



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.

Archbishop Gregory Statements

Linked [here](#) in English and [here](#) in Spanish is Archbishop Gregory's statement concerning the event held at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine earlier today.

Also included again for your review is the Archbishop's May 31 statement reference to the death of George Floyd, in which he states about the protests, 'We must non-violently and constructively work together to heal and build the "Beloved Community" that was spoken about by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.' The May 31 statement is linked [here](#) in English and [here](#) in Spanish.

Archbishop Gregory to Participate in Online Dialogue at Georgetown University

Archbishop Gregory will participate in an Online Dialogue with the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University this Friday, June 5, from 12 noon - 1 p.m. EDT to discuss "Racism in Our Streets and Structures - A Test of Faith, A Crisis for Our Nation."

More detailed information and registration for this Zoom live-streamed discussion can be found [here](#).

Prayer Resource from the Office of Catechesis

Inspired by the words of Archbishop Gregory, the Office for Catechesis has developed a Prayer Resource for Racial Healing linked [here](#) for Catholics across the archdiocese to join in prayer in this time of unrest.

Jurisdictional Restrictions

Restrictions remain in place in the District of Columbia, Prince George's County, and Montgomery County for houses of worship, and public Masses continue to be suspended. We are working hard to get these jurisdictions to allow houses of worship to open to the level specified in Governor Hogan's Stage 1 level for reopening. I share with you here our recent communication sent to the leaders of these jurisdictions. The letter to Mayor Bowser linked [here](#); the letter to County Executive Alsobrooks linked [here](#); and the letter to County Executive

Elrich linked [here](#). We are having discussions with the leadership over the next couple of days and hope to report back progress and a sense of time line.

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