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Flame II, National Youth Congress, March 7th 2015

I am writing to commend to you wholeheartedly Flame II, a gathering and celebration for young people to be held at Wembley Arena on 7 March, 2015.

Encouraged by the great success of Flame Congress 2012, the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation of England and Wales is already giving careful preparation to [Flame II](#) to make sure that it will be just as inspiring a day for the thousands of young people expected to attend.

This special event, in the vibrant setting of Wembley Arena, will be a wonderful mix of exuberance and powerful stillness. There will be excellent speakers to hear. So too the opportunity for young Catholics from many different parts of England and Wales to meet and share their experiences with one another. At the heart of the day will be worship and prayer.

My prayer for Flame II is that it will be a powerful demonstration of the Holy Spirit, who, to quote Pope Francis, "blazes new trails to meet [young people's] expectations and their search for a deep spirituality and a more real sense of belonging". My confident hope is that Flame II will embolden our young people to accept even more generously their call to be missionary disciples. In this way, Flame II is a response to "the urgent need for the young to exercise greater leadership" in the Church's mission of "joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town and every corner of the earth". (See *Evangelii Gaudium* 105,106)

I strongly encourage you, then, to [bring a group of young people](#) to this exciting celebration. It is sure to be a most rewarding day and more than well worth the effort of coming.

Thank you for accompanying the young people whom you serve and for sharing with them the joy of the Gospel. I look forward to seeing you at Flame II.

Yours devotedly,

+Vincent Nichols
Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster
and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales



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