

Dear Faith- Based Partners,

It is my hope and prayer this note finds you in excellent spiritual and emotional health. I pray that you along with your families, colleagues and communities are continuing to stay safe and well during this difficult period as we continue the battle against COVID-19.

For this week's Faith-Based Outreach Nugget, I'd like to share the following items with you:

1. New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund:

- New Jersey has been hit fiercely by COVID-19, but no one is more resilient than the citizens of the Garden State. As a community, we support each other in our moments of need. Tonight at 7 pm, New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund presents '**Jersey 4 Jersey,**' which is a one-night broadcast fundraiser to fight the impact of COVID-19 in our cherished state. Funds raised tonight will go directly to the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund. New Jersey's First Lady, Mrs. Tammy Murphy is the spokesperson of this initiative. For more info, please click on the following link below <https://njprf.org/>

2. Rev. Derrick Green's Clergy Prayer Initiative and daily briefing:

- In the past weeks, Rev. Derrick Green, Senior Advisor to Gov. Murphy, began a daily Teleconference Prayer initiative with religious leaders from around the state. From 8 am to 9 am, the daily program not only involves praying together, but invites special guests from the government, business, education, and non-profit sectors share significant information with the audience. If you wish to participate, feel free to join at any time:
Number: (425) 436-6301; Access Code: 525480

3. Census Digital Weekend (May 1 – 3, 2020)

- I would like to share this information that I receive today from one of my partners at the U.S Census Bureau 2020. As you can imagine, we need to do everything within our capacity to ensure that everyone gets counted, especially in moments like these, members of our inner-city communities need all kind of resources from the federal government. Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Regina Waynes Joseph.
- Dear Census Partners:
The 2020 Census is launching a National Census Digital Weekend, May 1-3, 2020 and we hope that ALL of you will participate.

Purpose:

Create a groundswell of conversation (on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, eNewsletters, etc.!) promoting the 2020 Census and Self-Response (by Internet, Mail, and Phone).

When:

Create a surge on the **weekend of May 1-3, 2020**, to create conversation and raise the prominence of the 2020 Census and the importance of self-response.

To this end, **please email me and advise that you will participate and on what platforms so the U.S. Census Bureau can follow and track your postings.**

Please include the names of the platforms you'll be using and your "handles" so we'll know where to look. Let's make sure that our partners are highlighted by Census headquarters and that our communities receive the positive attention you deserve in promoting the Census and encouraging your residents to self-respond.

We NEED your participation! Please contact me as soon as possible and let me know you'll participate. We need to get all of our residents to self-respond so that your communities will accrue the benefits of a COMPLETE COUNT!

I've attached the Census Social Media kit which includes suggestions which you can use if you like. And please watch this short video to get you started!

<https://youtu.be/IE8COWgnheM>

Thanks for your continued support and I look forward to hearing from all of you today. Stay safe and well!

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4. Devotional Thoughts and Meditation:

- In these critical periods of crisis and high anxiety, we would truly appreciate it if you could find a moment to share a devotional thought that we can share with students, staff, and faculty. During these challenging times, we must rely on our Faith and trust in God to carry us through and your words would help greatly.

In closing, I leave you with the words of our patroness saint, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, "We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty."

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- For addition information on Seton Hall University's Faith-Based Outreach please click the following link: <https://www.shu.edu/provost/faith-based-outreach.cfm>