



REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON

VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA

Dear Brother Priest,

I write today to provide you updates. It has come to our attention that the previous update went into the spam folder of many of our priests, so I include again here the items from Monday's update. I will continue to keep you informed as we navigate this challenging time.

Archbishop Gregory to Celebrate Mass of Peace and Justice on Friday, August 28

Tomorrow, Friday Aug. 28 at 4 p.m., Archbishop Wilton Gregory will celebrate a Mass of Peace and Justice in honor of the 57th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington.

The Faithful are invited to watch the live streamed Mass from St. Matthew's Cathedral, linked [here](#).

Auxiliary Bishops Mario Dorsonville, Roy E. Campbell, and Michael Fisher will concelebrate the Mass, which is being organized by the Archdiocese of Washington's Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach and the Secretariat of Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns (PMSOC).

Linked [here](#) is the program for the Mass.

At the 1963 March on Washington, Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle -- who began integrating parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Washington shortly after becoming the archbishop of Washington in 1948 -- offered the invocation before Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Cardinal O'Boyle retired in 1973 and died in 1987.

Parish Ministry Reopening Guidelines

The Office of Catechesis and the Office of Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns have developed the *Parish Ministry Reopening Plan and Guidelines*. The document, linked [here](#) in English and linked [here](#) in Spanish, along with a bilingual summary poster linked [here](#) are designed to support Pastors and parish ministry leaders in the safe return to in-person ministry. Utilizing the social-distancing requirements and other health and safety guidelines contained in this resource, parishes can effectively plan for ministry and faith formation in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The guidelines apply to all parish ministries including, but not limited to, parish religious education, youth ministry, RCIA, adult formation, Bible study groups, women and men's ministry, etc. For specific ministerial questions, contact Sara Blauvelt in the Office for Catechesis at blauvelts@adw.org or Deborah McDonald in the Office of Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns at mcdonald@adw.org.

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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 [**ClassJ@adw.org**](mailto:ClassJ@adw.org).

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 [**mougeyq@adw.org**](mailto:mougeyq@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.

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**](http://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/**](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/). The *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers are currently available online at [**cathstan.org**](http://cathstan.org) and [**elpreg.org**](http://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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