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VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

I write today to provide you updates. I will continue to keep you informed during this challenging time.

Message from Archbishop Gregory on His First Year Anniversary

Please see the message linked [here](#).

Pastoral Resources from the Office of Catechesis

The Office for Catechesis has developed, and is sharing with parish leaders, an At-Home Vacation Bible School resource for families. You can find this resource linked [here](#) in English and [here](#) in Spanish. This resource can be used in a variety of different models depending on parish needs and level of engagement. Sara Blauvelt (blauvelts@adw.org) is available to discuss implementation models with you and/or your staff if you would like.

Best Practices for Parish Food Pantries

We know that many of our parish food pantries are experiencing an increased demand during this time. It is important that our parishes continue this vital charitable work. To ensure that best practices for social distancing are being implemented to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, we have developed a checklist for processing drop off donations and distribution of goods.

Parishes must follow all local, state and federal guidelines for gatherings during COVID-19.

Drop Off of Donations

- Parish food banks must ensure that staff and volunteers are not displaying symptoms (fever, coughing, etc.)
- One suggestion is to have a volunteer hold a sign stating: "Food donations can ONLY be accepted if they are placed in the trunk for a volunteer to receive."
- PPE *must* be worn for the protection of all (face masks, gloves, etc.)
- People dropping off items *must* not leave their car, *must* keep their windows rolled up, and *must* have items in their trunk for the ease of the volunteers
- Social distancing *must* be practiced (6 feet between volunteers)

Distribution of Goods

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Should follow similar standards of safety measures as drop off of donations, including:

- Parish food banks *must* ensure that staff and volunteers are not displaying symptoms (fever, coughing, etc.)
- PPE *must* be worn for the protection of all (face masks, gloves, etc.)

For parishes that have the ability to do a drive-up food distribution:

- People picking up food *must* not leave their car, *must* keep their windows rolled up, and *must* have items placed in their trunk for the ease of the volunteers

For parishes that have a walk-in pantry and cannot do a drive through food distribution:

- Social distancing *must* be practiced (6 feet between volunteers and clients), limited number of clients in the pantry at a time and face masks must be worn at all times.

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
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