

Dear Brother Priest,

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

Letter to Priests from Cardinal Gregory

Linked here is a letter from Cardinal Gregory regarding the month of April being recognized as Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Month. Please note that the Cardinal's letter includes recommended options for petitions to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Regional Confirmation on June 5, 2021

Cardinal Gregory will celebrate a Regional Confirmation on June 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Should your parish wish to participate in this Regional Confirmation this year, please email the Liturgy Office at <u>liturgy@adw.org</u> by Friday, April 16 to indicate your desire for your parish to participate and include the number of young people to be Confirmed.

Confirmation/Meeting Request Forms for 2021-2022

The Confirmation/Meeting request links have been previously sent but I am sending again as a reminder to submit your requests.

It is that time of year again to complete the Confirmation and Calendar Requests for <u>2021-2022</u> (*July 2021 though June 2022*). Like last year, you are requested to complete the forms electronically. No additional letter is required.

Confirmation Request

Please complete the Confirmation Request Form <u>HERE</u> for your parish by May 1, 2021.

For scheduling purposes and in an effort to accommodate every parish, it is very important that your request is received no later than May 1, 2021.

Please note that there will be the opportunity for your parish to participate in a Regional Confirmation at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Cardinal Gregory will confirm these candidates on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting/Calendar Request

Please complete the Calendar Request Form <u>HERE</u> if your parish is hosting a special event or Mass at which you would like to request the presence of Cardinal Gregory, Cardinal Wuerl or an auxiliary bishop.

Again, for planning purposes, this form must be received by May 1, 2021. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request but please know that not every request can be honored.

At the end of the summer, you will be notified as to your scheduled date of Confirmation as well as any Calendar Requests you submitted.

If you have recently requested Cardinal Gregory to attend an event by way of Letter, Email or Memorandum for the period July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, it is requested that you submit a calendar request using the link above.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see <u>adw.org/coronavirus</u> for information related to the coronavirus, <u>adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/</u> for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and <u>cathstan.org</u> and <u>elpreg.org</u> 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 Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia