



**REVEREND DANIEL B. CARSON**

**VICAR GENERAL AND MODERATOR OF THE CURIA**

Dear Brother Priest,

I write today to share with you the following statement being released today, August 1<sup>st</sup>, from the archdiocese regarding the reopening of Catholic schools:

**Statement from the Office of Catholic Schools**  
**Regarding Montgomery County Directive Prohibiting The Opening of Private**  
**Schools**

*Archbishop Wilton Gregory and the Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Washington have been working with school pastors and principals to finalize and approve individual Catholic school reopening plans. These models include virtual at-home academic instruction, in-person academic instruction, and a blended model that includes both virtual and in-person instruction for our students. Great care has been taken by our school leaders to create reopening plans that follow all current state and national guidelines for reopening schools.*

*Archdiocese of Washington leadership is currently reviewing the Montgomery County Health Department directive that has been issued to non-public schools as well as Governor Hogan's statements and will evaluate to decide how best to proceed for our students and our entire community.*

*"The Archdiocese of Washington continues to have the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and parents uppermost in mind and heart as we make our decisions regarding the reopening of our Catholic schools," says Washington Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory. "We will continue to strive to be both good citizens as well as to be faithful to our religious principles, pastoral mission, and our obligations to our families."*

Additional information will be shared with pastors of schools in the coming days by Ms. Kelly Branaman, Interim Superintendent for Catholic Schools. Ms. Branaman can be reached at [\*\*branamank@adw.org\*\*](mailto:branamank@adw.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 service, I am  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Reverend Daniel B. Carson  
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

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