



REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

Please see today's update below and rest assured we shall continue to keep you informed.

Pastoral Resources from the Office of Catechesis – At-Home Parent/Child Confirmation Retreat

With the postponed celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation, you may want to keep students engaged in sacramental preparation with a family based retreat. This retreat can be sent to families in its entirety, or using specific lessons. Linked [here](#) is the resource in English and linked [here](#) in Spanish. This information was also shared with DREs earlier today. Sara Blauvelt (blauvelts@adw.org) is happy to discuss potential ways to use this resource.

Marriage Preparation Resources Update

In order to help couples with their preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, the Office for Family Life is offering online marriage preparation sessions this May. Sessions consist of four two-hour sessions.

Because the in-person classes previously scheduled (and full) were cancelled due to the stay at home directives, those couples were transitioned to the online classes and at this point the online English language courses are full. Please inform us if you know of a need for additional online English classes and we will schedule more sessions.

The Spanish language cohorts have availability and the class information is listed below:

Cohort 1

Session 1: Wednesday, May 6: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Session 2: Friday, May 8: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Session 3: Wednesday, May 13: 7:00pm-9:00 pm

Session 4: Friday, May 15: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Cohort 2

Session 1: Wednesday, May 20: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Session 2: Friday, May 22: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Session 3: Wednesday, May 27: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Session 4: Friday, May 29: 7:00pm-9:00pm

For couples getting married in the Fall, we plan to offer in person sessions, if permitted. A full list of the ADW in-person sessions can be found [here](#). We also recommend the multilingual online program linked [here](#). For more information or questions, please visit visiblesign.org or contact Carla Ferrando-Bowling, Director, Office of Family Life, at visiblesign@adw.org or at 301-853-4546.

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, which includes a link to find a listing of live stream Masses and prayers available at adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers. The *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers are currently available online at cathstan.org and 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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