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## World Communications Day



This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday 24 May 2009. The official theme is: "New Technologies, New Relationships. Promoting a Culture of Respect, Dialogue and Friendship."

In his message for this year's World Communications Day, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, addresses young people in particular:

"It falls, in particular, to young people, who have an almost spontaneous affinity for the new means of communication, to take on the responsibility for the evangelization of this 'digital continent'. Be sure to announce the Gospel to your contemporaries with enthusiasm. You know their fears and their hopes, their aspirations and their disappointments: the greatest gift you can give to them is to share with them the 'Good News' of a God who became man, who suffered, died and rose again to save all people. Human hearts are yearning for a world where love endures, where gifts are shared, where unity is built, where freedom finds meaning in truth, and where identity is found in respectful communion. Our faith can respond to these expectations: may you become its heralds! The Pope accompanies you with his prayers and his blessing."

### Communications Sunday Prayer

O God,  
whose word is truth  
and in whose light we see light,  
guide those who tell the story  
of our times  
through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth  
and advocates of human dignity.

Grant discernment to all  
who rely on their labours,  
and, as we confront the pain  
and promise of this world,  
awaken in us a sense of wonder  
at your presence  
and of longing for your peace.

Please remember the work of communications professionals on World Communications Sunday.

The Catholic Communications Network provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales in promoting the Gospel in the media. There will be a second collection to support its work. The CCN depends on your generosity. Thank you.

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