



REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

Following is the update for today. Please be assured that we will continue to keep you informed.

Good Friday Solemn Intercession and Mass in Time of a Pandemic

Recently, the Congregation for Divine Worship published a version of the Good Friday Solemn Intercession that may be used. The previously published intercession from the USCCB may also be used. Linked [here](#) are both versions of the Solemn Intercession.

The Congregation for Divine Worship also has issued a new votive Mass text for "Mass in time of Pandemic:"

Linked [here](#) are the readings in English

Linked [here](#) are the reading in Spanish

Linked [here](#) are the Prayers for the Mass in multiple languages

This Mass can be used on any day during the pandemic except on solemnities, including Sundays of Lent, and Easter and Holy Week and the Easter Octave. With the approach of Holy Week and the Easter Octave, you might consider offering this Mass tomorrow or Saturday.

Resource for Making Phone Calls to Parishioners

We have received some requests from parishes for tips on how to best reach out to parishioners on the phone. Linked [here](#) is a resource in English and linked [here](#) in Spanish.

Catholic Charities Issues a Call to Serve Others with a Virtual Food Drive

These difficult times have brought new burdens for people across the Archdiocese of Washington. Catholic Charities is seeing an extraordinary increase in requests for food assistance, both from the thousands of people helped every year and the many in our region now facing food insecurity after losing their jobs. This virtual food drive will provide our neighbors access to the food they need. To help meet this need, Catholic Charities is holding a Holy Thursday Virtual Food Drive, going on from Thursday, April 9 through Saturday, April 11. To participate and donate please click this

link: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/holy-week-virtual-drive/>. Please share this information with your parishioners in a manner you deem appropriate.

Parish Financial Assistance

As a reminder, the Archdiocese is ready to provide financial support to our parishes. 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. Linked [here](#) is the form to apply for assistance. Should you have questions about this process please contact Ms. Adrienne Willich at willich@adw.org.

Human Resources and Staffing

Pastors are reminded that as you begin to make staffing adjustments (reduction of hours, furloughs, salary reductions), you should review the plan with the Office of Human Resources before implementing. Nanette Lowe (lowen@adw.org) and the Human Resources team are available to assist you through these difficult decisions.

Letters for Staff Working at Parishes

As a reminder, the Office of General Counsel has reviewed all recent local jurisdictional mandates and advises that essential employees that have to travel to work sites are not required to have a letter. If you feel a letter is necessary in a certain situation, the Moderator's office can assist you with guidance for the content of any letters you believe should be issued. Please contact me at carsond@adw.org or Terry Farrell at farrellt@adw.org.

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 ever, 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,
Reverend Daniel B. Carson
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia