



## 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.

### **Resources to Celebrate the Elevation of Cardinal-Designate Gregory to the College of Cardinals**

The following resources are offered to assist you and your parishes in celebrating and engaging in the elevation of Cardinal-Designate Gregory to the College of Cardinals. Please share with your staff and your communities in the way you determine is best.

### **Columns by Cardinal-Designate Gregory - in his own words -- about being named a Cardinal:**

- <https://cathstan.org/voices/cardinal-designate-wilton-gregory/on-being-named-a-cardinal-by-pope-francis>
- <https://cathstan.org/news/us-world/cardinal-designate-gregory-offers-special-message-as-he-departs-for-consistory>

### **Catechetical bilingual resources:**

- Prayer for Cardinal-Designate Gregory – linked **here**

### **Informational resources for adults:**

- Bishop, Archbishop, Cardinal – linked **here**
- Holy Orders – linked **here**
- The Zucchetto – linked **here**
- Steps to the Consistory – linked **here**

### **Resources for children/youth/family:**

- Called to Love and Serve – linked **here**
- Marked to Love and Serve – a Confirmation resource – linked **here**
- We Have a New Cardinal – linked **here**
- Family Consistory Celebration – linked **here**

## **Ministerial Ongoing Opportunities for Thanksgiving**

In gratitude for this gift to our local Church, continue to celebrate and acknowledge the momentous event.

The following parish opportunities focus on thanksgiving and justice:

- Recognize and offer prayers of thanks for the gift of Black Catholics – our family and friends in faith – that came before Cardinal Gregory, who have made made this moment possible. November is Black Catholic History Month.
- Celebrate this moment with service to others. Donate to parish food pantries, selected ADW charities, highlight key Justice/Advocacy work of the Cardinal and how parishioners can get involved.
- Learn more about the call to the Justice/Advocacy work of the Cardinal highlighted in the *Fratelli Tutti* study/prayer resource guide linked **here**

**Highlight the special collaboration of Cardinal Gregory and the Holy Father through these relationship-building strategies for the seasons of Advent and Christmas:**

- As a parish, commit to pray for Cardinal Gregory and the Holy Father throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas- that they have the grace and strength to bring the Good News of Christ to the world in a challenging time.
- Stay close to parishioners, even with increased stay-at-home restrictions - call parishioners, listen to them, and pray with them.
- Get others involved. Encourage heads of ministry to help in sending celebration notes/cards through Flocknote texts and emails to parishioners, etc.
- Find creative ways to celebrate Advent and Christmas traditions as a parish family.
- Bring the Eucharist to parishioners who cannot come to Mass.

## **Watching Events in Rome**

We will be providing guidance early next week on how to watch the Vatican live stream of both the Consistory on November 28 and the Mass with Pope Francis at the Altar of the Chair in Saint Peter's Basilica on November 29.

## **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](https://www.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/](https://www.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](https://www.cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](https://www.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,  
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Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia