



Moderator of the Curia

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Brother in Christ,

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

Important Notice Regarding Boy Scouts of America Bankruptcy Case

You are likely aware that the Boy Scouts of America (“BSA”) has filed for bankruptcy in the wake of sexual abuse claims by former and current scouts, and that the bankruptcy Court is currently considering approval of BSA’s bankruptcy reorganization plan. Your parish or school may have received copies of BSA’s bankruptcy reorganization plan, including an accompanying disclosure statement, a summary of chartered organizations’ options under the Plan with an “opt out” attachment, and/or a ballot form. If your parish or school has received these or any other documents relating to the BSA bankruptcy or any BSA-related litigation:

- Do NOT submit a response;
- Immediately forward these documents to the Office of the General Counsel at legaladmin@adw.org.

The Archdiocese of Washington continues to monitor the BSA bankruptcy. In addition, the Archdiocese is a member of the Roman Catholic Ad Hoc Committee (“Committee”). The Committee was formed by several Catholic archdioceses and dioceses and Catholic Mutual Relief Society of America in connection with the BSA bankruptcy. The Committee’s purpose is to advocate for the interests of the Roman Catholic Church in connection with BSA’s bankruptcy as the BSA’s plan does not afford sufficient protection for chartered organizations, including our parishes. The Archdiocese, in consultation with the Committee, is currently considering the best course of action in response to the BSA bankruptcy and reorganization plan.

We appreciate all of your help in this matter and will continue to update you as this matter proceeds. If you have any questions regarding this notice or the BSA bankruptcy, please email legaladmin@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