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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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Jubilee of People with Disabilities

Mass with Anointing of the Sick – Saturday 31st May 2025 12 noon

As you know, during this Jubilee Year, there are various opportunities for us to focus on a particular charisms and themes. On Saturday 31st May 2025 at 12noon at St Peter-in-Chains Church, Chequer Road, Doncaster DN1 2AA I will celebrate a Diocesan Mass with Anointing of the Sick for the *“Jubilee of People with Disabilities”*.

All are most welcome to this celebration, and I wish to extend a particular invitation to anyone living with a disability, their family members and anyone who supports people with disabilities.

The Holy Father has faced his own very significant challenges to his health in recent weeks, and it strikes me that the message he sent to mark the International Day for Persons with Disabilities in 2022 is particularly poignant now.

In those remarks he called for “the ‘conversion’ of the Catholic community, to move from using inclusion as a ‘slogan’ to ensuring people with disabilities are welcomed, integrated, recognised and supported as full members of the community.” Pope Francis goes on to say that “Catholics with disabilities can teach others one of the central messages of the Gospel: human beings need God’s love, mercy and strength. The awareness of one’s limits, allows us to appreciate all the more God’s loving decision to help us in our weakness. The joy that radiates from those who encounter Jesus and entrust their lives to him is no illusion. It is the power of His resurrection penetrating lives marked by fragility”.

I encourage as many of you as possible to join us for this special celebration on Saturday 31st May 2025, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is no requirement to notify your attendance in advance – please just come along to the Mass at 12 noon at St Peter-in-Chains Church, Doncaster on Saturday 31st May.

Yours sincerely in Christ, the Redeemer

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