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MISSION & MINISTRY MATTERS

A note from the Director...

Dear Friends,

We are now well into Eastertide and there are signs of new life all around us in the Archdiocese. 45 people will receive the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis on the 21st April, after an intense journey of formation. Feedback from the course is very positive.

We will be offering this training once more and are now taking registrations. Such was the reponse last year that we had to close the registrations after three weeks. So if you are wanting to take part in this please register as soon as possible to ensure a place.

Yet again we will be praying our Novena to Build Hope in our parishes and partnership as we work together for mission. Please see information about this inside.

Our Servant Leadership course is on its fifth round now. If you want this to happen for your area please get in touch.

We are offering an opportunity for parishes to start the Laudato Si award in their parish or partnership with forthcoming information evening on the 20th May.

We are also happy to announce our first Catechists Conference which we hope to offer annually, as well as a May workshop for sacramental teams to enable Accompanying Families.

To register for courses simply click the links. All the best from the team.

Upcoming Events:
15th April
Catechesis Course
Registrations
20th April
Celebration of
Consecrated Life
+
Camino Preparation
Walk
13th May
Accompanying Families
Workshop
+
Novena begins
20th May
Laudato Si Award
Information Session
15th June
Catechists Conference

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Adult Faith Ministry

How to use the MINISTRY MENU

As we move forward towards the summer we have a good opportunity to start some preparation and get ourselves ready for the new academic year. The Ministry Menu provides parishes with some options of how we might do that. If you are feeling adventurous you could choose something from each course - or work your way through the whole menu!

The First Course offers some ideas for preliminary thought and action, to help prepare for growth in parish ministries.

The Second Course includes opportunities for training and ongoing formation for those in ministry which can be provided by the Diocese on a Partnership/Deanery basis.

The Third Course has options for following up after the training to ensure that ministry is well established in the parish.

For more information, or to arrange dates, please contact **Peter Siney**

Pathways

Exploring Faith and Ministry

Thursday evenings for the Pathways Adult Faith Development Programme resume on Thursday 11th April after the two week Easter Break. We are now into our final term, for this year, before the summer break at the end of May.

We have a number of interesting topics coming up this month.

Our First Years will be exploring: 'The Christian Vision of Life after Death' - a very appropriate topic in this season of the Resurrection, Eastertide! They will also be exploring the issue of 'Parish Pastoral Councils' and we will have the first of two sessions on: 'Sacraments: Marking Life's Moments'.

Second Years will continue to explore various pastoral issues today, including: 'World Faiths and Inter-Religious Dialogue' ; 'Practical Liturgy: Understanding the Eucharist' and 'The Writings and Teachings of Pope Francis'.

An important date in our Pathways diary this month is our Come Rest Awhile Retreat Day, which will be taking place in DCU St. Patrick's Campus on Saturday 27th April. This quiet, reflective day will be directed and led by two members of the Partners in Faith organisation. The day will conclude with a celebration of the Eucharist. Our celebrant will be one of our past Pathways participants. It will be a day to look forward to - a day for ourselves to deepen and nourish our faith, and our personal relationship with God.

Preparations are underway for the next Pathways course (2024-2026), starting in September, and details of how to register will be available soon.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

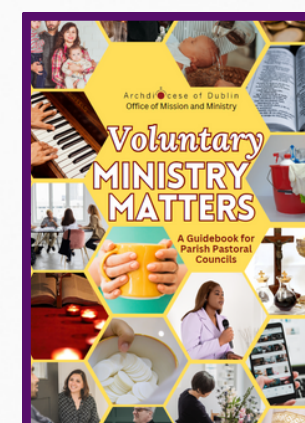
MINISTRY MENU

for Parish Partnerships & Deaneries

FIRST COURSE

Voluntary Ministry Matters

Spending time studying the resource to decide which aspect of ministry to focus on: Laying foundations, Recruitment, Training etc.



Parish Ministry Audit

Take some time to find out what is happening in the various ministry groups, what is needed and what is missing in the parish.

Ministry Recruitment

Using different ways of promoting ministry, including multi media and personal invitation.

SECOND COURSE

Parish Pastoral Council

A 4 hour training session offers initial training for new PPCs or a renewal for existing councils, developing pastoral leadership, vision and prayerful decision making for the parish community.

Ministers of the Word

This 2 hour training session presents best practice and guidance for those proclaiming God's word. Exploring what this ministry is about, it lays the foundation for further in-parish practice.

Ministers of Holy Communion

This training takes 2 hours and provides an understanding of what is at the heart of this parish ministry as well as looking at some of the practicalities involved.

Funeral Team Ministry

Over 3 sessions, these 2 hour trainings explore Diocesan Policy, the Order of Christian Funerals and its various Rites, the ministry of accompaniment and the importance of Team. The final session includes the planning and preparation of funerals with families.

Leading a Liturgy of the Word

Two initial 2 hour sessions will help in understanding the context, as well as outlining a model, for weekday liturgies led by lay people. A further practical session can also be offered to those seeking to lead these communal prayer moments.

THIRD COURSE

Appointing Team Leaders

Developing a team ministry approach by choosing people to lead each ministry group.

