too!
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
Holy Spirit School





The PTO Christmas Tree sale is not long off! Check out Connect 1 for volunteer opportunities!

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - **Vacant** - PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org

Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteering

Please remember that you must be fully compliant with the Child Protection policies of the Diocese in order to perform recess duty and to volunteer in activities where students are present.

Parish Happenings!

FAMILY BINGO

Fall Harvest Fun



Accepting Troops 50/Pack 50 Scouting For Food Donations

November 5, 2022
Holy Spirit School Gym
 Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM

Snack Sold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza • Hot Dogs • Nachos • Soft Drinks • Juice 	Admission <small>(Includes Book of Cards w/ 3 games/card)</small> <small>All Proceeds will support: Holy Spirit and Diocesan Seminarians and religious</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players 12 Years and Older: \$5 • Players under 12 Years: \$3 • Extra Books of Cards: \$3 • Free for children under 5 years who are not playing 	Prizes <small>New Larger Cash Prizes</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Prize \$150 • Other Games \$40 • Specials – based on number of tickets sold
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Knights of Columbus

Holy Spirit Council 11922

Business/Social Meeting 1st Tuesday of the Month 8PM
 Planning Meeting 3rd Tuesday of the Month 8PM
 Rosary before meetings start time 7:40PM
 Holy Spirit School Quinn Room



Keep Christ in Christmas
 Christmas Cards
 go on SALE after weekend
 Masses
NOVEMBER
 12-13, 19-20, 26-27






Cards that express the meaning of the Season!

Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Attention: New E-Knights, 1st and 2nd Degree Knights
 November 15, 2022
 Candidates, Please Arrive at the Church between 7:30-7:40PM
 Family Members Welcome

Knights Checklist

- ✓ Catholic Gentlemen
- ✓ 18 years old or older
- ✓ Practicing Catholic

Not a Knight? Why NOT?



Join Us, Today!
 use QR code
 Or
KofC.org/joinus

For more information on the council, contact GK Tom at knights@holyspiritchurch.us



Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by the Men's Club

Menu	Prices
Spaghetti with Meatballs	Adults: \$7
Garlic Bread	Children Under 18: \$5
Salad with Italian Dressing	Family Maximum
Dessert Items	\$25.00
Wine, Soda, Juice, and Water	



Saturday, November 19

5:30 - 7:30 pm

In the School Cafeteria
 (joined with Meeting Rooms 1 & 2)

A great ministry for teens and families this winter



Before you go sledding this winter — help a friend in need

Want to volunteer? Email gss@holyspiritparish.us

Good Samaritan Society

Snow Angels Program

Each fall, we collect the names of parishioners who cannot shovel their own driveways and do not have neighbors who can do it for them. Then we pair volunteers with those parishioners—typically within a few blocks of one another—to shovel their driveways free of charge by the end of the day. This is a perfect way for teens and families to be Good Samaritans to our community. Sign up by November 1 to help!



FLAG RETIREMENT Ceremony

Thursday Nov 10th, 2022

7:30 - 9:30PM


School Gym & Parish Grounds

All are invited to attend this patriotic event!

Worn flags?
 The Knights are collecting worn flags that need to be retired. They may be dropped off in a receptacle in the School from now to Nov. 6.

Community Happenings!

2022 DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE
THEME: MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD, MY SAVIOR*
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022; 8:00 AM- 3:30 PM
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW MID-SEPTEMBER)



SHERATON RESTON HOTEL, RESTON, VIRGINIA

From Inclusion to Belonging
 EMBRACING DISABILITY AS PART OF THE CHURCH

2022 CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY:


AT BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL
 ARLINGTON, VA

05 NOV
 8:00AM-12:30PM

\$10 REGISTRATION



A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE ON INCLUSION FEATURING:

- Inspiring Keynote Conversation
- Informative Breakout Sessions
- Exhibition and Networking Area
- Sensory Mass Celebrated by Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge

This event is for clergy, catechists, youth ministers, school teachers and administrators, parents and all advocates interested in increasing access to Catholic education, employment, faith formation, and community resources for individuals with disabilities.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT: WWW.BISHOPOCONNELL.ORG/BELONGING

SPEAKERS

BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
 CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST AT MASS

REV. ROBERT CLINIK
 PASTOR, SAINTY JOSEPH

JOYCE KELLY
 TRANSITION SPECIALIST

KEYNOTE CONVERSATION

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

KEVIN BOHLI
 DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES, DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

MARY DESMARAIS
 FOUNDER, CATHOLIC INCLUSION SERVICES, LLC

DR. NANCY EMANUEL
 COORDINATOR FOR SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRIES, DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

WARD JONES
 CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER, CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

CHARLEEN KATRA
 DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL CATHOLIC PARTNERSHIP ON DISABILITY

Do This In Remembrance of Me
 "Remembering Black Catholic History and how it impacts our faith here and now"

Saturday, November 5, 2022, 12:00PM

Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Burke Hall
 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203

Featuring presentations on Black Catholic History, Spirituality, Saints and Saints-to-be.

