



# Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Curia

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## 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.

### **World Mission Sunday – October 23, 2022**

Every year, the global Church unites to celebrate World Mission Sunday. On October 23, the World Mission Sunday collection will take place in churches around the world.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that the Church is missionary in nature and that we are called at Baptism to share in this mission together.

There will be a second collection at each of the Masses during the weekend of World Mission Sunday. The donations collected will be used to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father's chief outreach to more than 1,100 mission dioceses across the globe that depend on annual help and the prayers of all of us.

Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. In a divided world, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized. Resources for your parish office staff and parishioners can be found at the link below. Most of the resources are available in English and Spanish.



[World Mission Sunday Pastor and Parish Toolkit.pdf](#)

Any questions about this year's World Mission Sunday collection can be directed to Maeve Gilheney-Gallagher at [GallagherMC@adw.org](mailto:GallagherMC@adw.org).

### **October Mass Headcount – Repeated Important Information**

Thank you for the care you have taken to assure the success of the October Headcount in previous years.

Since the statistics collected from the October Headcount will help us to assess whether a parish is growing or diminishing in numbers, please make every effort to see that the headcount is carried out as accurately as possible. This information is useful not only for parish planning, but also for tracking growth and decline in the different geographical areas of the archdiocese.

Additionally, it is a valuable tool for projecting the total population of the archdiocese, for providing information for statistical reports, and for distribution of materials for various initiatives.

The materials for conducting this year's October Mass Attendance Headcount include the attached forms below.



[Parish Procedures.doc](#)



[Particular Mass Summary Sheet and Instructions \(Appendix A\).doc](#)



[Particular Mass Tally Form \(Appendix B\).doc](#)



[Report of Sunday Mass and Vigil Attendance \(Appendix C\).xls](#)

Please note that the headcount does not affect any other quota, e.g., *Catholic Standard* distribution or the Cardinal's Appeal.

I am most grateful for your responsiveness in returning this year's information by November 11, 2022.

Please contact Victoria Venable at 301-853-4596 or [venablev@adw.org](mailto:venablev@adw.org), if you have any questions.

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## Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan websites, [adw.org](http://adw.org) and [adw.org/es](http://adw.org/es), are updated regularly with current information for you to share with your community. Please see [adw.org/coronavirus](http://adw.org/coronavirus) for information related to Covid-19. Daily news and information about our parishes, schools, and ministries are also available at [cathstan.org](http://cathstan.org) and [elpreg.org](http://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, please know that you can email me at [FarrellT@adw.org](mailto:FarrellT@adw.org) or call my office line at 301-853-4507 or my cell at 202-531-4550.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am  
Sincerely in Christ,

**Terence J. Farrell**

*Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Curia*



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