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Dear colleagues,

In the past year we have been trying to keep you up to date with the latest news and information about the historic centenary year that we are marking in 2018. We have been meeting regularly with the R.E. advisers for each Diocese and the CHAS and CHAPS executives have been kept informed of updates, and we hope that you are as excited as us about this special year.

I know that you have been working in your Clusters, Parishes, Dioceses and with the parents and teachers in your local community to plan events and learning focussed on the story of our Catholic schools in Scotland. As we begin Catholic Education Week, we would love to hear about what you have done so far and your plans for the coming year. Please keep us up to date and send us your photographs and stories, so that we can feature them on our social media and website.

We are very excited that the Icon has started the pilgrimage around the country, leaving the SCES offices today to head to Galloway Diocese. The Icon will be blessed by Bishop Nolan at the Diocesan Mass on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, before visiting schools and parishes in Galloway.

The Documentary film, looking at our past, present and future, is nearly completed. Thank you to all schools, parishes and former pupils that were brave enough to be filmed!

We still have a few places on the Pilgrimage to Rome in October 2018. If any member of your staff would like further details on this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, please find attached the updated calendar of events for this year. Not all events are captured on this, as some Diocese are making local arrangements for Masses and celebrations, however you will find details of the planned National events. I'd encourage you to share these dates with staff and support as many of the national events as you possibly can.

One important date is the National Schools Mass. This is confirmed to take place on the **14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 1pm** in **Falkirk Stadium**. SCES are meeting with the National Liturgy Commission and we will have details of the liturgy to you by the end of February, so that you can prepare with your pupils. We hope that as many people as want will be able to attend the Mass, but we are still awaiting confirmation of our capacity, so I will confirm details of numbers with head teachers as soon as I can. In the meantime we would encourage you to think about how many pupils and staff you would want to bring, and perhaps to liaise with schools in your cluster for organising buses. In order to cover the costs of the hire of the stadium, there will be a small charge of £3 per person.

As ever, I will continue to keep the website up to date with the latest information, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Kindest regards,  
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