Agenda

12:00PM - Check In and Lunch, Burke Hall
 1:00PM - Program Begins, Burke Hall
 5:00PM - Mass in Main Church


Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
 as Main Celebrant & Homilist

This event is FREE, but RSVP required. Please email mcm@arlingtondiocese.org by October 31 to secure your spot.
 Mass does not require RSVP.

Sponsored by the Black Catholic Ministry of the Office of Multicultural Ministries

For more information, visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/bcm2022

discover you

Prospective Teacher Information SESSIONS

November 14, 2022 7:00 PM
Bishop Denis J. O'Connell
 High School,
 School Library
 6600 Little Falls Road
 Arlington, Virginia

November 16, 2022 7:00 PM,
Saint John Paul the Great
 Catholic High School
 School Library
 1700 Dominican Drive
 Potomac Shores, VA

Explore website
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools>

job openings
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>

application process
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/application/>

Register



<https://forms.office.com/r/RQXLUH09r>

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the 37 elementary schools, 4 high schools and 4 stand-alone preschools serving over 18,000 students in the 13 cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.



They have answered the call. Will you?
Help Educate Our Future Priests

The Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF) is a permanent fund established to ensure continual resources for educating and training seminarians to serve as the future leadership of the Diocese of Arlington.

Endowment Funds: The Gift That Keeps On Giving
The SEEF money is invested and 4% annually is distributed to pay for seminarian education while the rest of the fund continues to grow in value.

Commit To Our Seminarians Today

Please make check payable to:
Foundation for the CDA (include SEEF on memo line)

and mail to:
The Catholic Diocese of Arlington
200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203



To make a gift online,
scan the QR code or go to:
ArlingtonDiocese.org/Donate_SEEF

The value of a priest is truly infinite. The cost of educating and forming him, while not infinite, is still substantial.
\$50K/YEAR *allows more funds formation for 1 seminarian*
X 6 YEARS OF FORMATION
\$300,000 *includes 1 priest*
X 48 SEMINARIANS

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind."
Hebrews 13:16

Contact:

John French, Office of Development
john.french@arlingtondiocese.org
(703) 841-3819

Election Day is November 8. This year's elections will determine Virginia's representatives in all 11 U.S. congressional districts, and other offices in some localities.

Voting is our sacred duty. To prepare:

First, register to vote if you are not registered already. A Virginia Catholic Conference bulletin insert explains how to register, eligibility and key dates.

Second, prayerfully form your conscience. We recommend reading the VCC's *Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching* bulletin insert.

Visit www.vacatholic.org to view both inserts.

As we have stated in previous pre-election letters, three foundational principles are essential to conscience formation as it relates to assessing candidates and their positions:

- Many issues are important.
- Not all issues have equal moral weight.
- Protecting life is paramount.

Above all, we are called to pursue "the preeminent requirement to protect the weakest in our midst – innocent unborn children – by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies the supports they need to make a decision for life" (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 92).

Earlier this year, the U.S. Supreme Court's *Dobbs* decision restored to the people and their elected representatives the power to safeguard life from the moment of conception. Through prayer and action, with our voices and our votes, it is our responsibility as faithful citizens to exercise our power to protect the lives of the powerless.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*
The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

www.vacatholic.org

The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the "throwaway culture" identified by Pope Francis.

The Common Good

The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people, not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day's work for a fair day's pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God's creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.

*Adapted from *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, Nos. 44-56, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015.

Subsidiarity

The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents' rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children. Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society's larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.

Solidarity

We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to eradicate poverty, disease and racism, and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression and immigrants.



You are invited to a
DISCOVERY TOYS

Holiday Shopping Party and "Toy Raiser"!!

Proceeds to be given in developmental baby toys for pregnant and new mothers in need

- See our line of NEW Fall products
- Discontinued DT demo toys at BIG savings!
- Door prize drawings! Bring your friends for more entries!

HOSTED BY – Cindy Connors

- DATE – Saturday, November 12
- TIME – 9 AM – 2 PM
- PLACE – Cindy Connors, 9804 Dansk Ct., Fairfax
- RSVP – 703-868-8697 – CindyToys@aol.com (or just come by!)
- See the catalogs in advance or order online if you can't join us

DISCOVERY TOYS SHOPPING LINK AND CATALOG, ORDER BY 11/15

<https://bit.ly/cindys2022holidayparty>



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "November 3, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

1. Formation in Christian Chastity OPT-OUT form
2. Veterans Day - Tell us about your family activity

3. Partners in Faith (November) newsletter
4. Ledo Pizza PTO Fundraiser flyer
5. Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview

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