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MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE OF SCOTLAND

On behalf of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, we wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who made the visit of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI to our country such a happy and memorable day. Months of preparation and hard work involved countless agencies and thousands of individuals. To each and every one of you our sincere thanks are due for the contribution you made to the resounding success of the day. In a special way we wish to express our gratitude to Her Majesty the Queen who received the Holy Father so graciously as soon as he arrived in Scotland. We wish also to put on record our deep appreciation of the support of the UK Government, the Scottish Government, the City of Edinburgh Council and Glasgow City Council for their warm support and co-operation in the planning and delivery of a "day of days" which allowed 200,000 people to see the Holy Father in person during his day in Scotland.

Special thanks are also due to the police, fire and ambulance services, the NHS, the travel companies, Strathclyde Passenger Transport, Scotrail and Stagecoach, who co-ordinated the travel plan, as well as DF Concerts our event managers in Bellahouston Park. We wish to acknowledge too, the very positive coverage given to the Holy Father's time in Scotland by the broadcast and print media. Their expertise and commitment in relaying the Pope's message to the people of Scotland was greatly appreciated.

To all the priests, deacons, religious and lay people who helped plan and support the visit, to parish pilgrim leaders who worked so hard to bring pilgrims from every corner of our land to Edinburgh and Glasgow and guide them safely home; to the teachers who planned lessons and accompanied pupils on the big day; to those who took part in the pre and post-event schedule in Glasgow or the St Ninian's Day Parade in Edinburgh; to those who volunteered to work on the day of the visit as helpers and stewards either in Edinburgh or Glasgow and to all those who followed the events either in person or via radio, television or the internet, we wish to express our thanks and appreciation. In a special way we wish to thank the members of other churches and faith communities who joined us in welcoming the Holy Father to Scotland.

The planning, preparation and forethought which went into each step on this Apostolic journey were quite immense and it is thanks to the contributions of so many that the day was such a resounding success. The success of the visit is a success of which all Scotland can be proud. Scotland enjoyed a day in the sun last Thursday; we showed a spectacularly welcoming face to the Pope and the world and reminded all those watching that the Catholic faith in Scotland lives and flourishes even in these often faithless times. To all of the people of our beloved Scotland, who made the successor of Peter an honorary Scot for the day, we say, "Thank you from the bottom of our heart."

*+Keith Patrick Cardinal O'Brien, Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh,
President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland.*

+Mario Joseph Conti, Archbishop of Glasgow, Vice President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

Following on reports at the weekend in the media, the Archdiocese issued the following press statement:

'The Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh is fully aware of the allegations which Mr. Williams is making against a deceased priest of the Archdiocese. Mr. Williams indicated that he had instructed a solicitor to pursue a civil claim and therefore it would not be appropriate to comment further on the details of this particular case at this time. The Archdiocese has a total commitment to the delivery of justice to all concerned in such matters, has co-operated fully with the police and the Crown Office whenever allegations of abuse have been made, and will continue to do so. Further, the Archdiocese, in union with all the RC Dioceses of Scotland, implements our National Guidelines on safeguarding issues with the utmost seriousness.'

FORTH IN PRAISE - LITURGY COMMISSION MUSIC

Many people were involved in the weeks of Bellahouston music preparation, under the excellent musical direction of Emma Turnbull. Two Forth in Praise team members deserve a special mention: Katherine Cameron and Karen Birnie, who worked like beavers to ensure that all the administrative processes went smoothly.

The Forth in Praise website itself should take a bow. After Katherine had obtained permission to upload computer-generated music-only audio files of the MacMillan Mass, the site took so many hits that it nearly went down, and had to be upgraded. Pilgrims for both Bellahouston and Birmingham spent hours learning the Mass melodies by listening to these files, and a large number of people from other parts of the world, especially America, also took an interest. Now that the Forth in Praise website has become well-known to parishioners, it will be an excellent means of helping parishes prepare musically for the introduction of the revised Mass text in Advent 2011. Instructions and advice from the Liturgy Commission concerning music in the revised text will be posted, as will details of new music, and where permitted, audio files.

First though, the Publications page of the website will give details of some Christmas music, and the Papal page will show pictures and comments about the wonderful day at Bellahouston. So please keep the site bookmarked: www.forthinpraise.co.uk. Enquiries about Forth in Praise, including mailing lists, should be directed to Katherine Cameron, Katherine.Cameron@forthinpraise.co.uk.

Evelyn Stell, Convener, Liturgy Commission Music Advisory Group (Forth in Praise)

Social Care

LAY LEADERSHIP OF FUNERAL RITES St Anthony, Polmont from 7.00 - 9.00 pm.

Monday 4th October Maureen McEvoy will lead a session on supporting bereaved family and friends as they plan a funeral. Monday 11th October Patricia Carroll will lead a session on the liturgy of the Funeral Rites

LIVING THE GOSPEL IN THE FAMILY 7.30 - 9.30pm in Gillis Centre Edinburgh

A monthly meeting in the Gillis Centre for parents and all who support them, with an opportunity for Gospel reading, reflection and input. The second of these takes place on Monday the 4th October when the topic is 'Exploring the idea of where do young people want to meet us?' If you would like a summary of the September discussion on 'Enriching our Family's Spirituality' please contact the Maureen.

LIVING THE GOSPEL IN THE PARISH AND IN THE WORLD 2.00 - 4.00pm in Gillis Centre Edinburgh

'Every Idea is a Responsibility': These monthly gatherings at the Gillis Centre aim to explore together available pastoral support in parishes and communities. The second in the series will explore 'Depression'. A donation of £5 is requested to help cover costs.

SOCIAL CARE ANNUAL LECTURE 28th OCTOBER at 7.30 pm in Gillis Centre, Edinburgh

Rev Susan Kirkbride of Saughtonhall United Reformed Church will share 'Thoughts on Building Caring Parishes'. All are welcome.

For further details contact maureen.mcevoy@staned.org.uk or phone 0131 623 8915.

Youth Ministry

WORLD YOUTH DAY Madrid 11 - 23 August 2011

Our group of 70 young people from the Archdiocese, who will travel to this great event to celebrate their faith with young people from all over the world in the presence of Pope Benedict XVI, is almost complete. You need to contact anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk **immediately** if you would like to apply. Please pray for the success of this special pilgrimage and for our young people and their leaders world wide as they begin to prepare.

VOCATIONS MASS Thurs, 7th October 7 pm at St PAUL'S, MUIRHOUSE

Please come along to pray for an increase in Vocation Awareness and a positive response from each of us to God's call. This year, young people are especially welcome and will take part in the Liturgy of the Word and Music. We look forward to meeting you there.

NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT Gartmore House 5-6th November 2010

Theme: 'THE CHURCH NOW BELONGS TO YOU' - reflecting on Pope Benedict's message of hope & challenge to the young Catholics of Scotland. This will take place in Gartmore House, near Aberfoyle, Stirling and each Diocese, including our own, will have 8 representatives, aged 16-35 years, who will take part in a shared programme of prayer, reflection, liturgy and fun. They will be engaged in active reflection on how they can build up the Church in Scotland.

More information available from anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk or 0131 6238917

Justice and Peace



ECO CONGREGATION

Photo of Fr. Jim Crampsie and Angela Campbell with awards following presentation on Sunday 26th Sept at Sacred Heart, Lauriston. The parish is only the second Catholic parish in Scotland to receive the award, the first in the archdiocese. The centre is the FIRST centre, of any denomination in the whole of Scotland to receive the award.

A very big achievement, well done!

JUST CHURCH

- St Peter's Livingston, four Monday evenings beginning Monday 25th October, 7.30pm.
- St John Ogilvie's Wester Hailes, Edinburgh, Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday 27th October, 7.30pm.

A course for anyone interested in reflecting on justice through their faith, in a variety of ways including: worship, personal spirituality and work with children/ young people. This can be a great way to launch a fresh focus on justice & peace in your parish, or to consolidate ongoing work! There is a small charge of £5 to cover costs.

For more information and to book a place contact Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk, or call 0131 623 8922

Adult Formation

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHOPS - JOURNEYING with MATTHEW

This is a two hour evening workshop which is available in 5 deaneries where catechists will be given an orientation for the Year of Matthew. You will learn about the shape of Matthew's Gospel and key passages in the Lectionary. There will also be opportunity to explore how you can break open the word of God for children in simple straightforward ways, leading children to a living encounter with Christ.

St. Giles Deanery	7 th October	The Gillis Centre	7 - 9pm
St. Mary's Deanery	14 th October	St. Michael's Linlithgow	7 - 9pm
St. Margaret & St. Andrew's Deanery	21 st October	St. Paul's & St. Mary's Glenrothes	7 - 9pm
St. Mungo & St. Ninian's Deanery	28 th October	St. Margaret's Stirling	7 - 9pm
St. David's Deanery	13 th October	St. Gabriel's Prestonpans	7.30 - 9.30pm



THEOLOGY for CATECHESIS SERIES BEGINS in NOVEMBER

The Son of God

Five deaneries are participating in the series 'Theology for Catechesis' where the aim is to provide theological formation for parish catechists. The theological themes for the series are based on the 8 strands of faith in the new curriculum for excellence, so teachers may also be interested in participating to update their own theological background for teaching in the classroom. This two hour workshop explores our belief in Jesus Christ, equipping catechists and teachers with the fundamental tools to provide a basic catechesis about the person of Christ and his life, teaching, death and resurrection. The workshops are taking place in the following places:

St. Mary's Deanery	1 st November	St. Peter's Livingston <i>To be confirmed</i>	7 - 9pm
St. Giles Deanery	8 th November	Gillis Centre	7 - 9pm
St. Margaret's & St. Andrew's Deanery	18 th November	Our Lady of Lourdes Dunfermline	7 - 9pm
St. David's Deanery	23 rd November	St. Gabriel's Prestonpans	7.30 - 9.30pm
St. Mungo's & St. Ninian's Deanery	22 nd November	St. Francis Xavier Falkirk	7 - 9pm

ALL ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Pastoral Resources has produced an 'On Offer' booklet with a range of opportunities coming up in 2010 -2011. This can be obtained from the Home Page of our Archdiocesan Website.

TO REGISTER for any of the above please contact patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk or telephone 0131 623 8942

Around the Archdiocese

GROWTH in PRAYER & REFLECTIVE LIVING

This is facilitated by the Epiphany Group beginning on the 29th October for anyone who wants to grow in the skills of prayer and live more reflectively, through experiencing different ways of praying. For applications and further information contact Claire Starr 0131 449 3045 or email clairestarr@talk21.com

The Edinburgh Inter-Faith Association Annual Lecture Sunday 10th October 3.30pm-5pm

Guest Speaker - Simon Keyes, Director of St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, Bishopsgate London. Lecture Title 'In Praise of Disagreement' - followed by Q&A www.stethelburgas.org

The Annual Lecture will be followed by: **A Civic Reception** hosted by the Rt Hon Cllr George Grubb, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh Sunday 10th October 5pm - 6pm City Chambers, The High St .

The Newman Society Edinburgh Wednesday 13th October, 2010 @ 7.30pm.

'Is There Still Catholic History?' Venue: St Catharine's Convent, 4 Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh, EH3 9HH.

The speaker for the evening will be Owen Dudley Edwards, Honorary Fellow, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh. ALL WELCOME.

NEXT Ebulletin:

If you have any items about the pastoral activity of the archdiocese and would like them in the next ebulletin please send them by email to patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk by **MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2010**