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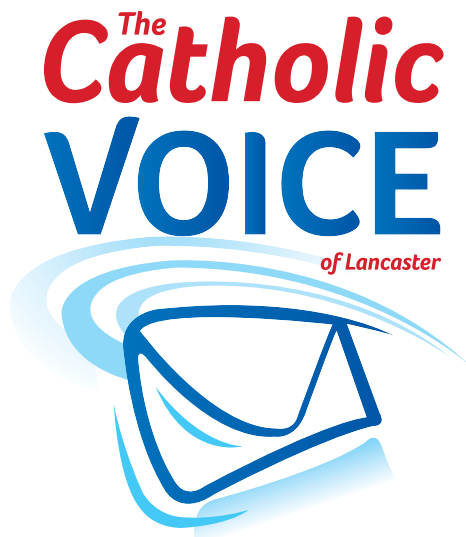
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EDITORIAL

“Remember: Christ is calling you; the Church needs you; the Pope believes in you and he expects great things of you.”

These words of Pope St John Paul II apply to all people but in particular to young people. Many will tell you and you will read in Catholic publications, how hard it is to be a young Catholic today. But these words are your call to action, hope for the future and a reminder of Christ's love for each of us and His Church.

Christ calls you! He calls you to Himself, to a personal relationship with Him but also to the Church. Pope Pius X said “The Church alone, being the Bride of Christ and having all things in common with Her Divine Spouse, is the depository of truth”. It is in the Church that everything necessary for our salvation is provided, but the Church is also a place of great joy and support for us in our lives. She can give you what no other can, the Sacraments, the outward signs of inward grace, true happiness and truth.

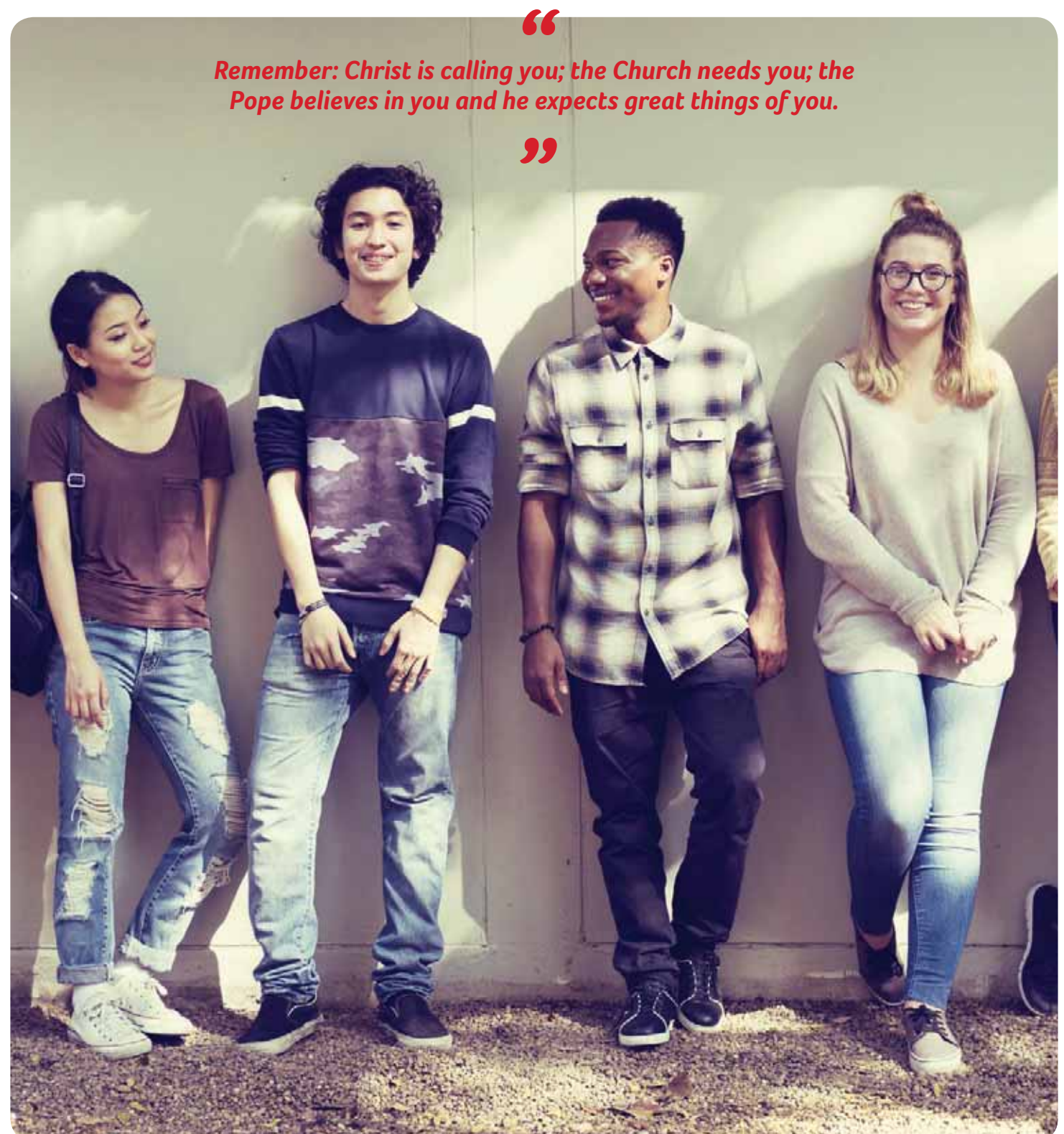
The Church needs you! The Church desires all of us. Why? Because the Church has a mission to sanctify all people and bring souls to Christ. Our young people are the future of the Church; they are the priests, the religious, the spouses, the parents and the faithful of tomorrow. All too often in the Church we can ignore or discourage our young people, a revival of traditions can sit uneasily with us or new approaches and styles difficult to accept. But, if our young people are striving after a lively and strong faith, who are we to judge them? Our task is to pray for our young people and pray for vocations. The future of the Church rests on the priests of tomorrow who will come from among our young people and the Church needs young people to worship and adore the Lord “You too, young people, can be joyful witnesses of His love, courageous witnesses of His love,

