



November 2024

Dear Parish Priest/Parish Secretary/Web site Editor

### **YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES**

There is one fear that unites almost everyone in our parishes – the thought of talking to someone about our faith! It's easy to make many excuses for not doing so, maintaining that our actions speak louder than words. It's true that we should witness through the way we live, but it's also vital that we follow St Peter's advice: "if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it." (1 Pet 3:15)

On November 23<sup>rd</sup> there is an opportunity to participate in a free mini-retreat morning that will explore in more depth why and how we can be effective witnesses through sharing our own testimonies. The key is to understand fully what Jesus said to his followers immediately before he told them to be his witnesses: "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."

This meeting on Zoom, "**YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES – giving your testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit**" is hosted by "ADoRE" one of the longest-running charismatic days of renewal in the country. The session includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, inspired Teaching and Prayer for all participants to foster the presence of the Holy Spirit in them. It is the conclusion of the 2024 ADoRE programme developing our understanding and appreciation of how we are to respond to God's call to holiness; co-operating with the Holy Spirit as He transforms our lives so that we can be inspired and equipped to help others.

The main talk is given by **Allegra Mutanda**, Director of Evangelisation and Leadership at St Peter's Winchester, where she is helping the parish fulfil its vision of bringing people closer to Jesus Christ in hope and joy. We hope you can let your parishioners know about this opportunity for spiritual renewal and formation and encourage their participation in the meeting. Please could you include the following announcement in your parish publicity this month?

**ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat** 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10.00-1.00 "YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES – giving your testimony in the power of the Holy Spirit." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker **Allegra Mutanda**. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [bit.ly/ADORENOV2024](https://bit.ly/ADORENOV2024) More information at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)

The colour poster for this month, plus other publicity materials, can be downloaded [HERE](#)

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

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