This year sees 75th anniversary of VE Day and to mark this occasion in the month of February, Southwark and Westminster Dioceses are working in partnership on a project to capture stories relating to the role that Catholic churches and parishes played in the war, as well as the effect that the war had on them.

We are aware that there are likely to be a significant number of wartime stories and anecdotes, and for the first time we would like to collect as many as possible to make sure that they are recorded for future generations: they may be serious or lighthearted. This is part of a wider project which will see the creation of an exciting Heritage Trail around Catholic Churches.

We would like to ask both clergy and parishioners to share their memories with us. Equally, if you are aware of an older member of our Catholic community who you think might like to take part, please mention the project to them.

You can email stories to: catholicheritage@rcaos.org.uk

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