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Ash Wednesday

To all Catholic Secondary Schools and VI-forms in Southwark
via RE leads, chaplaincies and art departments

RE Typography and Scripture competition

As you are, no doubt, aware the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have dedicated 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'.

Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other. A familiarity with the words of Scripture is a key part of a Christian life and the sharing of their importance with others is a life-giving act.

The Centre for Catholic Formation is encouraging Catholics from across the Archdiocese of Southwark to share their favourite Scripture passages on our website but we would like to offer your GCSE and post-16 students the chance to do this in a particularly creative way.

Illustrators and typesetters are able to convey layers of meaning in their designs and creations. We would like to invite students, particularly those involved in graphic design, art and RE, to cooperate in creating works of art featuring their favourite Scripture passages. A simple Pinterest search for 'typography scripture' shows what might be possible. As inspiration, here are two Bible verses I love but don't feel restricted, there are 31,102 of them!

- For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life (John 3:16)
- One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life (Psalm 27:4)

We invite designs in one or all of the three categories:

1. **Typography** – just using fonts in interesting ways to present the passage
2. **Embellished typography** – including a small amount of additional design or images with the type
3. **Fully Illustrated** – illuminated type or hand-drawn text

These can be offered in black and white, black and another colour (e.g. red) or in full-colour and all entries should be produced on A4 (or scalable: e.g. A5 or A3). Entries can be posted to TGWS, 21 Tooting Bec Road, London, SW17 8BS or emailed to ccfdirector@rcaos.org.uk.

The CCF advisory group and staff members will choose a selection in each category to be printed and made available via the CCF shop (www.ccfootingbec.org.uk/shop). Each entry will receive a copy of *The Gospel According to St Matthew*, the selected entries will also receive a full set of cards and the overall winner will receive a copy of *The Didache Bible* (RSV translation with references to the Catechism throughout), RRP £30. Please include the name of the entrant with the submission so that these items find their rightful home.

We look forward to seeing what you can come up with before the deadline of Monday 10 July 2020. With my prayers and best wishes,

Dr Mark Nash (Director of the Centre for Catholic Formation)