

Dear Monsignor/Father,

As we come to the end of the year during this joyous season of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I would like to again express to you my deepest appreciation for all that you do to bring the saving love and liberating truth of the Gospel to so many in our community each and every day.

While 2022 had its share of challenges, I think it was a pretty good year, to include ending on the positive note of Pope Francis sending us two new auxiliary bishops to help shepherd this local Church.

I know that the Christmas season can be very busy, but I hope you will find time for some well-deserved rest and relaxation. The year ahead will have its own new challenges, but will also bring many new opportunities as we strive always to be an even better Church of Washington.

To allow staff to spend time with their loved ones, the Pastoral Center will be closed beginning December 23, 2022 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Merry Christmas and may 2023 hold for you every good fortune, good health and enduring happiness for you, your family, and your parish community.

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*

