



Moderator of the Curia

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Monsignor/Father,

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

Mass in Commemoration of Juneteenth

As we prepare for a holiday weekend observance of [Juneteenth](#), we invite the Faithful to join us in prayer at the first archdiocesan Mass to commemorate the oldest nationally known celebration that marks the end of slavery in the United States.

The Mass will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church (2020 St. Joseph's Dr., Upper Marlboro, MD 20774) on Sunday, June 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

Linked [here](#) is a flyer for this event and linked [here](#) is the link for the Livestream of the Mass.

We encourage you to join this special liturgy and invite others to come along, and every day, let us honor the dignity of every person and work to fulfill the promise of Juneteenth.

Contact the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach via email at culturaldiversity@adw.org should you have any questions.

Grant For Maryland Parishes

The Maryland Catholic Conference has notified the Pastoral Center of the availability of grants under the [Protecting Against Hate Crimes \(PAHC\) program](#) to fund, among other things, security needs at churches in the face of increasing threats of anti-religious property damage. [Allowable grant uses](#) include security-related facility upgrades such as security cameras, improved lighting

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and door-hardening, as well as training for existing staff and employing security personnel.

Unfortunately, we learned of this opportunity very recently and the grant process is very time sensitive. While the deadline to apply for a grant is June 24, the deadline to obtain access to the online [Grant Management System \(GMS\)](#) application portal is June 10. Thus, if you might be interested in applying for grants for your parish or school, **please email legaladmin@adw.org by noon this Friday, June 10**, to request the initial required [documents](#) to timely obtain access to the GMS portal, even if you decide later not to actually apply.

We apologize for the inconvenience and time pressure this creates.

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,

Office of the Moderator of the Curia