

Dear Brother in Christ,

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

## New Executive Director of the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Ms. Wendi Williams has accepted the position of Executive Director for Cultural Diversity and Outreach for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Ms. Williams will begin her work as Executive Director on Monday, November 29, 2021.

Ms. Williams is a long-standing employee of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, having begun her work with the archdiocese in 2008 as the Director of the Cardinal's Appeal. Since 2008, Ms. Williams has held various leadership roles in the Catholic Schools Office and since 2011 has served as the President of the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF). In this role, Ms. Williams has administered The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington's Tuition Assistance Program.

The Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach supports the apostolic works of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington in its evangelization, planning, coordination, ministry and outreach to the various racial, ethnic, and cultural diverse communities within its pastoral care.

An ever-increasing number of cultures and traditions are breathing new life into neighborhoods and communities across the region and the nation. The Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach provides resources and support which promote appreciation for that richness of diverse heritages and works for their integration within the life of both the Catholic community and the greater society.

Ethnic festivals, neighborhood celebrations, intercultural conferences and dialogue, workshops, special liturgies, pilgrimages and public devotions – such as the Living Stations of the Cross, El Señor de los Milagros procession, and Walk with Mary – are only some of the many events and initiatives that are hosted or supported by this Office, working with other ministries and local partners to bring hope and healing to a world that too often sees others as strangers and not neighbors.

Prior to joining the Archdiocese of Washington, Wendi served as President and CEO of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director for the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington. Wendi is active in her community and has served on many boards and commissions.

A graduate of the University of Oregon, Wendi is a product of Catholic education having attended Catholic elementary and high school in the Archdiocese of Portland. She and her husband, Michael (DeMatha Catholic High School) are the proud parents of two young adults who are also products of Catholic elementary and high schools in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Wendi and her husband are parishioners of Holy Redeemer (College Park).

Please join me in congratulating and praying for Wendi as she takes on this important role. Should you like to contact Wendi, her email is <a href="www.williamsW@adw.org"><u>WilliamsW@adw.org</u></a>.

## Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see <a href="mailto:adw.org/coronavirus">adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/</a> for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and <a href="mailto:cathstan.org">cathstan.org</a> and <a href="mailto:elepreg.org">elepreg.org</a> 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