



REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

Restriction on Not Holding Public Masses is Still in Effect

On Wednesday, May 13 both the District of Columbia and Maryland provided an update on the current Stay at Home order.

The District of Columbia has extended the Stay at Home order through June 8, 2020. The State of Maryland has moved to a Safer-At-Home Public Health Advisory effective May 15, 2020 at 5 pm. This Maryland advisory will allow for certain businesses and houses of worship to open with restrictions.

Furthermore, Governor Hogan has authorized the counties of the state to determine when they are able to move to the new advisory and begin lessening current restrictions. Many of the county governments are holding meetings today to determine the plan for their locality. Some counties are expected to keep the Stay at Home restrictions in place due to their current situation with the coronavirus. We also continue to coordinate with our surrounding dioceses as we take steps to move forward together.

The restriction on not holding public Masses is still in place until further notice.

We continue to put plans and resources together for when we can resume public Masses and to do so in an orderly, safe, and well-communicated manner. It is our hope to communicate soon to you a timeline for when public Masses can resume so you can plan accordingly.

We will be sending more detailed guidance to you over the next few days to help you start preparing for next steps and to assist you in communicating to the faithful.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am

Sincerely in Christ,
Reverend Daniel B. Carson
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Thursday, May 14, 2020