Commissioning Ministers

Making ministry more visible by commissioning ministry groups at Sunday Masses during the year.

Days of Reflection for Ministers

Creating times and spaces for those in ministry to reflect and pray together.

CATECHISTS FORMATION

Congratulations to those who will receive the Diocesan Certificate in Catechesis in Donnybrook parish on the 21st April.

Registration is now OPEN for a second cycle of training for those who want to receive the Certificate.

Registration will close as soon as we have 60 participants registered. This is the maximum number we can currently accommodate.

Sacramental Teams can also register for the forthcoming Accompanying Families workshop.

We will host our first Catechists Conference in June and registrations are also open for this.



DIOCESAN Certificate CATECHESIS

Seven Saturdays
10am to 4pm

St. Paul's Church
Centre for Mission and Ministry
19 Arran Quay
DUBLIN 7
D07 KX66

Part One: Foundations in Catechesis

14th September
19th October
16th November
7th December

Part Two: Catechesis in Practice

18th January
15th February
22nd March

Who is this for?

- Those who feel called to the ministry of catechist
- Those who are already doing some parish catechesis
- Those who are members of parish sacramental teams - new or old

How much does it cost?

140 Euros for seven modules

TO REGISTER

EMAIL:
patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie



Archdiocese of Dublin
Ard Deoise Átha Cliath

ACCOMPANYING FAMILIES WORKSHOP

PUTTING POLICY INTO PRACTICE



For Sacramental Teams

- 13th May
- 7.30pm - 9pm

Venue

St. Paul's Arran Quay

REGISTER AT
patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie

www.missionministry.ie

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Office of Mission and Ministry

CATECHISTS CONFERENCE

The focus of this first Conference will be **Accompaniment in the RCIA and Lectio Based Catechesis.**

This is for anyone who is accompanying others in the journey of faith.



Walking with Enquirers (AM)

Supporting Catechumens (AM)

Using Lectio (PM)

Your paragraph text

COST €10

To register email:
patricia.carroll@dublindiocese.ie

DATE 15 June 2024

TIME 10am to 3.30pm

REGISTER NOW

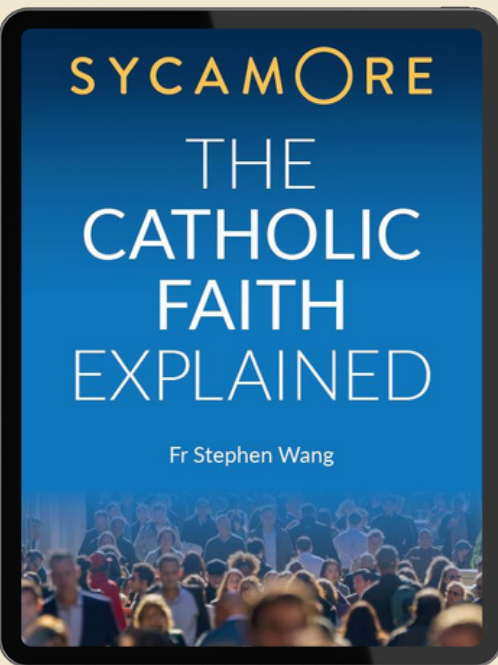
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Youth & Young Adult Ministry

As we journey through the 50 Days of Easter, new beginnings are starting to emerge. The summer months will provide a number of opportunities for young adults to engage with their faith in the form of retreat days, Diocesan Youth Day in conjunction with a visit of a group from the Diocese of Versailles and the beginnings of prayer gatherings to mark the Year of Prayer. Opportunities will be provided both online and in-person to cater for all needs and will take place in locations across the Diocese as we are aware that it is not practical for everyone to make their way to St Paul's. A full timetable of events will

be available in the May edition. We continue with our Tuesday Sycamore group for an enriching faith conversation. Congratulations to those who celebrated the Sacraments during the Easter Liturgies. Some will receive Confirmation at Pentecost so we continue to journey!



After a wet and windy start, the Second Preparation Walk to prepare for the Camino is taking place on Saturday 20th April, meeting at 10 am. These practice walks are open to anyone interested in spending a morning going for a stroll with like-minded people. Get in touch with [Natalie](#) to let know you're going so the group doesn't walk off without you!

Laudato Si' Award



The *Laudato Si'* Award is for youth and young adults who want to live out their Christian calling to protect and care for God's Creation. The award builds from bronze to silver to gold level and can be completed in 3 consecutive years or when the time is right. It integrates and connects young people with the parish community and wider Diocesan family to work together to create an environment of care and protection in parishes. Following the launch of the Award at the Diocesan Conference, 'Parishes Caring for Creation', the first information session for those interested in working towards the award will take place on **Monday, 20th May at 7:30pm on Zoom**. Click below to sign up.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Last few remaining spaces. All queries can be sent to natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie.

BOG OF FROGS HOWTH HEAD WALK

Saturday, April 20th

meeting at Howth Dart Station at 10:00 am to begin walking at 10:15 am

FOR FULL DETAILS EMAIL NATALIE.DOHERTY@DUBLINDIOCESE.IE

CAMINO

YOUNG ADULT CAMINO

Summer 2024

Register your interest using the QR Code below

Full Details and Booking available from September.

