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Dear Rev. Father, Rev. Deacon,

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, will host an ecumenical prayer service on **October 15th at 3.30pm** for all those whose lives have been touched, in one way or another, by cancer. The service is organised by the UK-based charity, *Pause for Hope*. Further information about *Pause for Hope* can be found at www.pauseforhope.org.uk.

The latest statistics show that at least one in three people will, unfortunately, develop some form of cancer. For most people a diagnosis of cancer will come as a shock and will usually involve a period of treatment which, as well as being unpleasant, brings with it a worrying sense of uncertainty about the possible outcomes and a stark awareness of one's own mortality.

The aim of *Pause for Hope* is to help people affected in any way by cancer by bringing together in prayer, those who have, or have had, cancer, their loved ones, those who care for them, doctors and nurses, those in authority who have responsibility for providing resources, and scientists trying to find a cure.

The service is open to everyone, and I ask you to place the attached notice in your Parish Newsletter and on your Parish Website over the coming weeks. I will lead the service, Archbishop John McDowell, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh, will preach and a person affected by cancer will speak about their experience.

Following the service, light refreshments will be provided in the Synod Hall, along with an opportunity to share stories and experiences with others in a similar situation.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Router
Auxiliary Bishop of Armagh

Notice for Newsletters, Websites and Social Media

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