



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.

Ecumenical and Interreligious Activities Survey (repeated from May 3)

We are resending this information and survey request in the hopes that Pastors have an opportunity to complete, if you haven't done so already.

Since *Unitatis Redintegratio* and *Nostra Aetate* were promulgated during the Second Vatican Council, dialogue between the Catholic Church and other religious traditions has grown substantially at the international, national, and local levels. In our archdiocese, Catholics only make up about 22% of the total population, and therefore, it is imperative that we seek to reach out to our neighbors of other religious traditions. This takes place at the regional level through the work of many organizations, as well as at the local level through relationships that parishes, chaplaincies, and other ministries have with other churches, ecclesial communities as well as non-Christian religions.

Father Charles Cortinovis, in his role as the Executive Director of the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, coordinates these efforts on behalf of the archdiocese.

While the archdiocese is represented on many regional interfaith initiatives, there has not recently been an effort to discover what ecumenical and interreligious activities are currently happening at the parish, chaplaincy, and ministry levels.

In an effort to gather more information on the ecumenical and interreligious activity, I would ask that you or one of your staff members consider completing



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the brief survey linked [HERE](#) to help to inform Father Cortinovic as to what ecumenical and interreligious initiatives are currently happening in your parish.

Father Cortinovic is available to assist you if you are in need of support in this area, and to work with you to begin a new initiative or strengthen any ecumenical and/or interreligious contacts that you might have. He is assisted in this area by Dr. Jeannine Marino, the Secretary for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns.

Should you desire to contact either of them directly, Father Cortinovic can be reached at cortinovisc@adw.org or at (301) 853-4420, and Dr. Marino can be reached at marinoj@adw.org or at (301) 452-5269.

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