



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.

Baptism Preparation Program – *Springs of Faith*

The Office for Catechesis is launching a pilot of the Baptism preparation program *Springs of Faith* by Loyola Press for 20 parishes. Parishes participating in the program will receive the parish starter kit at no cost to the parish (a \$275 value).

Pilot parishes must attend the initial evening training session either August 4th (English) or August 11th (Spanish). These meetings will be held virtually. Login information will be provided when you register.

Registration is limited to 20 parishes. If you would like to participate in the pilot program, contact Kately Javier (javierk@adw.org).

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.

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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