



REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

I write today with an update and reminder of information that has previously been shared. As the days continue forward, I will keep sending you information, updates and clarifications as we navigate this challenging time.

Presbyteral Conferences

The Presbyteral Conference times scheduled for this Thursday, March 19 from 1 p.m – 3 p.m will not occur as in-person meetings. Should you wish to meet with the archbishop by phone during this time on Thursday, please be in touch with Deirdre Schmutz at schmutzd@adw.org or phone 301-853-4420 to set up an appointment.

Pastoral Care for the Sick

A reminder in pastoral care of the sick, please make sure to follow all protocols recommended by health professionals. In the event that you are asked to anoint someone with the coronavirus, the Code of Canon Law permits the use of an instrument (CIC 1000 §2), for example, a cotton swab. In such case, the used instrument should not come in contact again with the oil stock and should be disposed of in a reverent manner. In case of necessity, a single anointing on the forehead or on any other part of the body with the entire sacramental form (“Through this holy anointing... May the Lord who frees you from sin...”) suffices (CIC 1000 §1; PCS, 23). For any further clarification, please contact Rev. Martino Choi, Director of the Office of Worship (ChoiM@adw.org, 301-853-4595).

Confirmations

Any Confirmation scheduled to occur through April 15 is postponed at this time. We will update you in the coming weeks.

Financial Concerns

A reminder to Pastors that should your parish/school find increasing difficulty in meeting payroll and financial obligations, please be in touch with Ms. Adrienne Willich, Executive Director of Parish and School Financial Operations at willich@adw.org or 301-853-5373.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

Know that the archdiocesan website is being updated regularly with information, in English and Spanish, for you and the faithful. I encourage you to continue to share the website adw.org/coronavirus, which includes a link to find a listing of live stream Masses and prayers adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office and the Pastoral Center, please let us know. Please be assured of my prayers for you.

Sincerely in Christ
Reverend Daniel B. Carson
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