



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.

Message Concerning Consistory on November 28

What an historic day Sunday, October 25, 2020 was in the history of the Archdiocese of Washington! Archbishop Gregory being named among the thirteen bishops and priests that Pope Francis will elevate to the College of Cardinals on November 28, 2020 is a blessing to this local Church.

In most years, for those who would wish to do so, such an occasion typically involved travel planning, pilgrimage arrangements, tickets to the Consistory, and invitations to other events planned in Rome to celebrate with the new Cardinal.

Cardinal-designate Gregory is deeply humbled by his appointment and the overwhelming amount of prayers, support and congratulations he has received since the announcement. The Cardinal-designate would love nothing more than to have, in Rome with him for this occasion, the many faithful that he has been blessed to shepherd in his over 35 years as a bishop.

However, in recognizing the importance of health and safety concerns that are still ever most in the minds of all of us as we continue to live through this Covid-19 pandemic, the Archdiocese of Washington will not be providing tickets or coordinating any travel to Rome for the Consistory on November 28, 2020.

This decision, while a difficult one, takes into consideration the health of all of those who would want to travel in support of Cardinal-designate Gregory. I ask that all of us continue to pray for an end to this virus and pray particularly for those who have been impacted by the virus.

In time, when the virus has been brought under control, the Archdiocese will schedule and plan events locally that are befitting of our shepherd, Cardinal-designate Gregory.

Voting Leave – Policy 540

As announced at the Elections Webinar on August 26, 2020, the Archdiocese has updated its time-off benefits policy for Voting Leave. Effective with the next

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pay period beginning October 25, 2020, employees are eligible to request up to 2 hours of employer paid time off to vote in a local, state, or national election. Employees are required to request this time off in CHRIS and choose VOTE.

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 on-line at cathstan.org and elpreg.org.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office and 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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