

Dear Colleagues

Vision Glorious

We all live in a world of change when old certainties and values seem to be constantly under attack. This is true also of the Church and especially our own Church of England. So much of what we Catholics have stood for, and indeed have had to struggle and suffer to maintain, is under threat. For all of us who value our catholic heritage these are difficult times and there is a great need for us to keep together and affirm our faith, to each other and to the Church of England at large.

As a constituency we have our catholic Bishops, the Society of St Wilfrid and St Hilda and the newly reinvigorated Forward in Faith to support us as we try to make a catholic future for ourselves. However, the greatest courage, strength and hope is gained from each other and especially when we come together to worship.

In these times of change and challenge it is imperative that we do not forget our 'core values' - what we stand for as Catholics - what unites us and sustains us - what was for our forebears and should be for us - *the Vision Glorious*.

With all this in mind there is to be, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, a Regional Festival of the Society in the newly refurbished Wakefield Cathedral on the Eve of Christ the King, Saturday 23 November 2013. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Glyn at 11 am and after lunch there will be a talk and discussion about the current vision for Forward in Faith by Colin Podmore, its new Director. The festival will end with Benediction at 2 pm.

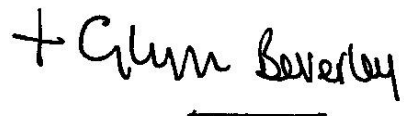
We write to encourage you all to be there on the 23rd. We hope and pray that all who value the catholic faith of whatever age, will do everything possible to be there. Why not organise a Parish or Deanery bus? Start now and begin to enthuse your people. We want this to be a memorable day, a day of encouragement and hope when we can begin to recapture in our own lives and in the life of our church, the Vision Glorious which is our Faith.

Posters, registration forms and more information to follow

Yours in Christ



Bishop of Pontefract



Bishop of Beverley