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Billy Atwell ([00:06](#)):

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Billy Atwell ([00:55](#)):

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Bishop Burbidge ([01:21](#)):

I am doing well, Billy. I hope all our listeners are doing well also. And summer's moving quickly, so I hope our listeners and families are having some time for refreshment, some time together. We're recording this podcast as we honor Saint Martha. And we know the famous line in the gospel when Jesus says to Martha, "Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Learn from Mary. Come sit at my feet." And I'm sure for our listeners, we all can resonate with that. We are anxious and worried about many things, maybe in our own families, or personal situations. We're certainly worried and concerned about the issues that we see in our world and nation, and division and injustice. And so that's a reality for many of us.

Bishop Burbidge ([02:15](#)):

But what Jesus promises is that, come sit at his feet. Allow that time each day to speak to the Lord, to listen to him. That's where through his grace, anxiety and distress can and will be transformed into serenity and peace. So it's always that reminder the Lord gives us. It's a great gospel passage. I love it. It's just like, all right, just maybe a little less focus on the doing, and a little bit more focus on the being. So it's a balance we all try to achieve in life, but always an encouragement that Jesus gives us on this feast of Saint Martha.

Billy Atwell ([02:54](#)):

Now I don't know anyone with a more full schedule than you. Are you taking a break at some point?

Bishop Burbidge ([02:58](#)):

Well, sometimes the best homilies you give are the ones you're preaching to yourself. Right? I'll get a little time, sure.

Billy Atwell ([03:08](#)):

Good, good. Bishop, last Friday, Pope Francis issued a motu proprio. I'm not going to try for the Latin. I'm not good with that. But within that document, he created new limits on the traditional Latin Mass. Initially, he responded by allowing the Latin Mass to be celebrated kind of for the time being. Initially, it was just for that first weekend, but that you needed to look more into the document and to understand how it could be applied here in the diocese. First, talk to us about how we should understand this motu proprio and the Holy Father's intent with it. And what do you see it may be kind of long-term or practical changes here in the diocese?

Bishop Burbidge ([03:46](#)):

Well, Billy, thanks. Obviously, that's a question that I am hearing frequently from the faithful throughout the diocese via letters and emails and when I'm at their parishes. So it's certainly appropriate that we discuss this as our first topic today. The first thing we should be mindful of is that this motu proprio, this directive that the Holy Father is giving to us, is a result of consultation from bishops from throughout the world, and it is addressed to the universal church, not just to the church in the United States, but to the universal Church. And so we all know that situations vary from one diocese to another, from one country to another. But he is speaking to the entire Church. And as we received that last Friday, it did come even to the bishops, it was not announced that we were going to receive it that day, so it was like a little curve ball. We said, "Whoa."

Bishop Burbidge ([04:53](#)):

And I think many of my brother bishops, I know all the bishops in our province, we decided that there's a lot to unpack here. And I've said from the beginning that there are two goals for us. And the first goal is that I, as a bishop who pledged my loyalty to the Holy Father, and all of us as Catholics, we must be faithful to what the Holy Father is asking of us in this motu proprio, and trust that the Holy Spirit is leading and guiding him. The second goal is to try to be as generous as possible in allowing the celebration of the Mass in extraordinary form to continue in our diocese as the motu proprio allows, because in our diocese, some of the concerns that are mentioned with the Holy Father have not been my experience. And so what we said now, you're correct, is that okay, we are, as bishops, continuing to discern this, consult with each other, maybe get a little bit of guidance before we issue any further directives that will change anything right now. And so that's what we're in the process of doing.

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

So there's two goals, so I'm asking everyone to pray for wisdom for me because the two goals have to meet. Right? Do what the Holy Father says, pastorally be generous as possible, because I know that in our diocese, in the Diocese of Arlington, many, many people of our faithful are spiritually nourished by the celebration of the Mass in extraordinary form, and are in no way a cause of concern for me as a source of division, which the Holy Father warns. But we have to evaluate our situation and make sure that we are in tune with what the Holy Father's asking as we continue to move in this direction. So right now, nothing has changed. Prayers for guidance and wisdom. And above all, and I'm really stressing this wherever I'm preaching these days, is actually the words of Saint Paul that we heard last Sunday, to strive to preserve the unity that is ours. So everyone has different thoughts and opinions and ideas on what the Holy Father has issued. But this is all about the Eucharist.

