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Latest News from the Very Rev. Canon Peter Rollings VF

Date : Friday, 1st May 2020

Subject : Thank you from everyone at The Catholic Universe

Dear Father, and parish team

Thank you from everyone at The Catholic Universe

We do hope that you and your parish are managing, in what is proving to be an unprecedented time for us all.

Despite the closure of our churches, we have been much uplifted by the fact that the majority of our parish priests have agreed to continue to receive and pay for their Catholic papers.

We have made a firm commitment to continue publishing, as an 'essential service' to the laity at this time, many of whom are feeling very isolated without their usual church contact. As many people do not use the internet, a Catholic newspaper remains a safe and effective way that they can be kept up to speed with the important Catholic news and concerns of the day, especially in these difficult and troubling times.

We've had numerous replies from PPs and parish co-ordinators explaining ways in which they are continuing to get Catholic papers through to their flock - from dropping off at parishioners' houses on their daily walk, to making them available free to collect outside their churches. Members of lay organisations are also delivering Catholic papers to parishioners' doorsteps. We have been overwhelmed by the support we've received from across the UK and Ireland.

Of course we understand that the closure of our churches has impacted severely on the income parishes receive. Where parishes have felt unable to meet the cost of their weekly deliveries we have agreed to continue their supply, but FREE OF CHARGE, for now.

We are prepared to meet this cost because we believe so strongly that it is vital that the lines of communication remain open between the Church and the laity.

If your parish is unable to cover the cost of their weekly Catholic papers at this time, please do let us know and we will arrange for them to be supplied free of charge for now.

We would also be very grateful if you could add a note to your newsletters and website, letting parishioners know that they can subscribe direct by going to www.thecatholicuniverse.com/shop

Please do also let us have any parish news or information you would like included in *The Catholic Universe*. Despite the lockdown it is fascinating, and very helpful to others, to see ways in which Catholics are still connecting.

I do hope that gives you a picture of why we feel so strongly that the lines of communication between Church and laity need to remain open, and that you will be able to continue to support us in our mission. Thank you again for this.

In case you have not seen the new combined edition of The Catholic Universe and The Catholic Times, which launched today, a FREE digital copy is available by clicking the link below.

<http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com/DE/UNI200501.pdf>

Keeping you all in our prayers,

The Chairman, Editor and staff of The Catholic Universe