



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.

Parish and School Food Pantries/Programs – Assistance Available (Quarterly Grants)

With the onset of the COVID pandemic in July 2020, the Archdiocese of Washington launched what has become the *Community Food Security Program (CFSP)* to provide vital support for food pantries and hunger prevention meal programs administered by Catholic parishes, schools, and closely associated Catholic ministries and organizations in the Archdiocese.

The Office of Social Concerns directs the CFSP program and receives, evaluates, and processes grant requests on a quarterly basis. **The next application due date is December 31, 2023.** While grants are usually disbursed quarterly, in this busy season when demands on hunger prevention programs are high, every effort will be made to review and process grant applications weekly between now and Christmas.

An updated application form with further details is attached below.



[ADW Food Security Application \(v.11-2023\).docx](#)

Please remember that the CFSP program only assists Catholic institutions in our Archdiocese with hunger prevention efforts and cannot provide individual assistance directly. Contact Ian Mitchell, Director, Office of Social Concerns, with any questions (mitchelli@adw.org or 301-853-4567).

Letter of Invitation from Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar Regarding *Walk with Mary* Celebration of the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

The annual Walk with Mary celebration is scheduled for December 9, 2023. Please find attached below a letter from Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, inviting you to join for the 11:00 a.m. procession, which begins from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Parish and ends at the Basilica. The recitation of the Rosary will begin at 1:00 p.m.



[Walk with Mary Letter of Invitation to Priests 2023.pdf](#)

You are also invited to concelebrate the 2:00 p.m. Mass with the principal celebrant, His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory. See the attached flyer for more information.



[Walk with Mary Flyer 2023.pdf](#)

If you plan to concelebrate, please kindly RSVP with the Office of Worship at liturgy@adw.org. For more information or if you have questions, please reach out to the Office of Cultural Diversity at 301-863-5335 or culturaldiversity@adw.org.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage will be celebrated this year at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will be the main celebrant. All couples are welcome to attend regardless of their anniversary year.

There are no restrictions on the number of couples who can attend the Mass and/or receive an anniversary certificate, however, couples will need to register with their Parish Office. Linked below is an online form for registering in both English and Spanish. Please complete one form per couple and indicate if they are attending the Mass. All registered couples will receive a certificate. If a couple prefers a Spanish certificate, please make sure all accent marks are indicated for the name of the couple.

In addition, we would like to invite couples to share a story of their faith journey that could be highlighted in the Catholic Standard or El Pregonero. It could be a story about their faith journey in their marriage, a crisis that helped them grow together or an engagement story

that led them to marriage. If you know of a couple that would like to share their story, whether they attend the anniversary Mass or not, please indicate that on the form.

The deadline to register is Friday, January 26, 2024. The Office of Family Life will print and mail the signed certificates directly to the parishes for distribution after the Wedding Anniversary Mass. The registration guide and form along with sample announcements have been linked below for your awareness and use.

ENGLISH Links

[Parish Guide for Registration](#) - English

[Registration Form](#) – English & Spanish

[Sample Pulpit and Bulletin Announcements](#) – English

SPANISH Links

[Guía para inscripción de parejas](#) - Spanish

[Registration Form](#) – English & Spanish

[Sample Pulpit and Bulletin Announcements](#) – Spanish

Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please contact the Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org or 301-853-4546 or 301-853-4499.

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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