Bishop Burbidge ([07:24](#)):

The Eucharist is the source of our unity as Catholic Christians. It can never be a source of division. And so, dear friends, we really have to pray that we stay united as brothers and sisters in Christ, as God's family, that we do our part to preserve that harmony. Even in the midst, as we work through something here, and it's true that it needs our attention.

Billy Atwell ([07:50](#)):

Absolutely. There's obviously a community here in the diocese that is most directly impacted, those who attend the Mass in the extraordinary form regularly, a lot of young families, a lot of young adults, and so on. What has been your experience with those who attend the traditional Latin Mass as you've gone to different parishes that offer it?

Bishop Burbidge ([08:05](#)):

Right. I think that you're right. Sometimes people think that this is for the age group that knew that formative Mass.

Billy Atwell ([08:14](#)):

Right.

Bishop Burbidge ([08:15](#)):

But it's really, it's the opposite, for the most part. It is mostly young families who attend also Mass in the ordinary form sometimes. And what I hear is there is a sense of awe and wonder that is deep and within them with the Eucharist. In other words, it's leading them to a deeper reverence and devotion of the holy Eucharist. It's strengthening their love for Christ in the Eucharist. But they're often very, very much part of the parish community, active and involved, and helping in every way. But again, it's a time to step back and to reflect on what the Holy Father is saying, to evaluate carefully, and to make sure that we are being faithful. But I do, I have my loyalty to the Holy Father. I have my pastoral concern of the faithful of this flock. And I will, God willing, receive the guidance that will allow me to do both.

Billy Atwell ([09:27](#)):

Well, you can be assured of our prayers in that process. I know it can't be an easy one.

Bishop Burbidge ([09:30](#)):

Well, thank you. Thank you for that.

Billy Atwell ([09:33](#)):

It's hard to believe, but despite the long standing, 45 years now, bipartisan tradition in our country of deciding not to provide federal funding for abortion, Congress is looking to change that. And we've seen flags raised from different advocates in DC and certainly from our own Virginia Catholic Conference. Jeff Caruso has been warning about this, that billions of dollars in tax money could be spent to fund abortions. I was reading a news outlet, and one quote that they offered was, quote, "The Hyde Amendment prevents programs like Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program from using federal money to cover abortion." The irony that a Children's Health Insurance Program would fund abortion demonstrates the very problem that we have in front of us. What are your thoughts about this latest move to remove the Hyde Amendment? And maybe kind of what does this signify for the country?

Bishop Burbidge ([10:21](#)):

Well, it's very sad and it's very disheartening. And it's very, very alarming, but it's very real.

Billy Atwell ([10:27](#)):

Absolutely.

Bishop Burbidge ([10:28](#)):

And it's truly unbelievable that I think it's being forced through, the impact on the unborn will be devastating. Every year, as a church, as a diocese, we do so much to protect the unborn, the most vulnerable. And some advances have been made, especially at the state and local level. But the attempt to eliminate the Hyde Amendment will be, I would think, one of the most crushing losses since Roe versus Wade, really, I do believe that.

Billy Atwell ([11:00](#)):

I agree.

Bishop Burbidge ([11:01](#)):

And I think we cannot underestimate its impact. You mentioned the Virginia Catholic Conference. And there are important facts that have been shared with us. In fact, we just shared with our listeners, for example, 2.4 million babies are born with the existence of the Hyde Amendment, in the sense that the protection's there. Polls, polls show that the vast majority of people do not think tax dollars should pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment has been supported along bipartisan lines, something rare these days, since its inception in 1976.

Bishop Burbidge ([11:42](#)):

And removing the Hyde Amendment essentially holds Medicaid hostage. Here's how, states would be forced to either include elective abortion as Medicaid program, or be kicked out, really, literally be kicked out of the federal Medicaid program altogether. So terribly unjust, should be resisted at every turn, and we, as I always say to our faithful, we have to let our voices be heard. And again, go to Virginia Catholic Conference. We make that easy to reach elected officials, and let that voice be heard. The one thing too that you hear, because there's always, when something's evil, there's going to be untruths being spoken. Right?

Billy Atwell ([12:24](#)):

Right.

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

So advocates for eliminating the Hyde Amendment claim that poor women don't have access to healthcare they need, and abortion is just a reasonable option, morally, that is obviously baseless. There are so many ways, and the Catholic Church and Catholic Charities is always there to do everything we can to allow a mother and a father to choose life. Last week, I just blessed our second ultrasound machine at the Mother of Mercy Free Health Clinic. Women have the resources to give birth to their children. We're here to accompany women in need. And they should not be lied to and told they don't have a choice. Sometimes people who walk into our clinic are actually thinking that's where they could choose the opposite. And they say, "Well, maybe God led me here. Who knows?"

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

That ultrasound saves lives because it shows that child, child within the womb. So we need prayers, we need action. And we need to make our voices be heard. Thanks for raising this. It's very, very important.

Billy Atwell ([13:30](#)):

Yeah. And speaking of the Mother of Mercy Free Clinic, I mean, the one in Manassas was an abortion clinic.

Bishop Burbidge ([13:35](#)):

Right, yeah.

Billy Atwell ([13:35](#)):

That was purchased by volunteers that were praying outside of it, and then the space is donated for the use of Catholic Charities. They're always looking for help. If you're a medical professional, if you're a nurse, or you've got experience in that world, certainly if you're a doctor, or an OB, please go to [ccda.net](#). They're always looking for volunteers. But if you want to help advocate on this issue, go to [vacatholic.org](#). You can learn more. You can also contact your senators and/or congressman or woman. There's also a petition there that you can sign. But like I mentioned with the diocesan email being kind of the head of this spear for a lot of our important communications, if you want to know about these things the minute they're happening, you need to sign up for the VCC email update, so it's the Virginia Catholic Conference update. It's [vacatholic.org](#). Jeff Caruso does a great job at making sure you're notified. But he's also not spamming your inbox. You're not getting six emails a week. You're getting them when you need them, when it's really important. Jeff is there, and he's going to make you aware.

Bishop Burbidge ([14:29](#)):

That's why I like the VCC. We're not overburdening people with information.

Billy Atwell ([14:34](#)):

Absolutely. To sign that petition, you can go to [notaxpayerabortion.com](#). And we need to encourage our friends to do this too. This can't just be us. We need to be sharing this on social media, making sure people are aware. As Bishop Burbidge said, most people do not support federally funding abortion, even if they maybe support abortion. So we're not alone on this, and we've got to be out there.

Bishop Burbidge ([14:55](#)):

We mentioned the Mother of Mercy Clinic. It's the free health clinic.

Billy Atwell ([14:58](#)):

Right, right.

Bishop Burbidge ([14:59](#)):

Because of the great generosity of our people, especially towards our Catholic Charities, we're able to provide that free healthcare, and through the generosity and dedication of the nurses and doctors who volunteer their time and expertise.

Billy Atwell ([15:11](#)):

Absolutely, and those who give to the Catholic Charities and the BLA, thank you again. Bishop, in a past podcast, you mentioned two important initiatives that are going to be launched this fall, a strategic plan for the diocese, and then a three year preparatory period for our 50th anniversary, our jubilee celebration. Where do those initiatives stand at the moment?

Bishop Burbidge ([15:30](#)):

Yeah. And I met with all the priests at the end of June to make sure they were all updated before we go public with both these initiatives. But the strategic plan for our diocese is a result of many, many listening sessions, surveys, meeting with groups who say, "As we move forward in the future, for the next three to five years, 'What are our priorities as a diocese?'" I always say that we can't do everything. And so you need a strategic plan to do, okay, these are the priorities because what we do, we want to do well. And but that's a broad consultation. Our diocese, we are blessed with so many faithful who are such a part of our diocese and want to help us move forward. So I've been so grateful for the feedback we receive. So we're going to be coming out most likely in early September, showing the faithful the results of our strategic plan with basically six pillars and five action items under each one.

Bishop Burbidge ([16:34](#)):

And then we begin the actual work of implementing it. The one thing I've said about our strategic, I know there's a lot of professionals and educators and people out there who are participating in strategic plans, like I have throughout my education, career in a sense. And sometimes they just become this binder that sits on a shelf. Ours is very realistic. It's not going to overwhelm anything, and it's a workbook. It's a working document. And it's going to guide our decisions, how we use our resources and finances moving forward. It's exciting. And it shows that we have a bright future, but we have a lot of work to do.

