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Bishop Edwin's Column

How time flies! It brings occasions for joy, reasons for sorrow. But on February 11th, we will have a joyful celebration of our 25th anniversary as the Diocese of Wrexham. I invite you to join us, at noon in the Cathedral, with light refreshments afterwards.

I am delighted that we will also be honoured by the presence of His Excellency Archbishop Antonio Mennini, on his second visit to us, and Archbishop George Stack of Cardiff, on his first visit! Bishop Tom Burns of Menevia and Bishop Donal Mullins will complete the Episcopal line-up on the day!

February 11th is also the Day of the Sick, celebrated throughout the Catholic world. Thus there is a special welcome for those carrying the cross of sickness, especially the chronically ill.

This will be an opportunity for us to acknowledge the pastoral care given to us over these last 25 years by our clergy. Our priests are men we can be proud of, for they are signs of Christ the Priest, who lays down his life for his people. So often when I have to ask a priest to accept a different parish, his people will write to me with letters which praise and appreciate him, trying to persuade me to overturn my decision. And I ask myself, did you tell your priest when he was with you how much you appreciate his priestly ministry. Why wait until it is too late to do so!

Let us use our Silver Jubilee to thank our priests and deacons for all that they do for us. None of us is perfect; we all make mistakes and need to say the 'I confess'. But we have good cause in this Diocese to thank God for our priests and deacons. They are not just silver, they are golden!

Lent is fast approaching, Ash Wednesday is 22nd February. This year is (possibly!) my last year as your Bishop, and thus at the Lenten Deanery Mass I wish to acknowledge and thank all of you who help build God's Reign amongst us. I am inviting those involved in parish work, or our schools – and all parishioners, young and old. Let us celebrate our shared Christian vocation, to be ambassadors of Christ!

'O Arglwydd Grist, helpa ni i gadw'n hunain mewn symlrwydd ac mewn llawenydd, llawenydd y trugarog, llawenydd cariad brawdol. Caniata, gan wrthod edrych yn ôl ac yn llawen mewn diolchgarwch, na fydd arnom ofn blaenori'r wawr, i foli, i fendithio, ac i ganu i Grist ein Harglwydd.' (o Reol Buchedd Taize).
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Bishop Edwin's Engagements

February 2012

7th	St John's Seminary, Wonersh
9th	Regional Cytun meeting, 10.30am Penyffordd
10th	Welsh Provincial Bishops' meeting, Bishop's House,
11th	12 noon Cathedral, Mass, Silver Jubilee of the Diocese
13/14th	TCC 24 hour in-service
21st	Clergy Get-together Day, Bridgettine Guest House, Holywell
23rd	Catholic Project Steering Committee meeting, London
26th	3pm Cathedral, Rite of Election
29th	Yale College, Wrexham, 'Equality & Diversity' Panel

March

1st	Mass 12 noon Cathedral
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'Our Man in the Vatican' reports:

A year ago, we were invited to 'watch this space' regarding the appointment of a successor to Bishop Edwin. Our Bishop's sense of humour is always to the fore, as he remarks in his column "This year is (possibly) my last as your Bishop".

Vatican watchers report that the Papal Nuncio has submitted a new 'terna' or list of three names to the Pope, and so perhaps Bishop Edwin will hear some news in the not too distant future. Meanwhile, the advice is "Watch this space, but don't hold your breath!"

Silver Jubilee Mass 11th February 2012

Join the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Stack, Bishop Burns (Menevia,) and Bishop Mullins (Emeritus) at the Diocesan celebration of 25 years of Wrexham Diocese. Mass at 12 noon, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

The Diocesan Choir will animate the celebration.

Diocesan Choir

Choirmaster Paul Booth would be delighted to welcome new members to this very friendly group. It is currently preparing for two special liturgical occasions:

25th Anniversary of the Diocese

Mass at the Cathedral, 11th February, 12 noon.

Rehearsals 4th February, 10.30-12.30 and 11th February 10.00-11.30 then the mass at 12 noon at the Cathedral

Chrim Mass

7.00pm 4th April

Rehearsals 12th March, 1.00 pm-3.00 pm; 24th March 10.30-12.30, 31st March 10.30-12.30 all at Conwy, and 4th April 5.30-6.30 then Mass at 7.00, Cathedral.