carrying to this world a ray of light.” - Pope Francis.

The Pope believes in you! Pope Francis says “Have courage. Go forward. Make noise!” Later this year there will be a synod in Rome on: Youth, faith and vocational discernment. The Holy Father says this, placing a great deal in the hands of the youth: “A better world can be built also as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity. Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit who proposes bold choices; do not delay when your conscience asks you to take risks in following the Master. The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls. St. Benedict urged the abbots to consult, even the young, before any important decision, because “the Lord often reveals to the younger what is best.” (Rule of St. Benedict, III, 3).

He expects great things of you! Our Lord calls each of us, to make at times challenging decisions, to choose between our own desires and the will of God. But in expecting much, far greater is given in return. When we follow Christ then we are truly happy. Pope Benedict XVI encourages us with these words “Dear young people, the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face. It is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” So, young people you are the future of the Church, you have a role to play, be encouraged because the Church will always be a source of happiness for you.

Dear faithful, encourage and pray for our young people, they are the ones who can and will breathe life into our parishes and our schools, they are the future, believe in them!



Young Christian Workers Mass and Celebration



Nearly 200 YCW Members, past and present, celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the YCW in England and Wales last month at Salford Cathedral. Mass was celebrated by Rt. Rev. John Arnold Bishop of Salford and over a dozen priests, including the YCW National and Assistant Chaplains, Fr John Marsland and Fr Mark Connolly.

The Mass saw many of the current YCW and IMPACT young members participate as welcomers, readers, in the offertory, altar servers and in the music group.

National Team member Marc Besford said:

"It was great to see the young people show their talents and confidence to all those gathered, with many former members commenting that they were happy to see a new generation of young people taking the lead within the YCW."

