



# Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Curia

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## The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Cardinal Gregory has requested that I share the following with you this afternoon:

*“The Archdiocese of Washington joins the Church throughout the world in praying for the gentle repose of Benedict XVI asking the Lord to receive him into the peace of God’s Kingdom. He lived a distinguished and generous life in service to Catholicism and humanity. His long life included not only his ecclesial contributions, but his impassioned pleas for world peace, human understanding, and global solidarity. May the Father now embrace this servant and minister of Christ’s Church with mercy and compassion.”*

✠Wilton Cardinal Gregory,  
Archbishop of Washington

### Sample Prayer Intentions

Shared below are suggested intentions for the Prayers of the Faithful in our parishes:

1. For Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who lived a life of generosity and ministry dedicated to God and the Church, that he may be welcomed with love and joy into the Heavenly Home of the Eternal Father, let us pray to Lord ...
2. For the Church throughout the world and for our parish community who are mourning the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, that we may be granted consolation and be guided by the Holy Spirit as we strive to do God’s Will, let us pray to the Lord...

3. For all those who have died during this Christmas season, including the departed members of our own families, that they may enjoy the peace, happiness, and joy of Eternal Life with God, the Father, let us pray to the Lord...

### **Additional Coverage**

In English in The Catholic Standard:

<https://cathstan.org/news/us-world/second-update-retired-pope-benedict-s-funeral-scheduled-for-jan-5-in-rome-cardinal-gregory-to-celebrate-dec-31-memorial-mass-at-national-shrine>

In Spanish in El Pregonero:

<https://elpreg.org/news/comunidad/funeral-de-benedicto-xvi-sera-el-5-de-enero-en-la-plaza-de-san-pedro>

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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