Send all queries to: natalie.doherty@dublindiocese.ie

From the LitMus Office

What's Happening - The Year of Prayer 2024

Pope Francis called for a dedicated Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Some Parish Partnerships have taken the opportunity to work together in this prayerful way. These events encourage models of prayer other than the Eucharist and are often led by lay people.

The LitMus Office is committed to offering prayer resources during this year. The material can be adapted to suit the needs and resources of any prayer setting. Full texts available at www.litmus.dublindiocese.ie

The story so far...

29 January Journey with the Desert Mothers and Fathers

An opportunity to explore prayerfully the writings of these legendary spiritual women and men of the early church.

19 February Seven Ways to Pray in Lent

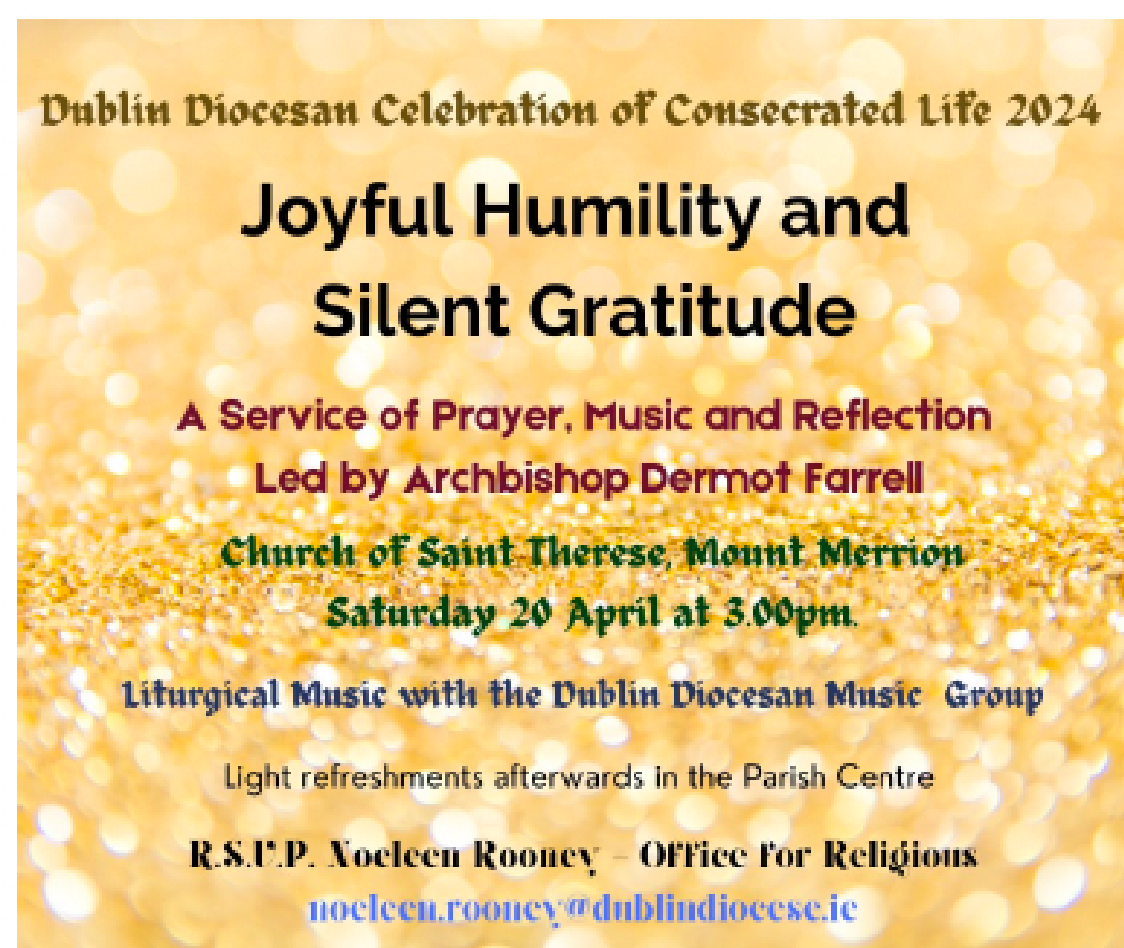
Ideas shared by the DCU Chaplaincy Students (Full-time) to enrich prayer moments during the season of Lent.

11 March Act...Love...Walk

Micah 6:8 was the inspiration for this service of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation presented again by the DCU Chaplaincy Students as part of their training. The emphasis on our failings in the area of justice linked with the *Building Hope* emphasis for Lent. As these services were broadcast live from the Monastery of St. Alphonsus recordings are still available under webcam www.rednuns.com

7 April Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday

Church of Saint Vincent de Paul, Marino



13 May Novena to the Holy Spirit – *Building Hope* (under preparation)

Monastery of St. Alphonsus – 8.00p.m. Come in person or join online (www.rednuns.com)

Music led by Dublin Diocesan Music Group

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