



**Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson**

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Dear Brother Priest,

I write today to provide you with updates. I will continue to keep you informed as we navigate this challenging time.

### **Vaccination Plans By Jurisdiction**

Linked [here](#) is a chart that summarizes the plans for the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccination. Please note that jurisdictions are revising their plans each day. We will update you as we become aware of significant changes, as well as keep you informed of various avenues to qualify to receive the vaccination. For example, if you are a priest of a parish that participates in a school, whether as the school's administrator and/or teach in the school, you can be vaccinated within the priority category for teachers. You should be sure when your school is contacted to provide their list of teachers to the jurisdiction, you are included on the list.

### **Precautions Concerning Downtown DC**

There is a fair amount of chatter regarding potential disruptive events that might occur within the upcoming days in downtown Washington, D.C. leading up to the Inauguration. It is important to be prepared if your parish is located downtown, especially if located within the security perimeters that have been put in place including the many blocks surrounding the White House, U.S. Capitol, U.S. Supreme Court and the National Mall.

Each pastor can decide if they feel the need to cancel Masses and other in-person gatherings, as well as to close churches and parish offices. For those parishes within or near the security perimeters, it might be advisable at a minimum to close on the day of the Inauguration on Wednesday, January 20 and additionally, due to some chatter suggesting there might be events planned that could be disruptive later in the day on Sunday, January 17, consideration might be given to cancelling evening Masses on Sunday. However, do give consideration to other cancellations and closings you feel necessary based upon your particular location.

The situation is fluid, information continues to evolve and restrictions increase daily. For example, starting today within the security perimeter, many parking garages will be closed and on-street parking extremely limited or not available at

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all, and beginning on Saturday, Metro stations within the security perimeter will close until after the Inauguration. For areas where cars are allowed, you may be asked to present an ID and state your purpose in order to enter.

It is important to keep informed. The latest status is available at: <https://inauguration.dc.gov>. There are two alert systems in place for the District of Columbia that can be helpful in keeping informed. You can text INAUG2021 to 888-777 for text updates on public safety, street closures, weather alerts, transit updates, and more. And, you can also register for important alerts from the District by going to <https://hsema.dc.gov/page/alertdc> and clicking "Sign up for ALERTDC" and fill out the on-line forms.

### **Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website**

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see [adw.org/coronavirus](http://adw.org/coronavirus) for information related to the coronavirus, [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/) for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://elpreg.org) for the *Catholic Standard* and the Spanish-language *El Pregonero* newspapers.

As always, should you have questions or need assistance from my office and the Pastoral Center, please let us know.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson  
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