

REMINDER REGARDING SCAM EMAIL AND PHONE CALLS

This is just a friendly reminder as it has become more and more frequent that people are receiving fake emails requesting money, gift cards, etc. from someone pretending to be a person that you know. Unfortunately, many of these emails tend to come in the form of a Gmail account pretending to be the Bishop. While, the Diocesan I.T. Department has zero control over which email accounts are created through Google, it's important to identify these fake email accounts, and remember that the Bishop (or any Diocesan employee for that matter) will **not** handle business through an email address that is not part of the Richmond Diocese domain (@richmonddioocese.org).

These scams continue to be perpetuated because they continue to work. We ask that you do not reply to such emails, click on links within those emails or download content in them. If you receive help requests that you think are legitimate, verify that the person is legitimate **by calling them directly on another known valid number**. Don't ask the emailer for information or a call. Find an offline method of correspondence that you and that person have used in the past to talk with each other. As stated, please be sure to always call the office at 804-693-5939 if you receive any emails or phone calls to verify with the staff.



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Have you ever turned around to someone at home and said, "What?" Only to have them say, "I didn't say anything." Most of the time we just shrug that off, right? Can you imagine Samuel sleeping in his room? Three times, he heard someone calling him. Finally, it dawned on him. God was calling him! AS we near the beginning of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, take some time to be still, to be quiet and listen to the Lord. Listen to what He is saying and how you will support the Annual Diocesan Appeal this year.