



SUNDAY, 8 MAY 2016, FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

LETTER TO PRIESTS

Dear Father,

‘Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation’ (Lk.16:15).

Communication lies at the heart of the Gospel. It is necessarily a foundation for the life and development of the Church.

Our Church must be sure to be communicating the Gospel to all people using all the various means at its disposal. Not only do we need to continue in the development of our own Faith, and to pass our Faith to the next generation, but Pope Francis calls us to be “Missionary Disciples” which makes demands on each of us to communicate the Gospel to others.

The Gospel has much to say to our world. In this digital age of immediate communication, never before has it been so necessary that we have good communication where reliable information is easily accessible and the Gospel promoted on the world stage.

As we mark World Communications Day, please promote the very valuable work being done on our behalf by the Catholic Communications Network (CCN). In a world steeped in violence and conflict, we have a great opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the person and the priorities of building peace and prosperity, in justice, for all. Please encourage your communities to assist the crucial work of the CCN by their generosity to the collection which is taken today, enabling the Church to continue this work of communication. The CCN website contains updated news and information on this mission. Please visit and encourage others to visit: www.catholicnews.org.uk

With every blessing,

+John Arnold

Bishop of Salford



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Parish Resources and Information

Please distribute these prayer cards to mark World Communications Day, asking for prayer for the work of the media and the CCN. Resources for parish newsletter inserts, homily notes and suggested bidding prayers are available at <http://catholicnews.org.uk/wcd16>

Parish Collection for World Communications Day

Parish collection monies should be sent to your Diocesan Finance Office, according to the procedures applicable in your diocese, for forwarding to CaTEW.

Individual donations by cheque should be made payable to your parish. These can then be paid-in and accounted for on your parish weekly income record as a donation to a second collection and incorporated within the total sum. There is also the possibility of donating online at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/donate-wcd>

For legacies left to benefit the work of CCN, please contact the ccn@cbcew.org.uk