



Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Dear Brother Priest,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

In celebration of the newly established World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Cardinal Gregory will celebrate the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle.

Pope Francis established the first annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly inviting parishes around the world to honor grandparents and our elderly. I invite you to share with your parishioners the following links:

Livestream of Cardinal Gregory's Mass from St. Matthew **[Here](#)**

Cardinal Gregory's video message for Grandparents and the Elderly World Day **[Here](#)**

As part of this year's celebration, each parish is invited to dedicate one Mass on Sunday, July 25 to honor grandparents and the elderly. The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has put together the following documents to help parishes with their celebration:

- The Pope's Message in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Liturgy Notes (Homily, Prayers of the Faithful, and Final Blessing) in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Official Prayer for the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Pastoral Guidelines (suggestions for: visiting grandparents and the elderly, ways to prepare the World Day with the elderly and with young people, remembering the elderly who died because of COVID-19, and a Plenary Indulgence) in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Social Media promotion for your parish website in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- Catholic Standard article for World Day of Grandparents **[Here](#)**

For more information on these or other resources, please visit the [Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life](#) or contact the Office of Family Life at visiblesign@adw.org.

HVAC Replacement at the Pastoral Center Reminder

A reminder that the Pastoral Center has begun the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system replacement. All of our offices have vacated the Pastoral Center building and are in the process of transitioning to our temporary Pastoral Center locations where we will be operating into the 1st quarter of 2022.

Cardinal Gregory's office is now fully operational at the Saint John Paul II Seminary.

The Department of Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns is fully operational at the Pope Francis Center on the campus of Saint Mary Parish, Landover Hills.

The Office of the Moderator of the Curia, Ministerial Leadership, Catholic Schools, Human Resources, and Legal will be fully operational at the Quinn Dormitory at the Catholic University of America, and other departments will be operating in a hybrid of in-person and remote. Our current goal is to have the operations at Quinn up and running by Monday, July 26th.

As a reminder, all of our office phone numbers, e-mail and computer systems of the Pastoral Center are fully functional, with the exception of a few days when the HVAC project is working in particular areas of the Pastoral Center that require a full system outage. This includes the phone system to be not functioning fully from July 16 – July 26. When calls are placed to staff during these few days, an operator will answer all calls and deliver messages as needed. It is also suggested that for these few days, you use email to communicate with staff.

USPS mail can continue to be sent to the Pastoral Center's post office box address of P.O. Box 29260, Washington, DC 20017-0260. Items to be delivered by a courier, or FedEx, can be delivered to the rear door of the Pastoral Center. Items to be dropped off in person, beginning August 6, can be dropped off at the Quinn Dormitory on the campus of CUA.

Should you have any questions concerning this you may reach out to Terry Farrell at [**farrellt@adw.org**](mailto:farrellt@adw.org).

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
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia