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CSAN Newsletter

Spring 2023

The Holy Spirit, correcting you along the way, never leaves you lying on the ground: He takes you by the hand, comforts you and constantly encourages you... **He constantly teaches the Church the vital importance of going forth, impelled to proclaim the Gospel.**

- Pope Francis

News from CSAN



Caritas Internationalis General Assembly

On Wednesday 10 May, Raymond Friel joined colleagues from CAFOD and Caritas Member Organisations from all over the world for the opening of the Caritas Internationalis General Assembly in the Synod Hall of the Pope Paul VI Audience Hall in the Vatican.

The 22nd General Assembly was opened by Cardinal Tagle, the outgoing President, reminding hearers that Caritas Internationalis is a family with a common mission, namely to serve and accompany the poor, in whom we encounter our Lord Jesus Christ.

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CSAN Leaders' Alliance Inaugurated

In April, the directors of CSAN charities met together at CCLA offices. This was the first time CSAN members had gathered officially since the rebranding of the 'Directors' Forum' into the 'Leaders' Alliance'. The Alliance facilitates leadership gatherings within the CSAN Network, allowing members to meet and collaborate on innovative solutions that can help them realise their goals.

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News from CSAN Members

Father **Hudson's** Care

New homeless project opened in Birmingham

Father Hudson's Care is the social care agency of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, an area stretching from Henley-on-Thames to Newcastle-under-Lyme, from Witney to Leek, and from Worcester to Rugby.

[Tabor Living](#) is one collaborative project between a number of partners including Fr Hudson's Care and the Archdiocese of Birmingham which offers accommodation and support to those experiencing homelessness in Birmingham. As a result of a fundraising and renovations, Tabor Living have been able to open a new facility in the centre of the city.

This was recently opened by West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street, alongside Archbishop Bernard Longley and the Tabor Living Project Manager, Sharon Fear.

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JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE
UNITED KINGDOM

Folkestone folk support the Napier report and the closure of Napier Barracks

The Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) operates in over 50 countries around the world as it is impelled by the Gospel to accompany, serve and advocate for the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons.

JRS UK launched their latest report, *Napier Barracks: the inhumane reality* in Folkestone recently and you can read the highlights - including testimonies from former residents. For a link to the report, please click [here](#).

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Animating Parish Senior Groups day conference

Caritas Westminster recently hosted a day conference for those interested and involved in parish senior groups. This was established to respond to the post-COVID parish culture as well as synodal discussions. How do we walk into an

unknown future with hope?

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News from the Bishops' Conference



[New National Shrine of St Oscar Romero](#)

The Archdiocese of Southwark has announced that the Diocesan Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, has been elevated to the status of a National Shrine for England and Wales. Following a petition to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales by the Archbishop of Southwark, Archbishop John Wilson, unanimous approval was given to the new National Shrine at their recent Spring Plenary Meeting in Leeds.



[Migrants Mass: 'a vibrant sign that everyone is honoured and welcome'](#)

The annual Migrants Mass offered a timely opportunity to celebrate the contribution of migrants and refugees to the capital city and champion their rights.

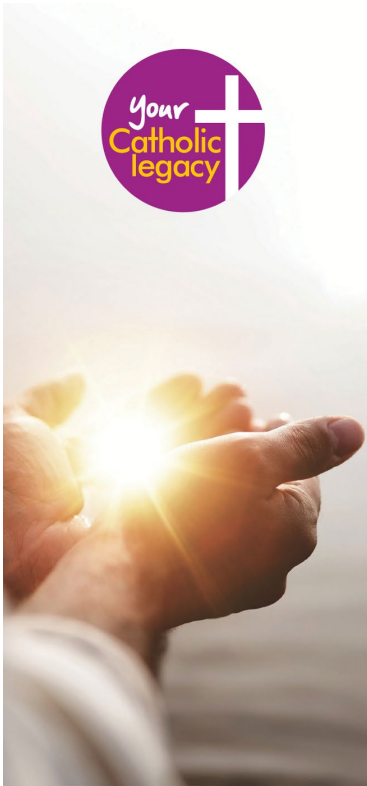
A joint initiative of the Dioceses of Westminster, Southwark and Brentwood which together encompass London, the Mass took place at St Antony's, Forest Gate on Monday 1 May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker.



[Launch of the St Francis of Assisi Exhibition at the National Gallery](#)

Cardinal Vincent Nichols spoke at the launch event for the first major UK art exhibition to explore Saint Francis of Assisi's life and legacy, and addressed the reception by reflecting that Francis's 'love of and care for creation is often what opens for many the pathway of a deeper appreciation of this remarkable saint'. The exhibition runs until 30 July 2023 at the National Gallery in London. To find out more, click [here](#). Tickets are free but booking is advised.

News from Beyond the Network



“In faith, hope and love.”

Bishop Paul Mason and Your Catholic Legacy

INVITE YOU TO

a thanksgiving Mass and afternoon reception

to celebrate those we know who have left their legacy to the world in faith, hope and love.

We will be joined by inspirational guest speaker, Father Ed O'Connell, who will talk about his legacy of 50 years missionary service in Peru and in Britain.

10 June 2.00 to 4.30pm

Our Lady of Victories, 235a Kensington High St, London W8 6SF

Refreshments provided.

Can't make it?

Highlights of the day will be shared on our website

www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk

Will you join with us to remember those who we know who have left their legacy to the world in faith, hope and love?

Your Catholic Legacy Mass of Thanksgiving

Your Catholic Legacy is a group of Catholic charities working together to encourage Catholics to remember Catholic charities in their Wills. In thanksgiving for those who have so generously left legacies, a Mass and afternoon reception will be held on 10 June at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington (West London).

Dates for Your Diaries

18 June 2023

Day for Life

23 July 2023

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

30 July 2023

UN World Day against Trafficking in Persons

31 July 2023

St Ignatius of Loyola

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