



# Moderator of the Curia

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## 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.

### **Office of the Moderator of the Curia**

As I begin my role of Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, I want to take this opportunity to thank you, my brother priests, for your well wishes and prayers. We have a wonderful, faithful, and hard-working presbyterate and I look forward to working with all of you.

I want to make sure you know that one of my top priorities is to be available and accessible to all of you, the needs of your parish and the People of God entrusted to your pastoral care.

My direct email is [EspositoJ@adw.org](mailto:EspositoJ@adw.org), and my direct phone # is 301-853-4571. If my office can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

As always, our Chancellor, Mr. Terence Farrell ([FarrellT@adw.org](mailto:FarrellT@adw.org) or cell 202-531-4550) and my Executive Assistant, Mrs. Tracy Rich ([RichT@adw.org](mailto:RichT@adw.org) or phone 301-853-4523) are available to assist you.

### **Request to Confirm Baptized Catholics**

If you have not already done so, now is the time to request a delegation to confirm an already-baptized Catholic.

You can access the form "Request to Confirm Baptized Catholics" form [HERE](#).

## **Dispensation From Obligation to Abstain from Meat on Friday, March 17, 2023 – Repeat Notice**

Lent is the 40-day penitential period before Easter and the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. [Guidelines in the United States](#) require Catholics age 14 and older to abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent.

The memorial of Saint Patrick, March 17, 2023, falls on a Friday this year. It is well known that Saint Patrick's Day is a day of convivial celebration for many American Catholics.

Therefore, Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, has decreed that on Friday, March 17, 2023, all Catholics of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, no matter where they may be, and all other Catholics actually present in the Archdiocese on that day, are, by his authority, dispensed from the obligation (can. 87 §1).

It is not required that anyone make use of this dispensation. Those who do wish to make use of it are encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day as part of their penitential practices during Lent.

### **Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website**

The archdiocesan website is updated regularly. Please see [adw.org/coronavirus](http://adw.org/coronavirus) for information related to the coronavirus, [adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/](http://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers/) for a listing of live stream Masses and prayers, and [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 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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