



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.

Annual Catholic Homeschool Families Mass – September 10, 2023

To acknowledge the commitment of Catholic Homeschool Families, Cardinal Gregory is celebrating a Beginning of the School Year Mass for all Catholic Homeschool families. The Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Crypt Church) on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

Please consider sharing this with families in your parish community that might like to attend this special Mass with Cardinal Gregory and receive a blessing for the new academic year.

If you have questions, please contact Sara Blauvelt (blauvelts@adw.org) in the Office for Catechesis.

Marriage and Christian Initiation: Canonical Care

The issue of a previous marriage poses special pastoral considerations for Christian initiation. It is important to identify and begin to address these previous marriage issues in a timely manner.

The Tribunal and the Office for Catechesis are cohosting a formation opportunity designed to assist you in taking the first steps in accompanying individuals through the marriage adjudication process. Dr. Sofia N. Markovich, S.T.L., J.C.D., Metropolitan Judge and

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Moderator of the Tribunal Chancery, will offer a brief presentation followed by a Q&A period. The session will be held twice on Monday, October 16 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. The first session will be in English (from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.); the second session will be in Spanish (from 8:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.).

Each session is open to clergy and lay persons working in the catechumenal process. It is not intended for individuals seeking an adjudication of a previous marriage.

Please share this information with your RCIA teams. Contact Sara Blauvelt (blauvelts@adw.org) if you have any questions about the event. There is no charge to attend, but an RSVP is requested. To register, please contact Edwin Mendez at mendeze@adw.org.

Remind the Faithful of Information on the Website

The archdiocesan website, adw.org and adw.org/es, is updated regularly with current information for you to share with your community. 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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