



# CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY – 20 May 2012**

Dear Father,

World Communications Day will take place this year on Sunday 20 May 2012, the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. This is the day when Catholics are asked to reflect on the necessity of fulfilling the command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the whole world. A key to communicating with “the whole world” is the world of the media and its insatiable demands for news on every aspect of the life of the Church and its people. The Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication. Please inform your parishioners of this crucial work and encourage them to support the work of CCN generously in the collection that will be taken on Sunday 20 May.

## **THE WORK OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

CCN provides professional support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. The office of CCN is the focus of media enquiries. It seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. It coordinated the successful media coverage of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK. CCN provides up to date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokes men and women. CCN is responsible for the website: [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk)

## **PARISH RESOURCES, POSTCARDS, INFORMATION**

Postcards are enclosed for distribution in your parish. Homily notes, Bidding Prayers, and information for parish newsletters can be downloaded at [www.catholicnews.org.uk/world-communications-day-2012](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/world-communications-day-2012)

## **PARISH COLLECTION FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

It would be helpful if the collection for World Communications Day in your parish could be sent to the office of the Catholic Trust for England and Wales. Details are printed on the back of this letter. The collection return form is also available online at the above address. Please note that the Catholic Trust for England and Wales will NOT be collecting GIFT AID on the World Communications Day collection this year.

Pope Benedict invites Catholics to reflect on the relationship between silence and word in his message of World Communications Day 2012. He says: “Learning to communicate is learning to listen and to contemplate as well as to speak”. The support of your parishioners in the work of the Catholic Communications Network will enable the Church to speak the Truth to power in the very powerful world of the media.

With thanks for all you do in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely

+George Stack  
Archbishop of Cardiff