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Catholic Bishops issue national message focussing on Pope Francis' call to Mission and Mercy (Sept. 2015)

In response to Pope Francis' soon-to-be opened worldwide Year of Mercy, the Catholic Bishops in England and Wales have issued a joint Pastoral Letter to be read out at every Mass in both countries on Home Mission Sunday, 20 September.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/July-Sept/Pastoral-Letter>

PROCLAIM '15

Cardinal calls on delegates to focus on three 'C's at major evangelisation conference (July 2015)

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/July-Sept/Cardinal-at-Proclaim>

Archbishop George Stack's Proclaim '15 Homily (July 2015)

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/July-Sept/Archbishop-Stack-s-Homily>

Archbishop: Catholic disciples should be accountable and motivated by a love for the Lord (July 2015)

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/July-Sept/Archbishop-s-Address>

Pope Francis assures Proclaim' 15 delegates of his "spiritual closeness and prayers" (July 2015)

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/July-Sept/Pope-s-Proclaim-Message>

Archbishop of Canterbury: Church of England Synod joins Proclaim '15 delegates in prayer for "the evangelisation of this country" (July 2015)

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/July-Sept/Archbishop-of-Canterbury>

Proclaim'15 Press Conference (July 2015)

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/July-Sept/Proclaim-Press-Conference>

Proclaim'15 Request for Prayer (July 2015)

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/July-Sept/Proclaim-15-Prayer>

Cardinal invites every parish to join new national network of prayer for evangelisation (May 2015)

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has made a video appeal to Catholic parishes across England and Wales to join, on 11 July this year, a new national network of prayer for the work of evangelisation. The July date is significant because it is the same day that representatives from across England and Wales will gather in Birmingham for the Proclaim '15: National Catholic Evangelisation Conference, which is the first event of its kind in a generation.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/April-June/Evangelisation-Network>

Proclaim '15: Sell-Out National Catholic Evangelisation Conference (March 2015)

The first event of its kind in living memory, a full capacity city-centre venue is preparing to welcome Cardinal Nichols, around 20 bishops, ecumenical guests and over 800 evangelisation leaders from across England and Wales, for a national event focussing on Catholic evangelisation.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/January-March/Evangelisation-Conference>

24 Hours for the Lord (March 2015)

"The 24 Hours for the Lord initiative, which I hope will be observed on March 13-14 throughout the Church, also at the diocesan level, is meant to be a sign of this need for prayer." Message of Pope Francis for Lent 2015

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/January-March/Reconciliation>

Key to nurturing missionary parishes is massgoers' conversion of heart (February 2015)

The Catholic bishop who has oversight of the work of evangelisation in England and Wales says radical advancement of Church's mission can only happen if massgoers embrace afresh their own need for conversion, before trying to reach out to people.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/January-March/Conversion-of-Heart>

**Vatican hosts international gathering to identify new ways to 'pass on' faith
(January 2015)**

"There is not a single day when Pope Francis doesn't call us to go out to share our faith" were the decisive words addressed to European delegates in The Vatican recently, meeting to identify effective ways to pass on the Catholic Faith.

<http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/2015/January-March/Vatican-Conference>

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