

Dear Brother Priest,

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

A Letter to the Faithful from Archbishop Gregory

The Spanish version of Archbishop Gregory's Letter to the Faithful is now available. Linked <u>here</u> is the English version and linked <u>here</u> is the Spanish version. Please distribute to your community in the way you deem appropriate.

Updated News for Prince George's County

<u>Prince George's County has announced</u> that it will advance to its next phase on Monday, June 29, 2020. As noted in the attached <u>executive</u> <u>order</u>, **starting on Monday**, June 29, houses of worship may operate up to 50% capacity for **indoor religious services** (or 250 persons for outdoor services), with social distancing and other precautions.

For other large gatherings (not religious services), including any social or community gatherings that may be held on parish grounds, the County has increased capacity to 1 person/household per every 200 s.f. of space, up to a maximum of 100 persons (e.g., a 10,000 s.f. parish hall could accommodate up to 50 people/households, with no more than 100 persons at any one time). The Executive Order also eases prior restrictions on childcare centers, camps, youth sports, and other activities.

Please contact the Office of the General Counsel at <u>legaladmin@adw.org</u> if you should have any questions regarding the use of parish property for parish events, camps, or facilities rentals.

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 <u>adw.org/coronavirus</u>, which includes a link to find a listing of live stream Masses and prayers available at <u>adw.org/live-streamed-</u> <u>masses-and-prayers/</u>. The *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers are currently available online at <u>cathstan.org</u> and <u>elpreg.org</u>. 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