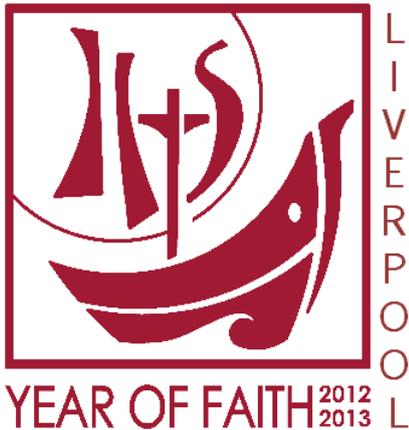


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Dear Father,

The opening of the **YEAR OF FAITH** will be celebrated in the Archdiocese on the feast of St Wilfrid (Friday, 12 October) at St Bede's, Widnes. The Year of Faith pack enclosed contains details of the event. Also enclosed please find the following:

- The Announcement of the Year of Faith (Pope Benedict XVI)
- A Man Came Sent from God - a homily delivered at the opening of the Second Session of Vatican II in memory of Blessed Pope John XXIII by L.J. Cardinal Suenens
- A copy of the opening Prayer of the Vatican II

***I would particularly want to highlight the following:***

- The Living Christ Retreat for priests (Information and Booking Form) This is over an above our scheduled clergy group In-Service and Retreats for 2012-2013
- A series of twelve Holy Hours - themed on the Council Documents of Vatican II - one to be celebrated each month in the parishes across the archdiocese on a Sunday in order to strengthen at least one very important aspect of FAITH: 'quoniam sine dominico non possumus' ('without the day of the Lord we cannot live.' Emeritus, 304 AD). As I wrote in my last letter if we are to do anything in this YEAR OF FAITH let it be to strengthen in the parishes our commitment to the 'Lord's Day.'

***What is not in the packs:***

1. Reflection Days: Three days have been organised for clergy and one for clergy and laity:
  - a) 7 December 2012 - Archbishop Kelly - ***"It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." (Acts 15.28): Vatican II.*** (clergy)
  - b) 24 April 2013 - Dom C. Jamison OSB - ***Priesthood of the Ordained*** (clergy)
  - c) 15 June 2013 - Fr Paul Philibert, OP - ***Priesthood of the Faithful*** (clergy & laity)More information and booking forms will follow and these will also be posted on the diocesan web page under the Year of Faith logo.

- 2 'Porta Fidei' and a 'Summery of Porta Fidei' - these can be downloaded from our diocesan web site under the Year of Faith logo.
- 3 'Advent Journey Wheel': Like the 'Advent Lodestar' and the 'Advent Candle' this new resource will help parishioners journey each day through Advent - as this is the Year of Faith the Advent Journey Wheel provides a short quote each day for personal reflection from the documents of Vatican II.

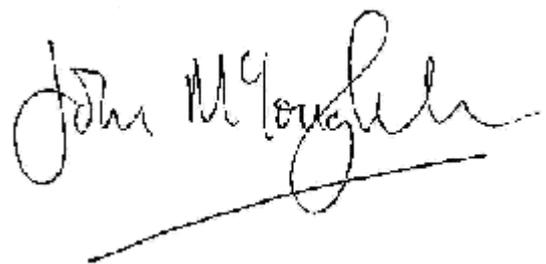
***And information for your own On-Going Formation in this Year of Faith:***

- A) The 'Llysfasi Spirituality Workshop 2013' is a course in spiritual accompaniment based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. It begins in January, and will be held at the Noddfa Spirituality Centre in Penmaenmawr. For more information please contact: [www.llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk](http://www.llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk)
- B) Four-Week Mini-Sabbatical for Priests Recharge your spiritual life. Refocus your priorities. Refresh your ministry. Prepare for the next challenges. "Stoking the Fire" is a four-week sabbatical for priests in mid-life, in transition, or at any time in their life and ministry. "Stoking the Fire" offers a quiet place and a focused, intentionally-designed program. Join fellow priests in this unique sabbatical experience on the Saint Meinrad campus from July 8 - August 4, 2013. For this opportunity and other programs of ongoing formation for priests, visit the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates' website - [ipp.saintmeinrad.edu](http://www.saintmeinrad.edu).  
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The contents of the packs and all the information above can be found on the diocesan web page under the Year of Faith logo.

Finally, may our new process for the preparation of the Sacraments of Initiation in this Year of Faith be a time of true co-responsibility for the life of the Church and a deepening of faith in all of us - especially for those who in recent years, for whatever reason, have struggled to find the door to faith open to them.

With all good wishes and prayers  
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John McLoughlin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the bottom of the name.

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