



Moderator of the Curia

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Dear Brother Priests,

I write today to provide you with updates and will continue to share with you information as needed.

Delegation to Confirm at Easter Vigil on April 8, 2023

Given the frequency with which the sacrament of confirmation is administered to baptized Catholics at the Easter Vigil, and given that priests require delegation of the faculty to administer the sacrament validly to baptized Catholics, and in order to prevent the sacrament from being administered invalidly due to inadvertent failure to request the faculty or due to misplaced paperwork, Cardinal Gregory has signed a decree to delegate:

- (1) each and every priest incardinated in the Archdiocese of Washington, and
- (2) each and every other priest serving in the Archdiocese as a pastor, parish administrator, chaplain, or campus minister, who possesses either parochial or non-parochial faculties,

to administer the sacrament of confirmation to any baptized Catholic who presents himself or herself for confirmation during a celebration of the Easter Vigil on 8 April 2023.

Confirmations administered with this delegated faculty should be recorded in the confirmation register with the annotation, “With delegation.”

Priests who have a pastoral office in the Archdiocese have the faculty by the law itself to administer the sacrament of confirmation to those whom they baptize or receive into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see adw.org/coronavirus for information related to the coronavirus, adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/ for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and 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 and the Pastoral Center, please let us know.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Juan Esposito

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia



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