



# 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.

### **Confirmation Request Form – Repeat Notification**

It is that time of year again to complete the Confirmation Request for 2023-2024. ***You are requested to complete the forms electronically. No additional letter is required.***

Please complete the Confirmation Request Form [HERE](#) for your parish by Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

For scheduling purposes and in an effort to accommodate every parish, it is very important that your request is received no later than Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Please note there will be an opportunity for your parish to participate in a Regional Confirmation at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory will confirm these candidates on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

### **Mass or Special Event Meeting Requests for 2023-2024 – Repeat Notification**

If your parish/school/ministry/organization is celebrating a Mass or hosting a special event between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, at which you would like to request the presence of Cardinal Gregory or one of the auxiliary bishops, you are asked to complete and return the Calendar Request Form, linked [here](#), by Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Be assured that every effort will be made to accommodate your request(s), however, as much as the Cardinal and the auxiliary bishops wish they could honor every invitation received, we regret that it is simply not possible. Your office will be notified as soon as the calendar for your particular date has been finalized.

Please note that if you have previously requested Cardinal Gregory to attend an event by way of letter, email or memorandum in the past few months, I ask that you now submit a calendar request.

### **Director for the Office for Evangelization and Pastoral Planning**

Rev. Dr. Edgardo (Lalo) Jara, O.F.M., D. Min, member of the Order of Friars Minor and originally from Costa Rica, is the new Director for the Office for Evangelization and Pastoral Planning in the Secretariat for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns.

In this role, Fr. Lalo will assist the Secretary of Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns in the implementation of all archdiocesan initiatives focused on evangelization, synodality and pastoral planning.

Fr. Lalo has over twenty years of pastoral ministry and has served in intercultural parishes in the last twelve years around the country. Fr. Lalo currently holds a BA in Philosophy and Humanities from the Catholic University of Costa Rica, a Master of Divinity from the Franciscan School of Theology, and a Doctor of Ministry from Fordham University. In the last year, he served as the Program Director of the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach.

You may contact Fr. Lalo at [jara-arayae@adw.org](mailto:jara-arayae@adw.org).

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

The archdiocesan website, [adw.org](http://adw.org) and [adw.org/es](http://adw.org/es), is 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 and the Pastoral Center, please let us know.

With gratitude for your priestly ministry, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Juan Esposito**

*Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia*



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