



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.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

For over 100 years, Christians worldwide have come together during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which annually takes place during January 18-25, ending on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity actively works with its ecumenical partners worldwide to encourage Christians to pray and perform acts of solidarity together during this week as a way to foster the unity of all Christians.

Cardinal Gregory has recorded a video for this occasion, which you may view [here](#).

You may wish to consider including one or both of these proposed intentions or something similar in your Prayers of the Faithful for Masses this coming weekend:

For unity among all Christians, that we may work together to bring about healing and promote reconciliation as a sign of God's kingdom, especially during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, let us pray to the Lord.

For Christian leaders, that through honest and fruitful dialogue, we may help to bring about unity and mutual love among all Christians, let us pray to the Lord.

Please contact Fr. Charles Cortinovis, Executive Director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at cortinovisc@adw.org with any questions.

Updated Time for Nationwide Covid-19 Memorial Prayer Service – 5 pm today

As it was communicated yesterday, Cardinal Gregory will deliver the Invocation at today's Nationwide COVID-19 Memorial Prayer Service. The Invocation will start at approximately 5:10 pm at the beginning of the prayer service.

All of the major TV stations (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, CNN, Univision) will begin their coverage of this event at 5 pm, EST.

9 Days of Life Novena

The USCCB has created free materials for the upcoming "9 Days for Life" novena that are now available in both English and Spanish in your parish's Flocknote Library. "9 Days for Life" is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Find more resources including graphics, social media posts and more for this event on their [website for leaders](#). If you use Flocknotes, you can visit [The Library](#) in your Flocknote account to explore these pre-made (but still editable) emails and texts that are ready to send to parishioners.

Recording of 2021 Annual Appeal Prep Session

If you did not have a chance to participate in a 2021 Annual Appeal prep session, a recording of the prep session may be found [here](#).

The Development Office has been planning new strategies for this year's Annual Appeal so we encourage you to review the recording. If you have any questions, you may contact Dave Cook, Director of the Annual Appeal, at cookd@adw.org or 202-725-7226.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see adw.org/coronavirus for information related to the coronavirus, adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/ for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and cathstan.org and 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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