

Dear Brother Priest,

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

Rescheduling of Postponed Confirmations

For parishes that have had a previously scheduled Confirmation postponed and that would still prefer the previously scheduled bishop to celebrate the Confirmation, please contact the individual Bishop's Office by Friday, September 4, 2020 to coordinate a possible rescheduling. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Deacon John Class, Director of the Office of Worship, at <u>ClassJ@adw.org</u>.

Parish Food Pantry Grants

In late July, the Archdiocesan Office of Social Concerns announced the opportunity for all parish based food pantries to apply for grant funding through the newly formed *Parish Pantry Support Program*. The program was created to meet the increased demand and necessity of parish food pantries to respond to the COVID 19 pandemic.

After four weeks, the Parish Pantry Support Program has worked with 29 parishes and their food pantry program. A total of \$92,700 has been awarded for an average distribution of \$3,196. This program has already benefitted the charitable works of the archdiocese.

Due to the continued needs, the Office of Social Concerns is moving forward to consider second-round applications and disbursement of funds to parishes. Linked **here** is the application for consideration to the funding process. Please return the completed application to the Director of the Office of Social Concerns, Genevieve Mougey at **mougeyg@adw.org**. If you have any questions, please email Genevieve and she will be back in touch with you.

Thank you for this opportunity to collaborate together to serve the people of the archdiocese.

Election Webinars

An important Election Webinar will be conducted for staff and deacons (Wednesday, August 26th at 1:30 p.m., Registration Link <u>here</u>) and for priests (Thursday, August 27th at 10:00 a.m., Registration Link <u>here</u>) to discuss critical issues about

communications during the upcoming election season. If you have not done so, I hope you will make the time to register for this webinar, and encourage your staff who is involved with communications to participate in this important discussion.

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-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