

The Virginia Catholic Conference

Stop in the narthex after Masses September 14-15 to sign up for the Virginia Catholic Conference's E-mail Advocacy Network.

Led by Diocese of Arlington Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and Diocese of Richmond Bishop Barry C. Knestout, the Conference advocates for:

- **Respect life** initiatives that protect human life and dignity in every stage of development and circumstance, from conception until natural death.
- **Social justice** initiatives that protect the rights and serve the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable members of the human family, including children, the elderly, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees.
- **Family life and education** initiatives that preserve and support religious liberty, the institution of marriage as the union of one man and one woman, the family and parental choice in their children's education.



By joining the VCC's E-mail Advocacy Network, you can know when legislation is coming before either the state legislature or Congress on matters important to Catholics. Those enrolled in this network receive short alerts about bills and can quickly send messages about them to Virginia legislators.

Our baptismal call asks us to bring about the kingdom of God in our families, our communities, our state, our country and our world. Raising our voices to support just laws and oppose unjust ones is an essential part of this call, and a way to show our love for God and neighbor. The Conference gives a direct way to do this.

Simply fill out a postcard as you leave Mass September 14-15 and drop it into the available baskets. There will also be a laptop with the Conference website open to sign up online, or you can sign up on your phone.

For more information on the Virginia Catholic Conference go to: <https://vacatholic.org/>