Afterwards there was a celebration in the Cathedral Centre, where members reconnected and shared memories of their time in the YCW.

One member, Rose, recounted her long service to the YCW, having joined in 1946, and she was given the privileged job of cutting the YCW birthday cake.

In England and Wales, the first YCW group was founded in Wigan in 1937, with Father Gerry Rimmer as the Chaplain and Patrick Keegan, a young factory worker, as President.

Patrick would go on to become the first lay man to address an Ecumenical Council of the Church when he addressed the Second Vatican Council on the role of the laity.

National President, Kate Wilkinson, thanked all those who came along to support the event and took the opportunity to share the YCW's upcoming campaign on Young People and Mental Health, called *"Mind! The Gap"*. She said:

"I would like to thank everyone for their service to the YCW over the last 80 years and especially all those who could join us for this magnificent occasion."

It is important to take time to celebrate all the good work that has gone on, but it is even more important to keep looking to the future and seeing where the YCW can make a difference to the lives of young people.

That is why we have decided to launch our new campaign in early 2018 and will be building a national campaign team of young people to help us run it."

Recent residential courses have included a week on God in the Bible, five days on Faith and the Arts in the Reformation and Counter-Reformation and a weekend on Vocation and Fidelity in the field of healthcare.

For Faith and the Arts, Mr Haydn Lee, an accomplished pianist and teacher as well as lecturer, explored Luther's influence on the musical culture of Germany, as well as what was shared across the religious divide, providing examples on the piano and CDs, as well as getting the audience to sing! Mrs Joyce Simpson spoke of the religious struggles of the poet John Donne, who ended his life as a high-ranking Protestant clergyman, but whose family included martyrs for the faith, and Dr Rosemary Mitchell treated us to a slide show illustrating the changes in art and architecture in the period. The group also visited the museum at Stonyhurst to see artistic and liturgical treasures from the period. The scripture week was led by the regular team of Dr Geoffrey Turner, Fr Richard Taylor and Sr Margaret Atkins, and looked at Exodus, Isaiah, the Psalms, St John and Colossians. The guest speaker for the healthcare weekend, Dr John Higham, is a retired GP from St Helen's, with experience as an army surgeon. He entertained and educated the group with his reflections on medicine then and now.

The residential events aim to provide a mix of prayer and retreat, holiday and relaxation, and talks and discussions. The programme of events for 2018 is now out, and includes a few new items. There are always a few extra spaces available for non-residents.

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Being a YOUNG CATHOLIC today

Find being a young Catholic can be very difficult. Trying to follow the Gospels can present many challenges.

I constantly get frustrated with God as I get annoyed when things don't go the way I'd hoped and I keep praying they do. I often find myself asking God more questions, but sometimes I feel he hasn't given me an answer. I can easily be tempted to look elsewhere for answers about my faith.



I ask myself why do I doubt? I find it hard to figure out what is God's plan for me instead of trusting in his plan for me and my life. Discerning my vocation is difficult, but it can be annoying when your Christian friends see a young single Catholic man and say, "you'd make a good priest." I don't feel like I'm called to priesthood and I often pray that people stop saying it, but it keeps happening.

Repetitive sin is a struggle. I find myself going back doing the same things repeatedly. It feels like a fight, and I find the Sacrament of Reconciliation helps. Preparing to go to confession can be scary, but I feel great after getting the sin off my chest and receiving absolution. People often say they admire my faith but I never seem to know why.

Going with the flow when you're around your non-religious friends can seem like the norm. Sometimes they can lead you into trouble with peers. What will others think of me if I tell them I am Catholic?

While I was in college, studying motor vehicle engineering, I was asked several times whether I believed in God, and I denied it. It was only when I attended youth events within the Church that I realised I could make friends my age though groups such as Youth2000, Youth for Christ, or World Youth Day. It was these that made me think I can express my faith in such a way that I don't need to be afraid of it.

