

Diocese of Lancaster's *The Light is ON for YOU!* Campaign is followed by other UK dioceses and gives birth to – Reconciliation Wednesday!



The Diocese of Lancaster is pleased to report that ***The Light is ON for YOU!*** has been a successful campaign of pastoral outreach - pioneered by the Diocese of Lancaster in the UK - for the last two years. In that light, we are absolutely delighted to learn that several other Catholic dioceses in the UK are this year following suit and taking the campaign on board for Lent 2014!

In Lancaster, after a flourishing lead, we are hoping to build upon the momentum of this success among our people and thus will be offering a slightly different take on the campaign this time round: ***The Light is ON for YOU! – Reconciliation Wednesday!***

This Lent, all parish churches in the Diocese of Lancaster will be open for Confession and Eucharistic Adoration from 6-8pm on **Wednesday 16 April 2014** (*the Wednesday of Holy Week*).

There are plenty of catechetical and practical resources for this pastoral and evangelizing initiative on our Lancaster Diocesan website at:

<http://www.lancasterdiocese.org.uk/Group/Group.aspx?ID=187686> and indeed those dioceses of England & Wales involved in the campaign this Lent are encouraging their clergy and people to use these too. As always, the initiative relies upon the engagement of the clergy, high-profile advertisement using all forms of media, good and accessible catechesis and preaching in parishes and often the exchanging of priest-confessors.

The Bishop of Lancaster, Rt Rev Michael Campbell OSA officially launches ***The Light is ON for YOU! – Reconciliation Wednesday!*** campaign on 8/9 March in a Pastoral Letter to the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese. There he writes:

“A wonderful and divinely given means of putting ourselves right with God, especially in Lent, is the grace of a good Confession, where Christ touches us with His healing and allows us to hear His soothing words of forgiveness. And which one of us does not need to hear those words!”

Furthermore, Bishop Campbell urges all Catholics – practising and otherwise:

*“...to take full advantage of this **RECONCILIATION WEDNESDAY** - a grace-filled opportunity and encounter with our Blessed Lord and His healing touch.”*



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