Contact Paul on 01766 514351, or 07908 093661 or email to Paulbooth_1@btinternet.com, or visit the Diocesan website.

Wrexham Diocese Mass.

The Liturgy office has approved the Mass written by Paul Booth for use in Mass. It will be available, free, to Diocesan parishes, and may be purchased for use outside. The text is available from the composer, Paul Booth.

The next development will be a website specifically for Sacred Music in Wrexham. More news as it develops!

WARNING! The new Ordo can damage your equilibrium!

Many members of the Dioceses will have a copy of the Diocesan Directory, and the Ordo. This is the liturgical calendar for the year, giving feasts, instructions for prayers and readings. PLEASE IGNORE the top of each page, the Ordo has not corrected the liturgical year. It is not Year A for Sundays, it is YEAR B, and for weekdays it is Year 2.

Visit the Diocesan website: www.wrexhamdiocese.org.uk

Our Lady & St James, Bangor.

£800 was raised at the Christmas Fayre, for Parish funds. Parishioners enjoyed the Panto, Sleeping Beauty, in Mold.

Crib Offerings supported HCPT Groups in the Diocese. Each year HCPT travels to Lourdes with special needs children and adults.

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity - we celebrated with prayer and music around the Cross. A wonderful spiritual 'get-together'.

Parishioners were generous with the Pax Christi collection.

Teas and coffees raised £100

Preparation has started for the Sacraments of First Communion & Reconciliation and Confirmation.

Parishioners gave food and bedding to St Mary's Hostel for the Homeless in Bangor.

Our Lady of the Rosary Buckley

Christmas Fayre and Raffle raised £1880.

Parishioners enjoyed "White Christmas" with Aled Jones.

UCMW members enjoyed a meal and social evening together, and gave to Nightingale House, Zoe's Place, Mold Contact Club, and Wellingara Nursery Gambia in 2011. A 2012 programme of events was given to members. AGM will be Monday 6th February, and new members will be enrolled.

Cytun activities- Lady parishioners joined the Buckley Ladies Carol Service, and a tombola at the Victorian Market. Ecumenical Service and Frugal Lunch began the Christian Unity week.

Youth Group has an interesting programme the project for Lent is a small booklet with poems and prayers "Thirsting for Change".

Cornerstone is organising a Ceilidh on Saturday 17th March at 7.30pm with "Barleycorn Hop". £8.00 adults, £1.00 children under 14yrs. - food and refreshments available. Terry Loftus 01244 544570 for tickets.

A "Music Training Day" was held. A most valuable day.

St Tudwal, Barmouth

Children performed the Nativity Play after Mass Harlech with mince pies after. Thanks to parents and Marie Jones who organised it.

An Ecumenical Christmas Card with timings of our services and Carol evenings and Chapels at Dyffryn, Talybont, Llandanwg was sent to every household.

Bishop Edwin and his advisers have approved repair and renovation of St. Tudwal's. We commend this project for even as the Lord builds His Church, we as a parish community continue to strive to be deeply rooted in prayer, strong in faith and active in charity.

Fund raising efforts, cake stalls and tombolas and sales of Anita's chutney, will be resumed soon.

A series: "Learning to Pray and Deepening our Prayer Life" is proposed.

Seeds in the Wind - God's touch in our daily lives, written by Mgr. Alex Rebello, with a Foreword by the Bishop will be available soon

Anglesey Centre of Mission

John Mannix, Director of Schools for Plymouth led a Formation Day. John is highly regarded with insight into organisational culture and how it affects the development of Christian communities.

"Mark and the community" a course of study led by Dr Marian Tolley. An invitation for the communities to meet regularly for study, reflection and prayer based on the Gospel of Mark. 1) to provide worshipping groups the opportunity to get to know this gospel better and to see relevance for our community today. 2) to strengthen community gathering around the Word to deepen an appreciation of Christ's presence.

Breige O'Hare will lead a Day for Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word on Saturday 11th Feb. in St Ann's Menai Bridge.

From June Fr Ray Warren OMI will be the Provincial of the Oblates; we wish him well. He succeeds Fr Willie Fitzpatrick OMI who ends his six year term.

