



## REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

I write today to provide you updates and will continue to keep you informed as we navigate this challenging time.

### **Reconsecrating the United States to Mary, Mother of the Church**

Archbishop Jose Gomez, president of the U.S. bishops' conference, is inviting all U.S. bishops to join him on May 1 in reconsecrating the U.S. to the Blessed Virgin Mary in response to the pandemic. The reconsecration is timed to coincide with the bishops of Canada consecrating their own country to Mary at the same time.

Archbishop Gomez, who is the Archbishop of Los Angeles, said in a letter sent to all American bishops April 22 that the Marian reconsecration would be done under the title of "Mary, Mother of the Church." He invited all the bishops of the country to join him in prayer on May 1 at 3 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). Archbishop Gregory will be live streamed from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 3 p.m. this Friday, May 1.

"Every year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic," Archbishop Gomez said in his letter.

Additional information will be shared with you to share with your communities later in the week.

### **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 available at [adw.org/coronavirus](https://www.adw.org/coronavirus), which includes a link to find a listing of live stream Masses and prayers available at [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](https://www.adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/). The *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers are currently available online at [cathstan.org](https://www.cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](https://www.elpreg.org).

As ever, should you have questions or need assistance from my office or 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  
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