I think it is very tough when you feel that people don't understand your faith and struggles, but you just have to be patient and hope one day they will. As every day goes by it is constantly changing. Never deny God regardless of what others think.

Brendan, 21, Castlerigg



Past Team Retreat

The Castlerigg Manor Past Teams' Retreat is into at least its fifth year now, and another successful weekend took place on the Third Sunday of Advent this year.

The weekend reunites past team members from many different years of service for the Youth Service at Castlerigg Manor. Always held near the end of the term just before Christmas, it makes for a magical time to revisit Keswick and the Lake District in all its winter wonderland glory. This year's reunion was our biggest yet, with approximately twenty-five past team members making the journey to Keswick from far and wide. This weekend was notable for one returnee's epic post-lecture flight from their university in the Netherlands, another's nine hour train journey from west Wales, a 4.30am arrival all the way from Portsmouth, and the wonderful sight of babies and toddlers of couples who met at Castlerigg, joining in with the Mass in the chapel. Such is the pull of a weekend reunion at the Manor – ex team members will do whatever it takes to make it back!

Mass, Adoration and Night Prayer all feature during the weekend. It was very fitting and poignant that we remembered Mgr Paddy O'Dea in our Saturday morning Mass in the chapel at Castlerigg. Mgr O'Dea founded the Youth Service and bought Castlerigg Manor almost fifty years ago, and his funeral Mass was celebrated only a day before our reunion. Without him, not only would many young people of the diocese not have discovered their faith, but we all would not have been able to make the lifelong friendships that we have made through Castlerigg Manor.

Time in the chapel during the weekend is one of the many wonderful experiences of our reunions, as is excellent food, plenty of reminiscing, and talking into the (very) early hours.

Revisiting favourite haunts in Keswick is also a must – there are a lot to squeeze in – as well as going on one of Castlerigg's famous walks, with a hot chocolate in town as a reward at the end. Sunday Mass in the parish means we can catch up with the parishioners who supported us throughout our year or two in Keswick, and it's always wonderful to be able to meet old friends at different points during the weekend.

This year we were surprised by an unexpected light snowfall in the early hours of Saturday morning, meaning that everywhere looked breathtakingly beautiful. The Manor and many of the pubs in town had roaring fires, providing the perfect opportunity to sit and catch up. As you can imagine, there's never a dull moment working at Castlerigg, and years later, stories have turned into legend and are shared again and again each year, still as funny as they were when they first happened. Part of the magic of working at Castlerigg is that despite different people working different years, we are immediately bonded by our shared experiences and the reunion feels less like a reunion of friends, and more like a reunion of family. It's hard to pull ourselves away again on the Sunday afternoon.

Thank you, as ever, to Patricia Benson and the current staff of Castlerigg Manor who organise the weekend each year, to the chefs and house team for keeping us excellently fed and so comfortable, and to everyone who makes it possible for us to come back each year and have such a blast each time. We always feel as though we are returning home.

Ruth Baker

The Youth Service are recruiting for next year's gap-year team. If you will be 18 or older this summer and are interested in growing in faith and sharing it with others please get in touch:

team@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit our website.

Lancaster Diocese Youth Service works with thousands of young people each year. Whether in school, on retreat at Castlerigg, or as part of one of our pilgrimages, the experience of spending time reflecting on their lives and coming to know the faith better can be transformative. And we want to make these opportunities available to as many young people as possible.

We work hard to make the funds we have stretch as far as possible, and to keep the prices we charge young people low. Donations help us to achieve this and we are grateful to everyone who supports us.

This year we are organising a sponsored walk. A small party will be walking from Grasmere to Keswick on a fifteen-mile route, taking in twelve of the Wainwright fells, including Fairfield and Helvellyn.

Of course, this is a challenging route, and many who might want to support us won't be able to join in the walk. If this is you we would be very grateful for your help in other ways, principally in helping people to raise sponsorship. We are hoping that each walker will be able to raise at least £1,000 in sponsorship, and your help will be invaluable.

