

**The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge**  
**Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington**  
**Expanded Biography**

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge was installed as Bishop of Arlington on Dec. 6, 2016, at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. As the fourth bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Burbidge shepherds more than 460,000 registered Catholics in 70 parishes and 6 missions.

Since its founding in 1974, the Catholic Diocese of Arlington has burgeoned, becoming one of the 50 largest dioceses in the United States. Bishop Burbidge has embraced the opportunities that accompany such growth, particularly those that support families and aid the poor, the vulnerable and the needy. In May 2017, the fifth Marian Home was dedicated in Fairfax, which provides housing for individuals with intellectual disabilities. In December 2017, the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic opened in Manassas, serving an estimated 8,000 uninsured individuals in the area. In addition to these, Bishop Burbidge has expanded ministry for the faithful, celebrating the first diocesan Mass for homeschool families and offering conferences and retreats focused on spiritual growth and marriage and family life.

Bishop Burbidge was ordained to the priesthood in 1984. In 1992, he was named as administrative secretary to the Archbishop of Philadelphia and appointed Rector of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1999. In 2002, he was ordained an auxiliary bishop in his hometown of Philadelphia, where he oversaw the Office of the Vicar for Clergy and the Office of Communications. Prior to being appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington in 2016 by Pope Francis, he was the Bishop of Raleigh for a decade.

Bishop Burbidge holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and a master's in theology from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, a master's in education administration from Villanova University, and a doctorate in education from Immaculata College. He is the Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pro-Life Committee, a vital role as the Church continues to identify and implement new and effective ways to spread the Good News. In addition, he serves on the Boards of The Catholic University of America, Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, and Catholic Distance University.