



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE
OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Papal Visit Legacy: Resources for Catholic individuals and parishes

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Dear Father,

The Visit of the Holy Father to the United Kingdom was a historic event and provided an extraordinary opportunity to witness to the joy of our Faith and the contribution of the Catholic Community to British life. Since then many people have been asking, 'What happens next?'

Enclosed are copies of a resource designed to equip Catholic individuals and parishes to take another step. Every member of the Catholic Community is invited to continue the journey of Heart Speaks Unto Heart, to contribute to the Papal Visit legacy where they live and work every day. In this way they will be making a vital contribution to mission in England and Wales. The proposed legacy timetable on page eight of the resource aims to provide compass points for people to consider following in the year ahead.

You are likely to already have events and initiatives in your parish, deanery and diocesan diary, so any legacy activities need to complement those. Please feel free to use and adapt the material in this document as best serves the needs of the people and mission in your area.

Additional copies of this resource can be downloaded from: www.thepapalvisit.org.uk/legacy and it can be freely photocopied. Some parish groups may find it helpful to take one theme at a time and plan over the course of six evenings. However people choose to respond, please encourage them to let our national Home Mission Desk know what's happening so that we can celebrate and affirm their efforts. The Desk's contact details are printed in the resource.

At St. Mary's College, Oscott (the Seminary of the Archdiocese of Birmingham), on 19 September 2010 the Holy Father said: 'In the course of my visit it has become clear to me how deep a thirst there is among the British people for the Good News of Jesus Christ. You have been chosen by God to offer them the living water of the Gospel... be sure to present in its fulness the life-giving message of the Gospel.' In the months that follow and beyond, every member of the Catholic Community is invited and encouraged to respond generously to these words.

Thank you for your support and God bless you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kieran'.

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