If you are interested in joining us on the walk, or able to help us with fundraising we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

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HEAVEN SCENT

by Julia Beacroft

'The candle ... is symbolic of the light of Christ in our lives'

My father was a wonderful man but as he grew older he started to develop a few foibles and fancies that hadn't previously existed.

Always a neat and tidy man, (ex-Army), he became quite obsessed with wiping down the front of the kitchen cupboards every day without fail and he also claimed that he was unable to eat without something to drink to accompany the food. Yet another flight of fancy was his detestation for candles – especially the scented variety. Despite my habit of always having two or three candles in my fireplace which I like to light each evening, this routine would be totally stymied if Dad was visiting. 'They'll choke me to death!' he used to dramatically exclaim, and no amount of reasoning with him would make the slightest iota of difference.

The Light of Christ

As Christians the candle remains for us highly symbolic of the light of Christ in our lives. The candle flame, which can be so easily extinguished, further reminds us of the fragility of our faith which requires careful and constant nurturing. And candles are frequently used as an aid to prayer and meditation and a traditional part of many of our sacramental practices.

On the second of February we celebrate the wonderful feast of Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus which is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple.

It has also become a tradition for many Christians to bring their candles to their local church where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year, especially during prayer.

Beauty and Aroma

As diverse and flawed humans we all exhibit our own personal likes and dislikes of objects, people and places and of course this is both natural and normal. It would seem that candles are synonymous with our Christian faith but clearly not every single person will appreciate this fact or indeed their beauty and aroma. The Feast of Candlemas reminds us of our Lord Jesus Christ and the blessed candles continue to do so. These traditional candles are meant to be fragrance-free but no matter – all of God's children cannot help but appreciate the beautiful essence and fragrance of Christ himself.

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The date was 13th November, St Augustine's 1663rd birthday! A lovely way to celebrate the Augustinian connection between the Boarbank Sisters and the school.




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Celebrating Young People Awards

A glittering awards ceremony in London's Leicester Square in November for the National Celebrating Young People Awards organised and promoted by Million Minutes involved two worthy winners from the Diocese of Lancaster – Ella aged 13 a student at St Bede's Lytham and Matthew aged 15 of Cardinal Allen Fleetwood both collected awards.

"Young people all too often get a bad name," said Danny Curtin, CEO of Million Minutes. "But often their selfless and sometimes unseen actions can inspire all of us. Million Minutes is all about giving a voice to the young people that get overlooked. We're delighted to have held these awards for the third year to recognise young people from across England and Wales. We want to celebrate all that they are and all that they give to our world."

The awards are intended to celebrate and inspire young people to get more involved in social action projects, as well as helping everyone to reflect on how Catholic social teaching – such as promoting peace, building community and caring for creation – is being lived out in the everyday of our lives. The awards are organised and promoted by Million Minutes, a charity that supports projects helping young people to transform their lives and put Catholic social teaching into practice.

Jimmy Mizen Award – received by Ella

Ella is currently the youngest member of the 'Young Peace Journalists'. Ella chose the refugee crisis as her focus and built her own links with various agencies to make contact with refugees. Ella has a natural presence of a peacemaker, she is confident yet full of humility, a young lady mature beyond her years. Within that work and her work as an 'Anti-Bullying Respect Ambassador' she witnesses to and communicates the gospel message. "Ella is an inspiration, she lives out the Gospel values each day; her presence and maturity of faith in action is beyond her years," says her teacher and another said "It is impossible to not be impressed by Ella's passion for Social Justice."

From year 7, Ella was obviously a peace builder. She presented to the School Governors a proposal for the school to become a Pax Christi School. As part of being a Young Peace Journalist Ella chose the refugee crisis and built her own links to make contact with refugees. She has organised her peers to visit refugees, and she continually works to raise the profile of the plight of refugees. Her teacher says "The work that Ella does reminds us to value the individual".

