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Dear Clergy

CHARIS - Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service

On the 8th June 2019, Pope Francis initiated a new structure for Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church.

CHARIS' objective is to serve and create communion between the different realities existing in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for the proclaiming of the Gospel in the world.

International, national and now Diocesan Service of Communion teams have now been created with the emphasis on three priorities, given by Pope Francis:

- I. To help deepen and promote the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit throughout the Church.
- II. To promote the ecumenical dimensions of the Catholic Renewal and foster the commitment to serving the unity of all Christians.
- III. To promote service to the poor and social action through Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Our Diocesan CHARIS Team are inviting you all to our launch events to discover about CHARIS and also to ask how CHARIS can be used by the Diocese and parishes to further Pope Francis' vision of Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Launch dates and venues:

- Saturday 16th October 11am – 2:30pm English Martyrs Church, Stamfordham Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE5 3JR.
- Saturday 13th November 11am – 2:30pm English Martyrs & SS Peter and Paul, Redhill Road, Stockton, TS19 9BY

To book your place at either of the launch events, please email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk. Alternatively, you are welcome to turn up on the day at either launch event (COVID safety measures will be in place).

Pope Francis is offering the Church a great opportunity for Renewal and Evangelisation, I would urge you all to attend and discover these opportunities.

For more information about CHARIS please visit our Diocesan Webpage and you will find CHARIS under the Vicariate for Faith and Mission. Our email is charis@diocesehn.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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