St Mary's Cathedral, Wrexham

Cytun Hunger Lunch will be held on 6th February for CAFOD.

SMYG Pantomime; "Cinderella and the Goblin King" will be performed at S. Joseph's school on 16 & 17 February at 7.00 pm and 18 February at 2.30 pm. Adults £5, Concessions and under 16's £2.50 Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £12. Ring 01978 263943 for more information.

St Anthony's Saltney

Parishioners heard Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor speak at Chester Cathedral service for Christian Unity.

St David's Tywyn, Christ the King Aberdyfi

Aberdyfi Christians together held the United Service in Christ the King. The church was full.

St David's Mold.

A new list of Bidding Prayer writers has started.

Individual parishioners have for 8 years, donated a parish Christmas Tree. Now we are looking for next year's tree. If you have a tree to be removed, don't cut it down, we will do it for you in December!

Parish groups lead the Stations of the Cross; a different one each week. This year we may use the following, for the UCM.

Preparing for Lent:

A new Stations of the Cross has been written by Desiree Garth Jones, for the UCM. Space does not allow us to publish the whole set of 14. Here are TWO Stations as an example:

For the full text, contact the editor!

The Third Station - Jesus falls the first time

(Marcus, a soldier) "There I was with all the others watching the procession of these bad men who were being taken to be crucified when one of them fell - no-one tried to help him, the soldiers shouted and cursed him. I saw this man on the ground beneath the heavy cross but saw only patience and love on his face and I wondered who he was."

Dear Jesus - we may have friends who "fall" - not to the ground but from grace because of things that have happened in their lives. Let us have patience with them and show the love of Christ to them.

The Eleventh Station - Jesus is nailed to the cross.

(Brutus a senior soldier) "How we laughed at that young cadet running away after he had stripped the prisoners. We got on with the job, we were old hands at the crucifixion game. We hauled up the two thieves, nasty characters they were, then it came to the third man. We were ordered to nail him not tie him up like the others so we knew he must have been a real bad 'un yet there was not a sound from him as the nails went in. Gave us all the creeps it did. Then he gazed at us and we shivered as we hauled up that cross - this man was different - and we knew in our hearts that this man was innocent. We all got drunk that night."

Dear Jesus - There is so much injustice in the world today, so many innocent people being punished in conflicts around the world. We pray for them. Be with them Lord, you know of their innocence - help them to bear their cross in life just as you bore yours.

'Design a Logo'

Art Competition for Children

The Marriage and Family Life Commission need a logo for their Diocesan Challenge to celebrate the World Meeting of Families 2012. It will be used in all the publicity for the challenge.

The design should reflect elements of the World Meeting of Families 2012 logo - website www.family2012.com, and the Celebrating Family logo - website www.celebratingfamily.org and show that we belong to Wrexham Diocese. For more information see the poster in your church or the Commission website www.celebratingfamilywrexhamdiocese.btck.co.uk.

The competition is open to all children in the diocese and will be judged in three age groups year 2 and below, years 3-6 and years 7-11. The final design will be chosen from the three age group winners and there will be a prize of £25 Pizza Hut vouchers for the winning design and £10 Pizza Hut vouchers for the two other group winners.

The design should be submitted as A4 and can be drawn, painted, collage etc. Please make sure that name, age and date of birth, address and Parish is clearly written on the back of your entry and submit your entries to Margaret Hinton, Pastoral Development Worker c/o Bishop's House, Sontley Road, Wrexham. LL13 7EW. Entries can be submitted scanned by email to margaretmfl@hotmail.co.uk

The closing date for entries is 22nd February 2012 and the winner will be announced in The Link and on the Commission website.

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships

For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer eight internships: five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster.

All internships will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances.

Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns>

Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 5pm on 29th February 2012 and Assessment days will be 28th and 29th March 2012.

If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage him or her to apply.

