



Chancellor and Executive Secretary 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.

Notice Regarding the Boys Scouts of America Annual Charter Agreement Renewal

If your parish sponsors a Boy Scouts of America (“BSA”) troop, you will likely be provided (or may already have been provided), an annual charter renewal agreement for your signature. In light of the BSA’s ongoing bankruptcy proceedings, we ask that you hold off on signing the annual charter agreement until further notice.

The Archdiocese is working in collaboration with the USCCB to ensure that we have proper protections in place moving forward. We understand that the BSA National Council may soon be publishing an updated form for chartering troops.

While we ask that you hold off on signing a new chartering agreement, your parish may continue to sponsor an existing BSA troop under existing charter agreements. This includes allowing them to meet on parish or school property, host other activities, and otherwise interact with the parish or school community. We appreciate your help in this matter and will continue to provide updates. If you have any questions regarding the BSA bankruptcy or your parish BSA troop, or if you receive any documents related to the BSA bankruptcy, please email legaladmin@adw.org.

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 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 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, please know that you can email me at 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

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