



THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BIRMINGHAM

Ethnic Chaplaincies

Newsletter: Sunday 18th July 2021

Dear All,

I was very pleased this week to hold our first group session on Catechesis and Ethnic Communities using Microsoft Teams. Getting through it technically for the first time was the challenge! I had invited 5 priests: 3 were fully online with me, 1 was audio only, and 1 was called away. The small group is key to good exchange, and it was very pleasing to hear how much is being done for the Ethnic Communities. I am planning a second group of 5 for the coming week. We are sharing experience of Catechesis, looking briefly at some of the highlights of the new Directory for Catechesis, and speaking of Future Planning Archbishop has sent me new dates for the Ethnic Communities Pilgrimage to Knock next year 2022; it will be 2nd – 5th September. Please God we will be able to go with the Pandemic over!

I am forwarding the link for this week's Podcast on Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 16th July; I noted the Palestinian Catholic Diaspora which doesn't have a Chaplaincy, but through the Friends of the Holy Land, we may be able to gather those we know for a Mass of Thanksgiving and Prayer for the Future. My Reflection/Homily for this Sunday picks up on the incidents of Racism on Social Media following the European Cup, and the scandal of the discovery of the mass graves of indigenous young people in Canada. I expect a lot more will emerge on this, but it has been a shock for many!

With prayers and all good wishes.

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