

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the **Solemnity of All Saints**, we remember those who have gone before us and now rest in God's eternal peace. In that spirit, we also want to celebrate our favorite "saints in the making"—the wonderful children and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who make our lives infinitely better every day.

We remind all parents that while earthly milestones are worth celebrating, they are second place compared to the ultimate goal of reaching heaven. **Let us commit to prioritizing our children's spiritual growth, ensuring they serve the Lord every day in their own unique and precious ways.**

We hope you enjoy the photos below from the many 'saints in the making' enriching our Diocese of Arlington.

Happy All Saints Day!

Porto Charities



Trunk or Treat

We share with you a few photos from the Trunk or Treat that we celebrated on October 26th. We want to thank the **Junior Catholic Daughters of America at the Basilica of Saint Mary** for all their effort in decorating the amazing saint-themed trunks and for providing all the treats. Also thank you to **Bishop Ireton** for allowing us to use their space.





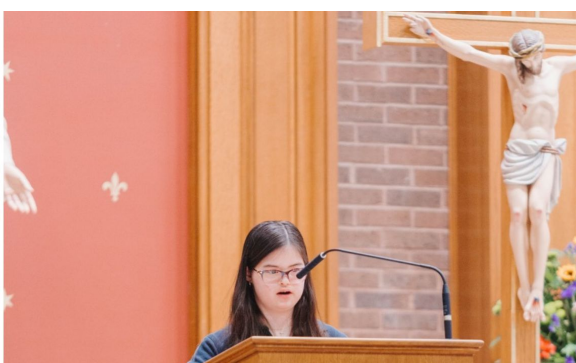
Annual Respect Life and Disability Awareness Mass

We also loved seeing so many of these 'saints in the making' join us for the recent **Mass for Respect Life and Disability Awareness Month** on October 12th. We are pleased to share the inspiring homily by Bishop Michael Burbidge below. A special thank you to **Holy Spirit Catholic Church** for hosting a wonderful brunch and to the **Catholic Herald** for covering the event and sharing our mission with the wider Diocese.



[Link to Homily](#)

Mass Photos (Courtesy: Catholic Herald)







Catholic Herald Article

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge celebrated a Mass for Respect Life Month and Persons with Disabilities at Holy Spirit Church in Annandale Oct. 12. Individuals with disabilities assisted with the liturgy, serving as greeters, readers and gift bearers.

Continue reading at link below.

[Link to Article](#)

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This event is for teens and young adults with disabilities, their families, and friends.



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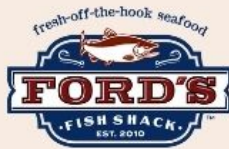
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**5:30PM/MASS
6:30PM/RECEPTION**

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