Looking Ahead

February

- Sun 5th Education Day
- 7th – 14th Marriage Week "Three Point Challenge" Marriage Week UK celebrates the diversity and vibrancy of marriage as the basis for family life in the UK. www.marriage-week.org.uk
- Sat 11th World Day for the Sick
- Sun 19th Day for the Unemployed
- Wed 22nd Ash Wednesday
A day of penance marked by fasting and, abstinence from meat.
- Sun 26th Rite of Election for catechumens to be admitted to the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Bishop Edwin invites all catechumens and those preparing for Reception into the Catholic Church together with their sponsors and families to this celebration in the Cathedral at 3.00p.m. The Rite of Election will be celebrated within the solemn celebration of Evening Prayer of the Church. As Easter draws near, these catechumens are completing their period of preparation. They have been strengthened by God's grace and supported by their community's example and prayers. Now before the Bishop they request that after further preparation and the celebration of the Scrutinies, they will be allowed to receive the sacraments of (Baptism), Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

March

- Thurs 1st Feast of Saint David – Patron of Wales and the Diocese of Wrexham
- Fri 2nd Lent Fast Day
Women's World Day of Prayer
- Tues 6th Meeting of the Cathedral Canons and at 12 noon Chapter Mass
- Sat 17th Music from the Roman Missal Training for Cantors & Deacons
- Sun 18th Mothering Sunday

FAIRTRADE Fortnight 2012

27th February – 11th March

The theme this year is **Take a Step in 2012**

The Fairtrade Foundation is asking us to take a step, like changing to Fairtrade tea or an even bigger step, such as asking everyone at our work to do the same. The steps can be as little or bold as you like.

SOME FAIRTRADE FACTS:

- Three out of ten bananas sold in the UK are Fairtrade. All bananas in Sainsbury's are Fairtrade – they sell 1,200 Fairtrade bananas a minute adding up to a whopping 650 million a year.
- Three of the top chocolate brands in the UK are now Fairtrade. Look out for Kit Kats and Cadbury Dairy Milk bars with the FAIRTRADE Mark and from this summer, Maltesers too!
- Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world
- A recent survey saw continued growth in the numbers of farmers and workers participating in Fairtrade. An estimated 1.15 million people benefited in 2010 and over 1.2 million in 2011.

Mark the fortnight in your parish or community. Contact the Fairtrade Foundation for visiting farmers and producers to come and speak about what Fairtrade means to them. Organise a tasting event, encourage people to take that next step in buying Fairtrade goods.

100 Days of Peace

Did you know that the 193 member states of the United Nations General Assembly have agreed to a truce during the 50 days leading up to the Olympics, this year, and 50 days after? Yes, a cease fire! In the past everyone has signed it but no one has ever implemented it.

Lord Bates has embarked on a 3,000 miles walk from Olympia, Greece, to London to try to persuade all signatories to the truce to do just one thing: to implement it.

Early in the 8th century BC King Ifitos of Elis, seeking to establish peace among the many kingdoms of Greece, consulted the Oracle of Delphi. He was advised, to break the cycle of conflict every four years by replacing war with friendly athletic competition. Ifitos sought the cooperation of the other kings, and they agreed to a truce, known as the 'Ekecheiria', and organised the first Olympic Games in 776BC. Originally for 7 days it was extended to 50 days each 'side' of the Games.

Westminster, Brentwood and Southwark Dioceses are promoting the 100 days of Peace. Parishes and schools will plan lessons and events for peace and peacemaking. On 8th June there will be a big launch of the 100 days in Trafalgar Square.

Take part in the 100 Days of Peace by learning the issues and organising our own sporting events, vigils and workshops about peacemaking. Go to the 100 Days of Peace website or contact Maria at the J&P Office, 07595 584790. Resources are available for schools and Colleges. St Mary's School, Crewe, has composed a special song to mark the ancient truce. Music, words and a recording are also on the website.

Parishes can find out about the Olympic Truce, make displays, hold a Peace Games day, make a Peace Garden with an Olympic design and hold prayer vigils. The Resources do not hide the more difficult and controversial issues, such as the Arms Trade, through which Britain is implicated in wars around the world.

In September 2010, in Birmingham, Pope Benedict said, "Seventy years after the heavy bombardment and massive loss of life to nearby Coventry in November 1940, we recall with shame and horror the dreadful toll of death and destruction that war brings in its wake, and we renew our resolve to work for peace and reconciliation wherever the threat of conflict looms."

