



Very Reverend Daniel B. Carson

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Dear Brother in Christ,

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

Mask Wearing in Montgomery County

With the recent decline in the rate of COVID transmission, Montgomery County now falls under the category of “moderate transmission” under the CDC’s metrics. This means that as of 12:01 a.m. tomorrow, October 28, masks are no longer required in indoor spaces in Montgomery County, including during Mass, per the County Council’s regulation. Also, pastors have the discretion to ask the faithful to continue masking at their respective parishes if they so choose. Please note that it remains ADW policy that masks are required for students, staff, and visitors in school buildings.

Please be advised, however, that since the County’s regulations are tied to CDC metrics, any future spike in cases may result in the mask mandate being reinstituted. We will continue to monitor and advise in that case.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see [adw.org/coronavirus](https://www.adw.org/coronavirus) for information related to the coronavirus, [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](https://www.adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/) for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and [cathstan.org](https://www.cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](https://www.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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