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# Brotherhood of St. Andrew Annual Report to the Diocese of Virginia November 2025

The mission of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BStA) is to bring men and youth to Christ. We seek to introduce our men's ministry to all parishes in The Episcopal Church and Worldwide Anglican Communion. Our vision is to inspire, empower, and equip men and boys to fulfill the Great Commission through the disciplines of prayer, Bible Study and service.

#### Overview

Within the Diocese of Virginia (DoV), over 100 BStA members in good standing are part of church chapters and members-at-large (i.e., members in good standing who cannot practically become affiliated with an active Chapter).

### **Parish Engagement and Support**

BStA chapters provide support to their congregations, which include such actions as:

- A. St. Stephens-Culpeper staffed the annual church picnic.
- B. <u>Trinity-Fredericksburg</u>: (1) made donations to the Trinity parish food pantry and school lunch program (Blessings in a Backpack); (2) staffed the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Trinity Sunday Picnic, and Italian Dinner; and (3) sponsored an outing to a local minor league baseball team game for over 50 parishioners, their families and friends.

## **Community Involvement**

BStA chapters are involved in their respective communities with such activities as:

- A. <u>The St. Stephens-Culpeper Chapter</u>: (1) sponsored a coat drive/collection and drop off to social services; and (2) served and made meals at the local heat shelter.
- B. The Trinity Chapter-Fredericksburg: (1) participated in and donated to *The Coldest Night of the Year Walk*, a family-friendly fundraising walk organized by Micah Ecumenical Ministries to support individuals experiencing hunger, hurt, and homelessness.; and (2) partnered with the Trinity St. Jane Order of the Daughters of the King to donate to a school supply drive for LUCHA Ministries. "Lucha" is the Spanish word for "struggle." LUCHA Ministries advances housing as a human right by empowering communities particularly the Latino and Spanish-speaking populations through advocacy, affordable housing development, and community building.

#### Conclusion

Looking ahead, Brothers Andrew in the Diocese of Virginia plan to continue parish engagement and support and community involvement, as well as strengthen Brotherhood membership.

Respectfully submitted,

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