

Dear Brother in Christ,

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

Cardinal Gregory's Homily from Opening Mass of the Synod

The link <u>here</u> is a video of Cardinal Gregory's homily at the Opening Mass of the Synod on Sunday, October 17. Please share with your community in the way you determine is best.

2022 Ordo

The 2022 Ordo for the Archdiocese of Washington is now available for purchase. Each ordo is \$10 and is payable by check. Please use the following link to order: https://adw.org/ordo/

Vaccine Mandates Update

We are continuing to monitor local and federal vaccine mandates for their potential impact on our parishes and schools.

In the District of Columbia, Mayor Bowser has issued a vaccination mandate that applies to school personnel, effective November 1, 2021. We have separately communicated with the impacted DC locations to provide specific guidance on the Mayor's Order.

Maryland does not presently have any vaccine mandates at either the state or local level that would apply to our parishes or schools.

At the federal level, as you may have heard, President Biden has directed the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to draft emergency regulations, which would require COVID vaccinations of employees of entities with 100 or more workers, with certain expected exemptions. We anticipate these new OSHA regulations will be published in the coming weeks.

We will continue to monitor these developments and provide further updates and guidance once more information becomes available.

#iGiveCatholic Online Event

#iGiveCatholic is a powerful branded 24-hour online event that inspires faithful stewards to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, November 30, 2021. The goal is to rally our Catholic communities throughout the archdiocese to support parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries directly on this national day celebrating charitable organizations.

The Archdiocese of Washington is providing entry and participation for #iGiveCatholic for your parish with no registration fee. It is an easy way to raise funds directly to support your parish by participating in this exciting program on #GivingTuesday. The Office of Development will support and guide you along the way so you can make the most of #iGiveCatholic for a successful #GivingTuesday.

Participation is easy. Follow the instructions below to get started today!

1. <u>REGISTER</u> your parish with #iGiveCatholic by searching for your parish. Download step-by-step registration guide <u>HERE</u>

After registering, you will be able to add more information and customize your profile. In order to receive gifts directly to your parish, you must verify your bank information. Remember to have your banking information ready when accessing this page, including your tax identification (EIN) number, account number and routing number. **INSTRUCTIONS** on how to add your bank information.

- 1. Register for the live participant webinar on November 3 here: **WEBINAR**. On this page, you can also access recordings of important webinars that have already taken place.
- 2. Download valuable marketing materials from the website here: **RESOURCES**.
- 3. <u>ADW #iGiveCatholic</u> brings you to the Archdiocese of Washington landing page, where your organization will be linked. A list of participating ministries will appear on the page and donors will be able to search for your organization specifically.

The deadline for registration and profile completion, including all bank account information, is November 3. I recommend that you forward this email to a member of your staff to complete the required information.

I encourage you to take advantage of this targeted opportunity to raise awareness and money for your parish. The Office of Development will be reaching out separately to follow up with you in the coming weeks. Please save this email for future reference, as it contains important links, including resources for your parish profile page and instructional webinars.

If you have questions or need help, contact Darlene Cruz in the Office of Development at cruzd@adw.org or (301) 853-4575.

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