

Dear Monsignor/Father,

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

A Message from Dr. Jeannine Marino Regarding the Youth Rally and Mass for Life

The Youth Rally and Mass for Life 2023 has been cancelled. After a consultation process that involved dialogue with other dioceses, ministry leaders and the partners who assist the Archdiocese in hosting the annual Rally and Mass, The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington has decided not to move forward with hosting the larger multi-Diocese Rally.

During this consultation process, we heard from many dioceses who shared that they are turning their efforts to their state's March for Life now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned. We certainly support their local work and pray for their success.

For over twenty-five years, the Youth Rally and Mass for Life has blessed us with the opportunity to host and minister to thousands of our local youth and hundreds of thousands more from across our great nation.

As difficult a decision as it was to cancel, we encourage groups traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National March for Life at the National Mall and to attend the Vigil Mass at The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please be sure to plan ahead accordingly for your carried items and transportation needs. Security restrictions are always heightened during large events in the city.

Cardinal Gregory would like to express his deepest gratitude for the support and participation of Archdiocesan youth and young people who traveled to Washington, D.C. over these past twenty-five years.

Cardinal Gregory invites youth from The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington parish and school groups to join him for a Mass of Celebration and Thanksgiving at our Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle on January 20, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Joaquin Trejo, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at 301-853-4467 or <u>trejoj@adw.org</u>.

Employee Retention Credit update

In Summer 2022, our parishes filed amended payroll tax returns for Q1 2021 to claim \$13 million in Employee Retention Credits.

In Fall 2022, parishes are beginning to receive notices of the IRS approval of the credits. Attached below you will find for more information including accounting for the credit.

Please contact Mrs. Adrienne Willich, Executive Director of Parish and School Financial Operations at <u>WillichA@adw.org</u> with any questions.



Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan websites, adw.org and adw.org/es, are updated regularly with current information for you to share with your community. Please see <u>adw.org/coronavirus</u> for information related to Covid-19. Daily news and information about our parishes, schools, and ministries are also available at <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, please know that you can email me at <u>FarrellT@adw.org</u> 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*

