



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.

Without Prayer There Will Be No Synod – A Message from Cardinal Grech – General Secretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod

Cardinal Gregory has requested that the information below about the upcoming Synod, in which Cardinal Gregory has been named a Delegate by Pope Francis, be shared with our priests:

In a letter addressed to bishops and eparchs of the world, Cardinal Mario Grech invites the Universal Church to prayerfully participate in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on 4 October 2023.

Cardinal Grech reminds everyone that the Synodal Assembly is above all a spiritual event centered on prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit, who is the true protagonist of the event.

In order to facilitate participation in the Synod and solicit the prayerful support of the entire Church, the Holy See has prepared a "Solemn Blessing" to be prayed, in particular, at the end of Sunday Masses together with intercessory prayers.

Attached below are the English and Spanish versions of Cardinal Grech's letter and the blessings and prayers to use at the Mass for the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Oct 1, 2023) and the Universal Prayer Intercessions for the Sunday and Weekday Mass.

[Cardinal Grech Letter and Resources - English.pdf](#)

[Cardinal Grech Letter and Resources - Spanish.pdf](#)

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

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