Peace Calendar

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| 24th March | – National Youth Congress |
| 15th May | – International Conscientious Objector Day |
| 4th June | – International Children Victims of War |
| 8th June | – Launch of Olympics, 100 days of peace |
| 6th August | – Anniversary of Hiroshima bomb |
| 9th August | – Anniversary of Nagasaki bomb |
| 21st September | – International Day of Peace |
| 28th October | – End of Olympic 100 days of peace |
| 11th November | – Remembrance Sunday/Youth Sunday |
| 10th December | – Human Rights Day |

Spiritual Direction

Father Bob Rainbow is a priest of Clifton Diocese (based in Bristol) and, having had connections with Wales throughout his life, has recently moved to near Porthmadog for an 'active retirement.' He has received full sacramental faculties from Bishop Edwin and, as an updating of his earlier seminary studies, is completing a course on spiritual direction.

A spiritual director assists clients, whether clergy or lay, Catholic or other Christian, to discern God's will for them through the ups and downs of daily life. Like a good counsellor, he does not push a client in any particular direction; but facilitates them, largely through careful listening, to find that way which they are ready for at the time. Prayer support is an important part of this. Fr. Bob would welcome anyone who might like to discuss having spiritual direction to contact him via. ra-r@hotmail.co.uk 01766 514515.

He is also available to consider leading children's or youth retreats.

(Referees are available for both disciplines.)

This Lent your generosity is being recognised by the UK Government. With UK Aid Match funding they will match pound for pound every donation given to CAFOD! So, for every £1 you give, CAFOD will receive an extra £1 to help more of the world's poorest and most disadvantaged people.

CAFOD and WATER

"Water of life, cleanse and refresh us..." Stop a Child dying – every 20 seconds

We may be able to survive for some weeks without food, but not one of us can live without water! Rich or poor it's our basic need, so CAFOD this year and this LENT in particular is asking us to pray, give, and campaign to stop a child dying every 20 seconds from diseases caused by polluted water and lack of sanitation!

PRAY: Many words are not needed. Jesus responded to a one-sentence prayer from his mother Mary- "They have no wine." The answer? Six times thirty gallons of wine! So start praying daily now and ask for a weekly Bidding Prayer during Lent in your parish as well.

ACT: Sign one of the THIRST For CHANGE campaign cards - available now-calling on David Cameron to turn the tide on water poverty at the G8 Summit this year.

GIVE: to encourage us this Lent, our UK Government has pledged to match pound for pound every donation made to CAFOD! This is a unique and limited opportunity to help transform lives, providing wells, boreholes and toilets.

CAFOD'S 50th anniversary 1962-2012 Masses of thanksgiving will be celebrated around the UK to mark the steadfast support of our Catholic community in England and Wales. By responding on behalf of the bishops to the long-term needs and emergencies of our brothers and sisters in poorer countries and in campaigning for justice, we ourselves have been changed.

Highlight of our celebrations will be the visit of CAFOD director Chris Bain as key speaker on our annual Supporter day: Pantasaph 12th May 11am - 5 pm.

We would also like to invite you to take part in a special campaign event which CAFOD will be hosting during this Lent period to promote the need for water and sanitation improvements throughout the global south. On March 17th we will host a special event at St. Winefride's Well in Holywell with guest speakers offering you a chance to learn more about CAFOD's work to promote water security and the right to clean sanitation. Bishop Edwin will be there. Let us have representatives from all six deaneries of the Wrexham Diocese.

Jamie Lennon will walk in solidarity with those who have to walk miles to gather water every day, by walking from Holyhead to Holywell to be at the event. He will begin his walk 7 days earlier 10th March, and will visit any parish or school which will host him to speak. For more information and to register your interest for the day itself, please contact the CAFOD office on northwales@cafod.org.uk or ring 01978-355084

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony March 25th

Legion of Mary Acies Ceremony this year will be held in the Church of St. Anthony of Padua, Saltney at 3.00 pm on Sunday 25th March. Everyone is welcome to join us in this act of dedication to Our Lady.

KSC Annual New Year Supper for Elderly People

We would like to express our thanks to all who donated towards our supper for the elderly within our council area. Your contribution helped provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission. Despite the cold weather over 50 people attended this year's event. They had a wonderful time, a two-course meal, drinks, bingo and a raffle - all totally free of charge. Thanks to the wives of KSC members who prepared the food and the youth of Buckley & Mold parishes who 'waited on' and helped any of the elderly people who required assistance.

