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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.

Cardinal-designate Gregory Consistory Resources

This Saturday, November 28, Pope Francis will elevate Cardinal-designate Wilton Gregory and 12 other prelates from around the world to the College of Cardinals. While the COVID-19 pandemic has changed many aspects of this historic day, the event will be viewable via a livestream link and on cable television.

Watch the Consistory Live from the Vatican

10 a.m. Eastern time (4 p.m. Rome Time)

Vatican Media Live English Channel on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCDr9ft0Ym4>

or on

the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

The event will also be shared on the Archdiocese of Washington [home page](#), and the archdiocesan [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages. Please follow these accounts for daily alerts, articles, and updates on the Consistory.

A dedicated [Rome Consistory](#) page on the archdiocesan website also provides viewing information, resources on the Consistory, and information about Cardinal-designate Gregory and his vocational journey. Please visit adw.org/rome-consistory/ to learn more.

For more information about viewing the livestream, please see [here](#).

On Sunday, November 29, Pope Francis will celebrate Mass with the new cardinals for the First Sunday of Advent. The Mass will be livestreamed at 4 a.m. Eastern Time (10 a.m. Rome Time) on the Vatican Media Live English [Channel on YouTube](#) and on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to submit payer intentions which Cardinal Gregory will pray for at the altar of the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome on November 29. Prayer intentions may be submitted at adw.org/archdiocese-of-washington-prayer-requests/.

Please distribute the following resources widely in your communities.

Priest Wellness Survey

As you know, a few weeks ago, Cardinal-designate Gregory sent all of us a letter encouraging us during these times of COVID. In that letter, he also said that he had asked Msgr. Stephen Rossetti to conduct an anonymous survey of the psychological and spiritual wellness of the priests in the Archdiocese of Washington. This survey is voluntary. Msgr. Rossetti tells me that he has received over 100 of them back from you. Thank you to those who have returned them. If you have not returned it, and have been meaning to, this note is a gentle reminder that you can still send it back to Msgr. Rossetti. The more he receives, the better he will be able to provide meaningful results and assistance to all of us.

If you have any questions, or have misplaced your survey and would like a replacement, you can simply contact Fr. Anthony Lickteig at LickteigA@adw.org or Karen Sachs at SachsK@adw.org.

New DC Restrictions on Mass Attendance

On Monday, November 23, Mayor Bowser issued a new executive order, effective Wednesday, November 25, which reduces the maximum number of persons attending an indoor service at a house of worship to fifty (50) persons or fifty percent (50%), whichever is lower. Indoor gatherings (other than for religious services) are now capped at 10 persons, and outdoor gatherings (other than religious services) are now capped at 25 persons.

Please see the attached chart linked **here** for a summary of each jurisdiction's current legal restrictions.

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
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia