



# Moderator of the Curia

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## 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.

### **Revised *Forming Disciples Religion Curriculum Guide***

Linked [here](#) in English and [here](#) in Spanish, you will find a revised *Forming Disciples Religion Curriculum Guide* for use in Parishes and Catholic Schools. This revision reflects a consultative response to the evolving catechetical needs and is designed to help both parents and catechists fulfill the mission of leading others to faith in Jesus Christ. The revised curriculum guide includes key prayers, Scripture stories and saints at each grade level. This guide is being sent to the priests now and will be sent to the catechetical leaders and principals on Friday, February 11.

Rooted in kerygma, and built on the five tasks of catechesis, the framework focuses on twenty-six essential truths of the faith. These truths (also referred to as standards/themes) will be presented at each grade level. With this focus, the total number of indicators will be 20 – 45 per grade level, rather than the current 64-123 per grade.

The curriculum revision necessitated reconsideration of the Faith Knowledge Assessment. Catholic school students will continue to take the assessment as part of their subject area testing. Parish Religious Education programs will use Kahoot! – an online gaming app – for the assessment. The Office for Catechesis has paid for the Kahoot! license fee for each parish and will provide training in use of this tool for the annual assessment.

The Office for Catechesis will be hosting webinars on the following dates to assist clergy, parish leaders and principals in implementing the new curriculum. The dates of the webinars are listed below. Click the link to register.

- Tuesday, February 15 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Register [HERE](#).
- Thursday, February 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Register [HERE](#).
- Tuesday, March 1 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Register [HERE](#).

## **Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website**

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