



REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

Please see below the update for today. As we continue to navigate this challenging time, I will keep you informed.

Parish Financial Assistance

The Archdiocese is ready to provide financial support to our parishes to enable them to continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and minister to the people in our community. This financial support includes potential suspension of various assessments and fees as well as potential loans to parishes that would be repaid when public Masses resume. Please follow the link [here](#) for more information about the criteria the Moderator will use to assess the relative financial needs of the parishes. Included you will see the priorities and criteria that will be used to assess the relative financial needs of the parishes and to prioritize the granting of financial support and also find the document to be submitted by those parishes requesting financial assistance. Should you have questions about this process please contact Ms. Adrienne Willich at willicha@adw.org

Guidance from Human Resources Regarding Staffing

The Office of Human Resources has developed guidelines and recommendations to assist pastors in making difficult staffing decisions during this time. All of the employment related materials have been posted on the Clergy Only website, linked [here](#).

Teleconference for Pastors, Principals and Bookkeepers

Pastors, principals and bookkeepers are invited to a [conference call on Monday, March 30th at 3pm](#) to hear an overview and ask questions about the archdiocese guidance regarding both the Parish Financial Assistance and the HR Guidance on Staffing. I strongly encourage pastors to attend. Please dial: 301-298-1561; conference code: 690225 *

Weddings without a Marriage License

Many marriage license offices are closed. It is possible to perform a sacramental marriage without a marriage license. We will provide details on the process in my e-mail to you on Monday.

Government Relief Efforts

Both the archdiocesan Office of General Counsel and the Office of Human Resources are finalizing their review of the recently announced governmental relief efforts. Next week we will provide more detailed guidance on resources that will be available to the archdiocese, our employees, parishes, and affiliated ministries. Some of the procedures to apply for these benefits/programs are still being developed at the governmental level, and we will continue to analyze and provide further updates promptly.

FORMED.org Online Catholic Resource Platform

The 40-day offer previously mentioned is available via the link [here](#).

We checked on how this works and wanted to give you more information about the offer. To get the free offer you must enter credit card information. Please note that the site has a disclaimer that states you will not be charged until after 40 days. If you scroll down below on the credit card information screen you will find the disclaimer. We recommend you set a reminder [before](#) the 40th day to cancel your subscription if you do not wish to start a paid subscription.

Liturgical Considerations for Holy Week

I wanted to share again with you linked [here](#) the guidelines and recommendations that are applicable to parish priests celebrating the Holy Week liturgies, along with commentary on their application. Should you have questions or comments about the plan at this point, please reach out to Fr. Martino Choi at choim@adw.org.

Use of MDLIVE – access to health care remotely

As previously communicated, <https://www.mdlive.com/> gives you secure access to health care from the convenience of your phone, computer or tablet. MD Live also provides behavioral health assistance through online counseling sessions. This is available to the clergy and employees who have health insurance through the Archdiocese of Washington. You can go to the website and register for MD Live now. That way your account will be ready to go if you need to contact a doctor. This is an excellent resource if you have a non-emergency medical need and are concerned about going to your doctor's office.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website in response to the coronavirus is 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.

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.

With deep appreciation for your priestly ministry, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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