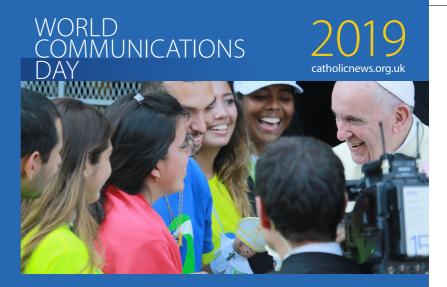
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The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day on 2nd June in 2019, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after Mass to fund this important work.

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"God is not Solitude, but Communion; He is Love, and therefore communication"

Since the launch of the internet, the Church has always sought to promote its use in the service of the encounter between persons, and of solidarity among all.



Pope Francis invites us to reflect on our 'being-in-relation', and to rediscover, in the current communications context, the very human desire not to be left isolated or lonely. While governments seek legal ways to regulate the digital world and to protect the original vision of a free, open and secure network, we all have the possibility and the responsibility to promote its positive use.

Statistics show that among young people one in four is involved in episodes of cyberbullying. To stem this phenomenon, an International Observatory for Cyberbullying Prevention will be established, with its headquarters in the Vatican.

Read the full text of the Pope's message here: www.catholicnews.org.uk/wcd19-pope-message



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