



## The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis

### *Some Definite Service*

Archbishop John Wilson, at his installation Mass, called on the Archdiocese of Southwark to become a 'missionary and evangelising archdiocese'. The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis was established to help make this a reality. The Agency comprises a team of highly-trained and experienced advisors who are ready to support the parishes of the Archdiocese in the three areas of Evangelisation, Catechesis and Formation.

***Some Definite Service*** is the name given to the vision for the work of the Agency and represents not a single initiative or a top-down diocesan plan but rather a model of support sensitive to the needs of the parishes. Over the coming months, the Agency will be working with the diocesan clergy to identify, train and commission, a group of Deanery Mentors who will support Leads in each parish. The *Some Definite Service* model also encourages each parish to develop their own unique and tailored plan for Evangelisation, Catechesis and Formation. In all of this, the Agency will provide support, resources and advice, making best use of a regularly refreshed overview of parish activity and creativity. So too, will the Agency invite cooperation and collaboration with the various movements and initiatives present in the Diocese so that much fruit may be borne.

Members of the volunteer network, mentioned in the video, the Parish Leads and Deanery Mentors, will benefit from training and, what we refer to as, intentional accompaniment – that is regular contact and support aimed at improving the work that they undertake in their respective areas. Parishes will benefit through their people being supported, encouraged and trained, not just in isolation, but as part of a wider effort to create and sustain missionary activity and a missionary culture. Priests will benefit from Agency support, extended through the *Some Definite Service* network and assistance in the development and delivery of their bespoke parish plan.

The Agency team are conscious that all of this activity and the proposed model needs to be saturated in prayer – prayer for the renewal of the diocese, for our parishes and each baptised Catholic to continually turn to Jesus Christ. The parish plans, the volunteer network and the prayer for diocesan renewal comprise the three components of *Some Definite Service*.

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