Billy Atwell ([17:10](#)):

My team actually got an introduction to it yesterday at the Office of Communications in the Arlington Catholic Herald by Ward Jones. And yeah, the goals are very realistic. The other thing I noticed was pretty much every goal is accessible to the faithful. These are not things that just kind of get done by people up in an office building somewhere, or maybe even just in a parish office. These are very real goals that the faithful kind of need to participate in for it to be successful. So no matter what you're interested in participating in, if it's Mother of Mercy Free Clinic, or something entirely different, there's going to be something in this plan that you're probably going to want to grab onto and participate with at your parish level.

Bishop Burbidge ([17:43](#)):

Yeah. And as I emphasized with the priests, this is not the strategic plan for the diocesan office center. This is a strategic plan for the diocese and for our parishes and institutions. We're all ... And that's what a strategic plan does. Right? It gets everyone rowing together, so that we go in the right direction. And again, it fosters our unity. So we're teasing everyone here with what those pillars are and all that. But we're working on a really clear, kind of a vibrant presentation to share with all the faithful. And we'll do that through our podcast, our social media, our diocesan newspaper, all those kind of things.

Billy Atwell ([18:20](#)):

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Yeah, very good. And then for the jubilee, [crosstalk 00:18:21].

Bishop Burbidge ([18:21](#)):

Jubilee's exciting, right? We're getting ready. It'll be 50 years.

Billy Atwell ([18:24](#)):

That's wild.

Bishop Burbidge ([18:24](#)):

50 years as a diocese. I remember the announcement of Bishop Welsh as the new bishop of the new diocese, the Diocese of Arlington.

Billy Atwell ([18:36](#)):

Wow.

Bishop Burbidge ([18:37](#)):

Bishop Welsh and I, amazingly have things in common. We were both assigned to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We were both auxiliary bishops in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We were both rectors of Saint Charles Seminary.

Billy Atwell ([18:49](#)):

Oh, wow. That's interesting.

Bishop Burbidge ([18:50](#)):

Isn't that incredible. I know. And so I knew-

Billy Atwell ([18:52](#)):

It's almost as if your placement here is providential.

Bishop Burbidge ([18:54](#)):

I know. I asked for his guidance many times. And as I always said, he got the diocese off ... He gave us a solid foundation. He knew that we had to be built upon prayer and trust in the diocese to our blessed mother, and a focus on the Holy Eucharist, and working for vocations and holy families. So he laid a great foundation. And of course, my predecessors built upon that. And now it's our time, everyone. I don't know. It's in God's plan that now I'm the bishop and you're all part of this diocese, however you got here. And this is our privileged moment in time, so we're going to celebrate our history. We're going to prepare. I don't want it just to be like, "Okay. Here it is, 2024. Let's have a Mass and a celebration." Let's begin to prepare for that.

Bishop Burbidge ([19:53](#)):

So we're going to have three years. I'm going to talk more about this again in September when everyone gets back from vacation and routine, we'll have a nice presentation. But three years focusing, year one on the Eucharist, year two on our blessed mother, and year three on the evangelization, with all kinds of exciting events, both diocesan and parishes to celebrate. But again, we're teasing our audience again.

But that's good, but we're getting ready to go public with all of this. But I wanted our priest to hear this first, and so they're on board. And when everyone, we get back to everyone, once the summer kind of comes to a conclusion, we'll start announcing the specifics.

Billy Atwell ([20:34](#)):

So it won't be the last time you hear from us on these. You can stay tuned for me. Bishop, I cannot believe I'm saying this, but school is almost back.

Bishop Burbidge ([20:41](#)):

I know.

Billy Atwell ([20:41](#)):

I feel like it just let out. But when you look back on the last year, there's some obvious things that might stick out, but what sticks out to you? And what do you anticipate when you look to the year ahead?

Bishop Burbidge ([20:53](#)):

Yeah. First of all, before I answer those questions, just the other night, it just brought back a childhood memory. I don't know why, but as a kid, the first time I saw a back to school commercial, I was like, "I don't believe this."

Billy Atwell ([21:11](#)):

It's an injustice.

Bishop Burbidge ([21:12](#)):

Here we go again. But now they start early. Right?

Billy Atwell ([21:16](#)):

Yeah.