Barbara Ward Award – received by Matthew

As an active member of our Eco Group, Matthew has planted hundreds of trees around Fleetwood. Matthew recently helped to plant an orchard at school to save the local bee population. Matthew works with students from Kenya to raise awareness of the problems of climate change on communities. Matthew's environmental efforts have recently helped his school be awarded a rare 7th Green Flag, one of very few schools nationally to achieve this. Between his campaigns he regularly works on the maintenance of the school allotment and woodland after school. Matthew gives up his time freely and never expects reward.

"Matthew very much deserves this award for his hard work, commitment and enthusiasm giving freely of his own time," says his teacher and others commented "Matthew gives talks on Fairtrade to primary school students around the Fylde in assemblies as 'Fairtrade Fred', a superhero who champions fairness around the world" and "Matthew is passionate about the environment, and does all he can to work with people within and beyond his school community to care for our common home".

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3: Bishop Campbell with the 22 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last September.

A Posadas



A Posadas is a traditional advent play acted out in many countries across the world, particularly in Spanish speaking countries, Spain the Philippines and Mexico.

It entails processing from house to house or as was the case at St Kentigern's Church around the church, as Mary and Joseph seek accommodation for the great census but more importantly the birth of Jesus.

The Choir and the Children's choir provided suitable Christmas songs of

praise during the processions from 'house to house'. As we know all ends well as after having the 'No Vacancies' sign turned in their faces, they eventually find shelter in the stable. Parishioners of all ages took part as innkeepers and innkeepers families shepherds, kings and animals.

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I am a qualified youth worker, semi-retired and have been involved in youth work for a very long time. I live in Preston and attend St Clare's in Fulwood.

I work as a youth worker and I have had experience working in secular and inter-faith youth work over many years meeting young people from so many cultures and backgrounds.

The main organisations for the development of the work with young people that I am involved with comes through the Young Christian Workers (YCW)/IMPACT programme which seeks to enhance the good work already done in our schools, parish communities, Diocesan Youth Service and Cafod Youth Unit.

The main aims of YCW/IMPACT is to see, judge and act and both operate in full cognisance of Catholic Social Teaching. As my friend Sister Cathy would say: "Street Theology" for working with young people.

The Tablet carried an article – 'Irish Teenagers just don't 'do religion' – which argued that many young people may be lost to the Church for good. We have to be honest and say that this is happening, but I want to be more positive and explore how we can 'make a change' in our journey with young people.

Vincent Donovan, a Catholic priest and a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, also known as the Spiritans, who spent 15 years as a missionary among the Maasai in northern Tanzania, summed up the challenge in his book Christianity Rediscovered:

"In working with young people, do not try call them back to where they were, and do not try

to call them to where you are, as beautiful as that place may seem to you. You must have the courage to go with them to a place that neither you nor they have ever been before."

Pope Francis said to young people 'Stir things up', and maybe this is where we start. it may be uncomfortable, but it is worth the risk.

Taking the message of Christian peacemaking to young people in 2014, I invited Matt Jeziorski, an education worker from Pax Christi, to do some workshops in schools in the Diocese of Lancaster. Following these workshops the jewel in the crown was St Bede's school in Lytham, which took the work of Christian peacemaking to its heart and has become a Pax Christi school.

Catholic Social teaching is also alive also in St Bede's under the IMPACT Programme through action groups supporting Cafod, Pax Christi and Streetlife. Students even organised an after school workshop, in St Joseph's Ansdell using on 'Action by young people' as their theme which was attended by 35 young people.

Romero Action Groups are part of the IMPACT programme developed by the Young Christian Workers and work with the Cafod Youth Team. Groups from Our Lady's High school Preston work on the Caffodors Youth Leadership Project, climate change, a S.H.A.R.E Project involving food banks, refugees, fair-trade and social justice issues and a mental health well being project – 'we are here' – involving a senior citizens group in Ingol, Preston.

This work in schools has developed over several years from workshops on various

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issues that involve young people: self-image, self-confidence, climate change, social justice, poverty and local and global issues.

