**School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2018 and 31/08/2019**

The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is **15th January 2023.** Application forms are available on your ‘home’ Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *must* *also complete a* *supplementary information form*, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You MUST also include the *supporting evidence* as required eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked is a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

The **Online Catechist Network** is delighted that the next Diocesan Network will be a resource showcase. We will welcome CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) and Aid to the Church in Need: ACN presenting resources for use with children and teenagers, as well as some upcoming campaigns; CaFE launching their new course *Belong and Believe* aimed at parishes engaging with the wider community to understand how to be more missional.

Register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Last Thursday (27th October) marked **55 years since the Abortion Act** received Royal Assent in 1967. Since then a staggering 10,021,618 unborn babies have lost their lives to abortion across England, Wales and Scotland. Right To Life UK has released a two-minute video called *The Ten Million*, which attempts to illustrate what the UK has lost through the death of these millions of people. Right to Life are encouraging people to share the video with friends and family who may find it of interest: **www.righttolife.org.uk/thetenmillion**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society invites parishioners to some **SVP Taster Sessions**:

**Would you like to help out to people in need in your community?** For nearly two centuries the SVP has been seeking and finding those in need and responding in love. Today the SVP in England and Wales represents almost 10,000 members across around 1,000 groups. It is rare for one corner of the SVP to encounter a need which has not also been seen and responded to by our members.

**Join the movement** This month you can take part in a range of free online taster sessions, including: ‘care leavers’, ‘end of life companionship’, ’social justice’, ‘holiday camps’, and ‘support for refugees and migrants’. Get involved and turn concern into action! To discover more visit: **www.svp.org.uk/discover** or email **discover@svp.org.uk** If you are aware of a need contact **request@svp.org.uk**

All are warmly invited to Pact's Christmas Carol Service, to be led by Bishop Patrick on Thursday 8th December at 7.00pm, followed by a Reception, at Sacred Heart Church, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1FP. There will be a collection for Pact’s work with prisoners and their families during the Service. To book a place visit **www.prisonadvice.org.uk** or email events@prisonadvice.org.uk for more information

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being prepared by Father Gerry O'Shaughnessy sdb and Sister Susan Richert pbvm to take place between 16th and 23rd February 2024. The pilgrimage will includes visits to the major religious sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilee. For more information, and a booking form, please contact Sister Susan at susanpbvm@yahoo.co.uk or on 01623 845091.