

## ***The Catholic Witness* Going Digital**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: Why is *The Catholic Witness* newspaper transitioning to a digital only format?

A: *The Catholic Witness* has been printed in the Diocese of Harrisburg for more than 50 years. During that time, it has been our privilege to provide news and inspiration related to the ministries of the Diocese, our parishes and Catholic schools. In February, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg filed for Chapter 11 reorganization. At that time, there were no plans to suspend the print version of *The Catholic Witness*. However, due to the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic and the severe financial losses to our parishes and the Diocese, difficult cost cutting steps had to be taken. The \$30,000 monthly cost to produce the print version of the *Witness* is not a cost the Diocese nor our parishes can sustain during these unexpected times. While we are saddened to suspend the print version of the paper, our commitment to sharing the news of our parishes, Catholic schools, Diocesan ministries and global Catholic Church remains firm. We will continue to be your source to reliable Catholic news, now in a digital format.

Q: Is this a permanent transition?

A: It is our hope that at some point in the future we will be able to restore the print version of *The Catholic Witness*.

Q: How will the digital version be distributed?

A: The digital *Catholic Witness* will be distributed through a weekly email. In addition to the email, our news content will be posted to *The Catholic Witness* pages of the Diocesan website as quickly as possible. In essence, you will receive your Catholic news much faster than previously.

Q: Will my email address be secure?

A: Yes. We will not share or sell your contact information. The email you provide will only be used to distribute *The Catholic Witness* and, on occasion, to share additional news from the Diocese (i.e. special messages from Bishop Gainer). If after a time you would like to be removed from our email list, you can easily unsubscribe using a link at the end of every email.

Q: What if I don't have an email address? Can I still get the digital news?

A: Yes. All of the stories shared in the email plus even more content will be posted directly to several new *Catholic Witness* pages on the Diocesan website.

Q: I don't have Internet. Is there a way I can continue to receive the news from the Diocese?

A: We are currently exploring our options and plan to work with parishes to distribute a monthly newsletter, which will highlight the news from that month.