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## Ethnic Chaplaincies

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Newsletter: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear All,

My Homily for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday takes inspiration from the Holy Father's meeting for a Day of Reflection and Prayer with Christian leaders from Lebanon at the Vatican today, 1<sup>st</sup> July. The future for all in Lebanon is sadly under great threat, and the Maronite Catholic Community has taken a lead in calling for this Day with Pope Francis. No doubt the Day will lead to action by the Churches to try to bring peace and stability amid so much turmoil. It has been good to see the small group of schools we gathered to collaborate in Prayer and Mission with Immaculate Conception School in Beirut, flourish and plan more joint events over the Internet. Both sides of the partnership are learning so much, and building friendships and understanding. I hope we can build similar partnerships elsewhere, so if you have links in your home country to Catholic Schools maybe we can look at setting up other Partnerships.

My Podcast this week is focused on St Thomas, the Apostle to whom the Chaldean, Syro Malabar and Syro Malankara Communities look for their Apostolic Foundation. I wish them all Blessings on their Feast Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The Podcast is already on the websites of the Archdiocese and our own Our Lady of Good Counsel, Ethnic Chaplaincies.

With prayers and all good wishes.

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