

## Post Primary Diocesan Advisers News Update December 2021

Dear RE Teachers / Chaplains,

It has been a very difficult and challenging time for all faith communities and especially for those who are in school settings. I know that the Christmas holidays probably can't come soon enough to allow you to refresh and renew your batteries for the year ahead. Thank you for all you do to enhance the faith of the students in your care.

This month there are a few resources that may help in the planning of your Advent ceremonies and Carol Services. If you have any items that you wish to share, or suggestions for support that the Diocese could provide please contact us. We hope to be able to resume school visits in person from January 2022.

As you are aware, each year the Holy Father, Pope Francis asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. For December the intention is for Catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Details can be found at <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intention>

I also draw your attention to Archbishop Farrell's homily from the Opening Year Mass for schools held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, a message of hope at this difficult time. The Homily is accessible at <http://www.dublindiocese.ie>

As we begin the new Liturgical Year with our preparation for the birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may the peace and joy of His Coming be your gift this Christmas. We wish you, your families, and your school communities many blessings.

May God bless and keep you safe,

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