



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.

Additional Options to Support Earthquake Aid for Turkey and Syria

The Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States has opened the *Earthquake Aid for Turkey and Syria Fund* to provide immediate relief to the families that suffered catastrophic loss due to the earthquake that shook Turkey and Syria.

Proceeds from [this fund](#) will support missionary priests, religious women and lay missionaries on the ground providing assistance to those impacted by the disaster, defined by Bishop Antoine Audo, SJ, Chaldean Bishop of Aleppo, in Syria, as a “tremendous bomb.” The link to donate to the fund is [here](#).

The Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States work through local Bishops, churches, and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly, based on the needs of individual Churches.

[Here is a link](#) to the Vatican News article announcing the creation of the fund.

Pastors may distribute this information to the Faithful of their communities at their discretion.

Message from the Maryland Catholic Conference Regarding Advocacy

Catholics across the state of Maryland are invited to put their Catholic faith into action by contacting their legislators on Catholic Advocacy, Wednesday, February 15 and throughout the General Assembly, which runs through mid-April 2023. Please see the alert from the Maryland Catholic Conference linked below which includes the issues for which we as a community of faith need to advocate.



[MCC Advocacy Day 2023.pdf](#)

Message from Fr. Joseph Murphy about Ordinations on February 21 (repeated message)

If you are attending the ordination of Bishops-Elect Juan Esposito and Evelio Menjivar on Tuesday, 21 February, please arrive at the Cathedral at 12:45 p.m. by way of the St. Matthew's Center garage door entrance. **Please do not enter through the main doors of the Cathedral as there will be many people entering at the same time.**

Upon entering the glass door of the garage, an usher will direct you to your vesting location. Please bring your alb and cincture; a stole and chasuble will be provided (this applies to both priests and deacons).

Additional Important Notes & Reminders:

- Please arrive at 12:45 p.m. and enter by way of the St. Matthew's Center Garage (glass door).
- Street and Garage Parking is very limited in and around the Cathedral, please plan accordingly.
- The entrance procession will begin to form at 1:15 p.m.
- The entrance procession **begins** at **1:30 p.m.**

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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