



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 as we navigate this challenging time.

Area COVID testing sites

State and local authorities in Maryland and the District of Columbia are recommending that “anyone who needs a COVID test” should get one. Active COVID testing is typically conducted by a nasal swab. Antibody testing to determine if a person has already had the virus and recovered is conducted by a blood draw. Linked [here](#) is more information on testing locations.

COVID-19 Notification and Confidentiality

This is a reminder that if you or one of your staff or parishioners that have attended a service at the parish recently reports testing positive to COVID-19, please contact Nanette Lowe at lowen@adw.org. She can walk through with you next steps and how to notify the community. Secondly, the name of the person testing positive should be kept confidential.

Second Collections

Please find linked here the schedule for the [National Second Collections](#) published in May 2020. Please note the change in dates for the Collections for the Holy Land, Peter's Pence and the Catholic University of America due to the virus. Due to changes in the collection schedule, envelopes previously ordered by the parishes may not match the revised schedule. We do not recommend reordering envelopes, but simply announcing the collections during Mass. Thank you for your generosity during these challenging economic times. For resources promoting these collections, visit: www.usccb.org/about/national-collections. For questions regarding accounting for National Collections, contact Adrienne Willich, Executive Director of Parish and School Financial Operations, WillichA@adw.org.

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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