The whole evening was intended to give our guests a good time and no stone was left unturned to ensure that they all had immense pleasure and enjoyed a wonderful time. Once again we thank you for your kind support; it is very much appreciated.

Diocesan Pilgrimage - Lourdes 12th - 19th May

This year the pilgrimage is for 7 days, from Saturday to Saturday. Flight departure from Manchester is 1.15 pm. Unfortunately the longer pilgrimage has resulted in an increase in the cost. Details are on the leaflet in parishes.

Cantors' and Deacons' Day

March 17th Paul Booth will lead a session in Conwy church from 10 am until 1 pm specifically for cantors and Deacons of the diocese. In particular with the Triduum approaching he will guide the participants in the Exsultet, in the new translation.

"Our Gift for Education"

from Our Lady of the Rosary Youth Group, Buckley

In one of our Youth Group sessions, we decided we wanted to raise some money for CAFOD. Each member of our group designed a Christmas card for us to print and sell. Our Youth Group leader then printed them, and we had an evening putting them into packs. Each pack had one of our unique individual designs - a total of 6 cards in a pack for £1.50

We had a stall at our church Christmas Fayre, and sold them to parishioners and friends. Two of our members also sold them in their school. In total we sold 94 packs (564 cards) and raised a fantastic £56.40 profit.

Our cards have been sent as far as Africa, as one of the visiting CAFOD members took some back to Nigeria with him. We raised this money so that we could give a "Gift of Education". We want this money to be put to use to teach young people to read, so they have the pleasure of reading, and to have the gift that we take for granted. To be able to read, will open new doors for these less fortunate young people.

We invited Katja Jewel, North Wales manager for CAFOD, to our Christmas Party and presented her with a cheque.

Amira Mattar. Member of Team YG, Buckley

Can You Help?

FLAME a Charity based in the region charters a plane to take Special Needs Children and Adults to Lourdes at Easter.

Last year the event was cancelled due to lack of funds. The trip will go ahead this year but with a reduced budget - funds are low. Four Flintshire young adults will go. Each year Carers pay for themselves, flight and hotel costs. Some have difficulty meeting the cost of £650 each for flight and hotel.

Can you help with a small donation to FLAME? Cheques made payable to FLAME can be sent to Terry Loftus, 8 Ffordd Derwyn, Penyffordd, CH4 0JT Tel 01244 544570

Terry will then pay them into the FLAME account.

Gap Year Opportunity with CAFOD and Partners ('Step Into The Gap' for 18-30 year olds)

"Step Into The Gap" is a gap year opportunity with a real difference.

Young people aged 18-30, work and live for 5 months in one of our UK partner bases (currently St. Mary's Chaplaincy Team in Blackpool, 'Just Youth' in Salford, and in Hexham & Newcastle with the 'Youth Ministry Team'), working in communities and schools, gaining skills in leadership, developing their understanding of Social Justice around the world, along with developing faith awareness in themselves and others.

Participants take part in a 6 week placement in one of CAFOD's (or CAFOD Partner) overseas projects (previous destinations have included Liberia and Kenya), gaining valuable knowledge and insights into the lives of people and young adults in these countries.

They then bring back this experience to feed into their UK work placement, where they continue working for 4 months.

This fully supported project (participants have board and lodgings provided) is currently recruiting from December 2011 - April 2012, though we would urge potential applicants to apply early as places on the programme are limited. Recruitment dates may change dependant on the numbers of applicants received. Applications received will be considered for start dates in September 2012.

Any questions can be emailed to youngleadership@cafod.org.uk and further information and application forms can be found on www.cafod.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/step-into-the-gap

If you would like more information on the programme please do get in touch: Deirdre McAuley Project Coordinator - Leadership Development Programme CAFOD Hallam St William of York Church Ecclesall Road Sheffield S11 8TL Tel: 01142 687817 Mobile: 07769 931373 / 07725 460368 youngleadership@cafod.org.uk

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Deadline

The next edition of The Link will appear on the 3rd / 4th of March. Deadline for contributions is 21st February.

Thank you for your continued support. Mark