

Dear Brother in Christ,

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

Area Mask Requirements

Please be advised that the District of Columbia has reinstated its indoor mask mandate beginning December 21 until January 31. Face coverings are also still required in indoor settings in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Masks are <u>not</u> required indoors at Mass and most parish settings in Calvert, Charles or St. Mary's Counties. Additionally, the Archdiocese still requires that masks be worn in the schools.

COVID Testing Locations

State and local authorities in Maryland and the District of Columbia are recommending that "anyone who needs a COVID test" should get one. To find a testing site or availability of free take-home tests, visit the below-listed websites:

• District of

Columbia: coronavirus.dc.gov/testing and coronavirus.dc.gov/testyourself

- State of Maryland portal: covidtest.maryland.gov
- Calvert County: <u>calvertcountycovid19.com/testing-sites</u>
- Charles County: <u>charlescountycovid.org/testing/</u>
- Montgomery County: montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/testing.html
- Prince George's County: princegeorgescountymd.gov/3472/COVID-19-Testing
- St. Mary's County: smchd.org/covid-19-testing/

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see <u>adw.org/coronavirus</u> for information related to the coronavirus, <u>adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-</u>

<u>prayers/</u> for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and <u>cathstan.org</u> and <u>elpreg.org</u> 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