



## REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

I write this afternoon to provide you updates. As a follow-up to this morning's message, I will be providing you tomorrow with the resources and worship guidelines to be used for preparing for when we resume public Masses, as well as issuing the target timeline when this will begin.

### Update on Issuance of Marriage Licenses

In Maryland, Governor Hogan has issued an **executive order** which allows for the issuance of marriage licenses in all cases by suspending the state's requirement that applications be made in person. Couples may now submit signed marriage applications by mail, courthouse drop box, or email. The period of validity of the license is tolled, and those who officiate at a marriage ceremony may deliver a marriage certificate to the couple by mail, email, or other electronic format. The Maryland court offices remain closed to the public currently through June 5, 2020. Couples should seek more information from their respective localities, as follows:

**Calvert** -- call 410-535-1600 ext. 2269

**Charles** -- call 301-932-3308

**Prince George's** -- call 301-952-3331

**St. Mary's** -- call 301-475-7844

**Montgomery** -- call 240-777-9460

With the **Stay at Home Order** in the District extended through June 8, courts there remain closed to the public. The **D.C. Marriage Bureau** is continuing to operate **remotely** in receiving and processing marriage applications, with a representative of the clerk's office contacting couples to complete the process. The application is available **here**.

### 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 gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Reverend Daniel B. Carson  
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia