

Dear Brother Priest,

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

Death of Reverend Christopher Posch, O.F.M., Pastor of St. Camillus Church

With sorrow, I announce the death of Reverend Christopher Posch, O.F.M. on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Holy Cross Hospital. Fr. Posch was named the Pastor of St. Camillus Church in 2016. He was 58 years old.

Linked <u>here</u> is a profile of Fr. Posch which was prepared by the Franciscans in honor of Fr. Posch's 25th anniversary as a priest in 2015.

As is our custom, I request that you offer or have offered three Masses for the repose of the soul of Father Posch.

Face Coverings During Mass

Now that all parishes have resumed the celebration of public Masses, I take this opportunity to remind all priests of the previously issued guidance from the *Guidelines* for the Public Celebration of Mass and Holy Communion Outside of Mass which are linked here in English and here in Spanish. We have been receiving some calls and emails with concerns about clergy and others not following the instructions on wearing of masks. The following is a reminder of these instructions:

All members of the assembly and all ministers, except the priest-celebrant, are to wear face coverings at all times while in church.

If the Priest-celebrant has elected not to wear a face covering during Mass, he**must** put on a face covering for the distribution of Communion.

It is important in this time to communicate with your communities the requirement to wear face coverings while attending Mass.

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