



REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

Please find today's update below, and be assured we will continue to keep you informed during this challenging time.

State of Maryland Proclamation for Moment of Prayer and Reflection

Governor Hogan has declared a proclamation linked [here](#) asking everyone on Sunday, April 5 at Noon to take a moment of prayer and reflection for everyone impacted by the coronavirus.

Resources for Holy Week

The Archdiocesan website has been updated to include a special page dedicated to **Holy Week**. On this website, you will find pastoral resources for Holy Week as well as live stream information on Archbishop Gregory's Holy Week liturgies including worship aids for each liturgy. Additionally, linked [here](#) is a resource created to help promote the Holy Week liturgies. Please share the Holy Week web page and graphic on your website, social media, or email communication to parishioners.

Special Initiative on ADW Website

Archbishop Gregory is launching a special initiative to drive support to our parishes during this challenging time. View a video message to the faithful linked [here](#).

A new website, adw.org/parish, is now a part of the archdiocesan website where parishioners will be able to find and donate directly to a *parish's own* online giving page and/or support the archdiocesan Needy Parish Fund.

For parishes without an online giving option, the Office of Development worked with GiveCentral to create temporary pages for parishioners to support their parish – 100% of funds collected on these temporary pages will be forwarded to the parish. The adw.org/parish page will be updated daily to replace the temporary GiveCentral pages with the new parish giving pages as those parishes come online. The Office of Development will be promoting adw.org/parish to the entire archdiocesan active database via email, direct mail and voice messaging over the next two weeks.

Additionally, here are a few resources to assist in your own development efforts if you so desire: Linked [here](#) is a telephone script; Linked [here](#) is a sample email; and linked [here](#) is a telephone script for reaching out to major donors.

Should you need assistance with your online giving page or provider, please contact Elizabeth Shaughney, Director of Stewardship, at shaughneye@adw.org or

Adrienne Willich, Executive Director of Parish and School Finance,
at willich@adw.org.

A Message from Holy Cross Health to Archbishop Gregory

We have been working with a team at Holy Cross Health in helping us in our response to the current situation. They recently wrote to the archbishop and I wanted to share some words of gratitude they expressed for our spiritual care to the hospitals: "With some adaptations, chaplains have been unwavering in providing spiritual care to patients and staff. We are thankful for the guidance you have been offering priests in supporting the sacramental ministries in our local hospitals. The grit of our healing ministers is unfaltering. They have certainly leaned into their call to care for the sick and dying. May God give them every grace and blessing to answer this call. We are counting on your prayers."

Priest Salary and Benefits

We have been getting questions from priests about whether they can reduce their pay or suspend their expense advance as a way to help save funds for their parish. Priests may voluntarily reduce their salary or suspend their expense advance during this challenging time. Should a priest wish to do so they need to simply send an e-mail to the Moderator's office for approval. You can e-mail the request to Terry Farrell at farrellt@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

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