



Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Dear Brother Priest,

I write today to provide you with an update on the Worldwide Marian Prayer Gathering. Please note the time change.

Worldwide Marian Prayer Gathering – May 17 at Noon

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked for this month of May to be dedicated in a special way to pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic. In response to the Pope's call, the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization is organizing a month-long "marathon" of prayer in the principal Sanctuaries of the world.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception will take part in the marathon, and has been asked to lead the worldwide recitation of the Rosary on Monday, May 17 with the following special intention: "for world leaders and the heads of international organizations". Cardinal Gregory will lead this service from the Basilica at **12:00 p.m.** EDT. EWTN will be broadcasting this prayer service.

Further information about the initiative can be found at the website of the Pontifical Council at www.pcpne.va

Please share this information with your community in the way you determine is best.

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