Bishop Burbidge ([21:16](#)):

Fourth of July, you're seeing back to school announcement. But anyway, that's just the ... But no, the highlights of 2021 makes us very proud as a diocese of what our Catholic schools were able to do. All schools open in the fall 2020 to offer in person instruction with hybrid models, of course, whatever's best for the community. It was just absolutely incredible, only through the grace of God and the dedication of our Catholic educators. What we saw for Catholic educators in Catholic schools, it's a vocation.

Billy Atwell ([21:50](#)):

That's a great point.

Bishop Burbidge ([21:51](#)):

They were compelled because that's their vocation.

Billy Atwell ([21:52](#)):



It's not just a job.

Bishop Burbidge ([21:53](#)):

It's their passion. Saint Isidore of Seville Catholic virtual school was open because there were some teachers who were unable, physically compromised, unable. And there were some who chose not to send their kids back. So I don't know how our school's office did it, but they all of a sudden established a new school, a virtual school online.

Billy Atwell ([22:11](#)):

In the midst of a pandemic.

Bishop Burbidge ([22:12](#)):

In the midst of a pandemic. I mean, unbelievable.

Billy Atwell ([22:14](#)):

They had all this extra time, the spare time to do it.

Bishop Burbidge ([22:17](#)):

I can't say enough thanks. More than \$6 million, Billy, in tuition assistance was provided to students in 2020, 2021. And our 2021 graduates from high school received more than \$70 million in scholarships.

Billy Atwell ([22:33](#)):

I can't believe that number. It's almost hard to believe.

Bishop Burbidge ([22:36](#)):

You know what it highlights? It highlights that what we're known for is our strong Catholic identity, but also, excellence in education.

Billy Atwell ([22:44](#)):

Absolutely.

Bishop Burbidge ([22:44](#)):

Our schools are excellent. They prepare the young people for the future. Look at that.

Billy Atwell ([22:48](#)):

That's amazing.

Bishop Burbidge ([22:49](#)):

That's amazing number. So looking to 2021, 2022, preliminary information indicates an increase in enrollment over the previous five years for fall of 2021 with a large number in waiting lists in most of our schools. Schools are in consultations with our office of Catholic schools, as we will continue to take guidance, guidance offered by the commonwealth and the CDC, and input from stakeholders as we develop our reopening plans for the fall. And as you know, we did that throughout last year. And we also have our own team, great experts in healthcare and beyond, who helped us to implement protocols

throughout our schools and diocese. So our priority is to keep our children safe and healthy, but to get them back. They have to be in school. They have to be in communion. It's too risky to allow the distance, and for their own physical, emotional wellbeing. But again, we will do so in a safe and healthy way. That's always been our priority, and we have the protocols in place to do so.

Bishop Burbidge ([24:07](#)):

Incredibly proud of our school leaders. They had to be flexible throughout the year, but their protocols worked. And we'll continue, God willing, to be vibrant in our schools and help our parents in the faith formation and education of their children.

Billy Atwell ([24:26](#)):

Yeah. That was definitely a banner year for them, and certainly a challenging one. But all right, we have a couple of questions from the faithful. The first one, you kind of addressed this actually in that first segment, but if you would maybe address it more specifically. Do you find that Latin Mass to be divisive?

Bishop Burbidge ([24:44](#)):

Well, when Pope Benedict allowed us to celebrate the extraordinary form in new ways, what he was saying is that there's only one Mass. There's two forms, but there's only one Mass. If, and we have to be real here, and the Holy Father has mentioned this, that there could be individuals or groups who deny the validity of one form, or that would be an extreme. But what we want to avoid too is that one makes you holier than the other.

Billy Atwell ([25:24](#)):

Right.

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

You know? And so we have to be careful of that. I do not see that as a trend or as a norm in our diocese. That has not been my experience. That's why in my four and a half years, I haven't changed anything. You know? So that has not been. But it's a good reminder. This is a good reminder that let's make sure that whatever Mass we're attending, and all that we have reverence and respect for both forms. And our goal is to allow people to be spiritually nourished in the celebration that allows them to do so. People do that with parishes because every parish is different, Mass is celebrated in ordinary form. They've said, "I'm just more nourished by going to this parish rather than this parish."

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

It doesn't make ... It's the same Mass. But just for various reasons, or the sense of community, whatever, but they're not denying, or they're not saying, "This is bad, this is good." It's just I'm more spiritually nourished by attending here. And that's what the Holy Father wants, is that unity.

Billy Atwell ([26:36](#)):

Yeah. And God's not limited by the liturgy that we attend each week.

Bishop Burbidge ([26:39](#)):

Exactly.

Billy Atwell ([26:42](#)):

Next question is: Any advice you would give someone in their early 20s who has fallen away from the faith? So I'm not sure if the asker is one of these people, or if they know someone and they're trying to get advice. But either way, what would be your advice to someone, if you were talking to someone in their early 20s, who's fallen away?

Bishop Burbidge ([26:55](#)):

Yeah. And I think it's important to remember, even as we read the lives of the saints, that our faith in the living ... Faith is a gift. Faith is a gift given to us by God. It needs to be nourished. But it's a journey, and even in the lives of the saints. There are ups and downs, and there's twists and turns. And sometimes our faith seems as strong as it's ever been. There's other times like, "What's happening to me? My faith, it seems weak now." The apostles said that. Lord, increase my faith. You know? So I would say, first of all, don't get frustrated. This is to be expected that we're going to have ups and downs in our faith journey. God's patient. God is patient. He's not ever going to stop seeking you out. He's never going to stop looking for you. He's patient where you are right now, and so be patient with yourself.

Bishop Burbidge ([27:54](#)):

But don't give up searching, searching for God. And just saying that prayer, Lord, increase my faith. Increase my faith is a beautiful prayer to say. And if your faith is maybe, if you're falling away from your faith because, for example, you've been hurt. Maybe you've been hurt or scandalized, as we know is a reality within our church, then you have to say, "Okay, Lord, but this is your church." And human beings can build up the church, or they can cause harm to it, whether it be bishops, priests, [inaudible 00:28:40], whatever, but it's always your church. So heal me and bring me back from that. Heal me from that wound that has caused me.

Bishop Burbidge ([28:48](#)):

But if you're wondering where your faith because you're questioning some of teachings of the church or whatever. Well, then learn. Why is the church teaching this? What is the reasoning behind it? And in our diocese, there are so many great formation programs in our parishes. Our priests do a tremendous job teaching the faith, so get involved, or go, or attend one of those sessions that you're not falling away from your faith. Maybe it's because you don't understand completely what is being said, so ask the questions. There's nothing wrong with asking questions about: Well, why is the church ... What do you mean by this? That's a good thing. That means your faith is alive. So there are reasons you're falling away, there's definitely things we can do about that.

Bishop Burbidge ([29:39](#)):

If you're falling away because you're more ... You're for some reason at this moment in your life, you're just being attracted to the promises that the world is offering, ask if it's making you more happy, feel more fulfilled, moving away from what the Lord is asking, his commands. Is that bringing you the life, the fulfillment? I doubt it very much because that's only found in Christ. So be patient with yourself and just know, just know that God never abandons you. And those seeds have been planted, maybe through your parents and grandparents, they're going to bear fruit. And when you're ready to return, your church is ready to welcome you back. And God's ready to embrace you in his mercy and in his love.

Billy Atwell ([30:32](#)):

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That's wonderful. Thank you. All right, I'm going to throw you a curve ball here, but I have one extra question I want to add at the end. What is a personal prayer intention that people could pray for that you have between now and the next podcast?

Bishop Burbidge ([30:42](#)):

Yeah. Thanks, Billy. Thanks for asking that. Yeah, again, I think for that wisdom that we need for the two topics that we discussed today, the [Latain 00:30:51] and the best way of opening our schools. I would ask them to also pray for our seminarians who are preparing to return to the seminary with great news, that we have 10 new men entering the seminary this year.

Billy Atwell ([31:08](#)):

That's wonderful. That's amazing.

Bishop Burbidge ([31:09](#)):

Which gives us 50 seminarians.

Billy Atwell ([31:11](#)):

Wow.

Bishop Burbidge ([31:11](#)):

And again, as I always say, it's not about the number. These are quality men. And they, most of them have been assigned in the summer to our parishes. And I'm hearing so many great things about their presence in our community, so it gives us great hope for the future of our diocese, and to pray for the unity, the unity that must be ours, as brothers and sisters in Christ, as members of his holy family. And let's pray for each other that we will continue to walk humbly with our God.

Bishop Burbidge ([31:46](#)):

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