**Job Description for Position of National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers**

**Areas of Responsibility:**

-Acting as point person for those who have questions regarding GRT issues.

-Keeping up to date on legislation that affects GRT communities (eg the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act, change to the age of consent for Marriage) and working with CBCEW on these issues when appropriate.

-Contacting diocesan bishops to identify who is currently responsible for chaplaincy to GRT communities in individual dioceses.

-Developing and supporting chaplaincy in dioceses in England and Wales and linking together priests and religious who are working with GRT communities.

-Giving talks to seminarians and others within the Church who are interested in working with/finding out about GRT communities.

-Encouraging greater inclusion of GRT communities in parishes eg through Racial Justice Sunday.

-Working with the Catholic Association for Racial Justice, the Margaret Clitherow Trust and the ecumenical Churches Network for Gypsies, Travellers and Roma and participating in the Zoom meetings that they hold.

-Liaising with the Irish Chaplaincy and Catholic prison chaplains.

-Organising an annual National Travellers Mass (this has not happened in the last 3 years because of the Covid pandemic)

-Visiting sites when requested and providing sacramental support.

-Attending events where large numbers of Travellers are present (eg Appleby Horse Fair, Walsingham)

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