



# 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.

### **2023 Black History Month**

As we prepare to embark on 2023 Black History Month, the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach (OCDO) has planned events and prepared optional resources for use by our parishes. This Black History Month, stakeholders are encouraged to *Share, Learn, and Celebrate* the contributions of Black Americans to the United States. Please see the details enclosed.

#### *Black History Month - Share, Learn, and Celebrate Resources*

The OCDO has curated resources and recommendations to support our parishes with the celebration of 2023 Black History Month through the *Share, Learn, and Celebrate* initiative. The purpose of *Share, Learn, and Celebrate* is to support our parishes as they acknowledge, educate, and embed multicultural awareness in our communities. Please find attached below the 2023 Black History Month *Share, Learn, and Celebrate* resource. Please contact Claudia Bartolini, program administrator, at [bartolinic@adw.org](mailto:bartolinic@adw.org) with any questions or for additional information.



[2023 OCDO Black History Month - Share Learn and Celebrate Resources for Parishes and Schools FINAL.pdf](#)

### *Black History Month Liturgy*

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate a Mass commemorating Black History Month on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Comforter Saint Cyprian Catholic Church (1419 V St NW, Washington, DC 20009.) The celebration will begin with praise and worship, followed by Mass with Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, the Principal Celebrant. For more information, please visit [adw.org](http://adw.org) or contact the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org). Click [here](#) to download the flyer.

### *National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family*

Parishes in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington are encouraged to observe the National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family on February 5, 2023. Founded by Father James Goode in 1989, the National Day is a day that is set aside to give special thanks to God for our families, particularly Black families, and place every care in the arms of Jesus. The USCCB provides information and resources to support observing this special day, to include a catechetical reflection, a prayer specifically for the African American and African Family, and suggested activities to celebrate the day. For more information visit the USCCB African American Affairs website, click [here](#).

### *XIII National Black Catholic Congress – Information Session*

The XIII National Black Catholic Congress will be held July 20-23, 2023, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center at National Harbor, Maryland. The largest national gathering in support of the Black Catholic ministry, Congress XIII will bring together clergy, Religious and lay people for prayer, dialogue, and discernment to determine the priorities for the next National Black Catholic Congress Pastoral Plan. In preparation for the Congress, on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington will conduct a [virtual information session](#) for the lay faithful to provide background, details and registration information about Congress XIII. For more information, please contact Wendi Williams at [williamsww@adw.org](mailto:williamsww@adw.org). Click [here](#) to download the flier and [here](#) to register for the virtual session.

**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**

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