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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.

Resources and Webinar in Support of the ADW Anti-Racism Initiative Made in God's Image: Work and Pray to End the Sin of Racism

In support of the archdiocesan anti-racism initiative - *Made in God's Image: Work and Pray to End the Sin of Racism*, the Office for Catechesis has developed a catechetical resource packet for adults, youth and children. You may review the resource [here](#) in English and [here](#) in Spanish.

To help you consider how best to use this resource in your parish, the Office for Catechesis is hosting a webinar on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. This webinar will include a brief catechesis on the themes incorporated throughout the anti-racism lessons: dignity of the human person, common good, subsidiarity and solidarity. Priests, parish staff, and ministry leaders are encouraged to attend.

Registration for the Methodologies for Engaging with ADW Anti-Racism Resources webinar is available [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information for joining the webinar.

Update for Priests and Catholic Schools on New Travel Restrictions for the District

District Mayor Muriel Bowser has issued a new [executive order](#), effective November 9, 2020, regulating travel to the District. Please review the order at the link for the specific requirements.

The order formally authorizes – **but does not require** – churches, schools and other private institutions to ask visitors about their recent travel and demand they produce a record of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of arrival to the District as a condition of entry of the facilities. The right of institutions to enforce such other rules as they deem necessary for the safety of persons in their facilities or their care is also formally recognized and authorized.

The order further **requires** traveling District residents returning from any place other than Maryland, Virginia, or a low-risk state (less than 10 cases per 100,000 people) to either:

- Be tested within 3-5 days and get a negative result, while limiting daily activities in the meantime, or

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- Self-monitor for 14 days while limiting activities.

There are exceptions from self-quarantining for residents performing essential work and for essential activities.

Non-resident visitors coming from any state other than a low-risk area should:

- Be tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to arrival, and
- Be tested a second time within 3-5 days of arrival if they are staying for more than three days, and limit activities in the meantime.

If the pre-travel test is positive, or if the traveler has been in close contact with someone who has COVID, they may not travel to the District. Visitors who are unable to produce proof of a negative test result upon demand by District officials must self-quarantine for 14 days.

There are exceptions for Virginia and Maryland residents and for matters such as essential business and being in the District for less than 24 hours.

Suspicious Emails and IT Reminder

We have received calls and emails about fraudulent emails being received by people from a spam account using Archbishop Gregory's or other priests' names. Please note that the Archbishop will not communicate a need for assistance in this way. At this point we are unable to stop these emails as these fraudulent email accounts are outside of the ADW domain. Please be diligent in not responding to suspicious emails. Pastors and parish staff are asked to communicate this as well to parishioners.

Additionally, please keep IT Security in your minds. Pay special attention to suspicious emails. The Archdiocese is seeing an increase in spam and scams. The U.S. Attorney General is warning us about these coronavirus scams: Individuals and businesses selling fake cures for COVID-19 online and engaging in other forms of fraud; Phishing emails from entities posing as the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other health organizations; Malicious websites and apps that appear to share Coronavirus-related information to gain and lock access to your devices until payment is received; Seeking donations fraudulently for illegitimate or non-existent charitable organizations; Medical providers obtaining patient information for COVID-19 testing and then using that information to fraudulently bill for other tests and procedures.

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