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Ethnic Chaplaincies

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Dear All,

The Pentecost issue of the Sower will focus on “Evangelization”, and the Ethnic Communities are invited to play a part. As many of you were involved in the Intercultural Celebration, it may be a way to engage a number of Chaplains, Lay People and Religious. The aim of the celebration in October was to highlight the Church message of Peace and Unity in Christ that the different Ethnic Communities demonstrate in “One World Week”. I would be grateful if you could make contact with me if you would like your Chaplaincy, Eparchy or Mission to be part of the article.

I have noticed that the Church in Iraq has launched a weekly Day of Prayer on Sundays leading up to the Holy Father’s visit in March. I mentioned this at Mass on Sunday: it is a crucial visit by Pope Francis, and not without danger. The Chaldean Chaplaincy will be praying for its people in Iraq and Pope Francis; you will know Dr Subhi Zora, a Sub-Deacon who stands in in for Fr Andrawes at our meetings, and I am sure he would be happy to let you have more information. It would be nice to see our Ethnic Communities praying for this intention.

Once more I am forwarding a link to my weekly Reflection: this time it relates especially to the Sunday of the Word of God. Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella hosted a press conference on the Sunday Word of God last week. You can find an account of it via Vatican Radio “English for Africa Programme” in an article by Linda Bordoni. I will try to keep abreast of initiatives during the coming year, and keep you informed.

With all good wishes,

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