



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.

Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria Support

Catastrophic earthquakes in Turkey and Syria have resulted in major devastation in areas already impacted by years of war. Thousands of people have perished or been injured, and many have been left homeless. The people of that region are now in dire need of medical care, shelter, food, water, clothing, and other supplies, as well as the materials to rebuild homes, schools, businesses and infrastructure.

In the wake of this humanitarian tragedy, we join our prayers with Pope Francis, Cardinal Gregory and people around the world for those who have died and for survivors who are homeless, injured and/or suffering, and everyone who is affected. We also ask for the Lord's gifts of strength and perseverance upon all who are engaged in the massive work of relief and recovery.

The faithful of this Church of Washington have always responded with great generosity when previous natural disasters have struck around the world. In addition to prayers of the faithful, Catholic Relief Services is the international relief organization parishes can trust and recommend to parishioners seeking to help through giving. Parishioners can learn more and give at <https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes>.

Our prayers and support can make a difference, and your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

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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
Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Curia



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