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The Suffragan Bishop
The Right Reverend David Hamid



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The Archdeacon of Gibraltar
Fuengirola
Spain

Via email: frdavid@standrews-cofe.spain.com

Dear Archdeacon

Madeleine McCann

It seems a long time has passed since the disappearance of Madeleine McCann in Luz, Portugal in May 2007. The Archbishop of York has just written to Bishop Geoffrey and me to say that during these past years he has been in regular contact with Kate McCann, Madeleine's mother. The family is keen to maintain awareness about Madeleine and has asked if the Church can help by appealing to Portuguese and Spanish people to make a confidential approach to the Church if they have any information related to this disappearance which may pertain to the ongoing investigation. This seems a simple suggestion which we are glad to help with.

I would ask, therefore, if you could circulate this letter to the clergy and lay representatives of your archdeaconry synod, asking them to publish on their websites, parish bulletins and newsletters, this renewed appeal for any information pertaining to Madeleine's disappearance.

Obviously information which pertains to the investigation needs to be forwarded to the police authorities, but people should feel free to use the Church as a *confidential* channel for such information. Such a confidential approach should be made to you as Archdeacon or to Bishop Geoffrey or myself. As you know, I can also manage any approach which may be made in Portuguese or Spanish.

Thank you for your assistance with this important suggestion from the office of the Archbishop of York.

Yours sincerely

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Cc The Most Revd and Rt Hon. The Archbishop of York
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