



## REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

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.

### **Faculty to Administer Sacrament of Confirmation**

As a follow-up to this past Wednesday's update, please find linked [here](#) the decree granting pastors and parochial administrators the faculty to administer the sacrament of Confirmation. Please make note of the directions in the decree of how the Confirmation needs to be recorded in the Confirmation register. In light of this decree, you do not need to submit the form to ask permission that is usually required.

### **Jurisdictional Restrictions**

As previously communicated, there are still restrictions in place in the District of Columbia, Prince George's County, and Montgomery County for houses of worship. We are working with the leadership of these three jurisdictions trying to find an avenue to allow houses of worship to open to the level specified in Governor Hogan's Stage I reopening plan. We will update you in a timely way on any progress.

### **Health and Safety Information Resources For Parishes**

As we continue to prepare to resume public celebration of liturgies in several of the archdiocesan jurisdictions, it will be important that the Faithful be reminded to maintain proper social distancing. The [CDC website](#) has several free downloadable and printable posters and handouts that parishes can use to remind people of social distancing practices. Some of these resources are linked below for your convenience, and additional languages are available on the CDC website.

"Please Wear a Cloth Face Covering"

[English](#), [Spanish](#)

"Symptoms of COVID-19"

[English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Simplified Chinese](#)

"Know the Facts About COVID-19"

[English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#), [Simplified Chinese](#)

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"Stop the Spread of Germs"

**English, Spanish, French, Simplified Chinese**

"Guidance for Large or Extended Families Living in Close Quarters"

**English, Spanish, French, Simplified Chinese**

### **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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