



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.

Parish Evangelization Grants

This spring, the Archdiocese of Washington is continuing its Parish Evangelization Grant program to support parishes in implementing creative and invitational evangelization efforts. Parishes can apply for a grant up to \$3,000. Grant ideas could include outdoor community engagement events (e.g. movie nights, etc.), new mover mailings to parishioners and neighbors, evangelization training for parish leadership teams, tents for outdoor Mass, etc. [Click here](#) to learn more and to apply for a Spring 2021 grant.

Affirming Life Initiative

The Office of Life Issues and Department of Special Needs have revised materials for the Affirming Life Initiative, a program that offers resources and supports for pastors who are counseling parents through a challenging prenatal diagnosis.

The [Affirming Life Initiative Resource Guide](#) was created by the Department of Special Needs and the Office of Life Issues to provide practical supports for priests and pastoral workers. We recognize that many priests and lay ministers might be working with families who have received a difficult prenatal diagnosis, or who might be anticipating the birth of their child with significant disabilities. The guide is intended to provide resources, information, and support to your affirming life ministries. The Resource Guide is now available on the ADW website at : <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/family/affirming-life/>

Please contact the Office of Life Issues at windelsk@adw.org for more information.

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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