Young Christian Workers Impact groups also operate in Preston on alternate Mondays at Our Lady and St Edward's Social Centre. Young people from Our Lady's High School, other local schools and Cardinal Newman Catholic College attend and they also have a residential at Castlerigg Manor, Keswick.

"The Impact Youth Group has helped my social skills."
- Megan

"The Impact Youth Group has allowed me to understand and be supportive to other young people across the world and become aware of the issues that they face on a day to day basis."
- Fay

"The youth group has opened up so many opportunities such as a week-end retreat at Castlerigg and contact with youth groups in Mexico, America and Malta."
- Emma, Ellie & Jamelia

A younger Impact group which calls itself Wicked Dynamic Youth (WDY) meets on alternative Fridays 7.30-9.00pm in St Clare's Parish Centre, Fulwood, Preston. These are for the younger 11+ years who have time for fun, games as well as discussing issues that affect young people of this age group.

So from formal education to informal education, the personal and social development of young people takes place, involving them in all levels of

decision making in the youth groups to enhance their learning and social skills within the YCW/IMPACT programme.

As Pope Francis said to young people *"Stir it up and shape things in the Church"*. A bottom - up approach or 'street theology'?

I would like to thank the YCW/ IMPACT Programme (www.ycwimpact.com) and the CAFOD Youth Team for all their support. This article would not be possible without the support of many people, but I wish to thank the young people for their contribution.

A personal thank you James Ballantyne's blog in which he says:


"it might take a brave youth worker/ brave Church to build from space of interaction something new, something truly with young people and not just meet them where they're at, but build a place of faith, creativity, community and hope with them. It is not just gifts based, or needs based practice, but open practice that always is shared."

If you would like to contact me at anytime I am here to help. For young people whose faith remains uncharted and whose gifts remain unused, you are welcome to email on: terry.mattinson@live.co.uk

Terry Mattinson is a voluntary youth worker at Impact Youth Groups, Preston.

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The last academic year came to a close with two excellent events. At the beginning of July Mary Tuson, Director of Teaching School, organised the second annual CTA 'Inspiring Teachers' conference at Preston North End football stadium. The event, 'for teachers by teachers', was opened by Canon Ruscillo, Director of Education Services for the Diocese of Lancaster, with prayer and reflection. Richard Varey, executive headteacher, followed with a motivational keynote address 'A Fearless Approach'. A culmination of our professional development opportunities for Catholic Teaching Alliance colleagues, the event was attended by over one hundred professionals with twenty teachers leading sessions and sharing best practice. Sister Judith Russi closed the conference with her inspiring address 'Teachers: Special Forces on a Mission' – "Loved Richard Varey's talk - very helpful, real and authentic. Great inspiring talk by St Judith - she is superb! Just itching to get back to school with a renewed vision as a catholic Christian teacher."

Later in July our trainee teachers, both primary and secondary, came together for the last time at a 'Celebration Day' held in the newly refurbished chapel at Our Lady's Catholic High School. Reverend Michael Docherty celebrated Mass with the group and this was followed by a presentation of awards and certificates from Adrian Gormally, Director of ITT, and Anne Charnley, headteacher and primary lead.

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St Cuthbert's & Palatine Children's Centre was established by the then Head Teacher, Des Kennedy and Chair of Governors, Linda Wisdom: who, along with local government, recognised there was a real need to provide a specialist family service within the deprived area of South Shore, Blackpool. And so, with collaborative partnership and lots of hard work, this much-needed centre, providing a multi-disciplinary service was opened in January 2007.

The centre delivers a variety of provisions for the local community and helps numerous families in times of hardship and deprivation. Outreach is also at the heart of the centre, engaging with families who, for various reasons, are unable to attend the centre to access its services and resources. At St Cuthbert's & Palatine Children Centre, families are assured of a friendly face, warm welcome and exceptional support in times of need.

This venture follows an already strong relationship with the St Cuthbert's Blackpool foodbank which St Joseph's Ansdell support every other month with car loads of supplies.

In addition to 'Operation Hamper' St Joseph's opened the doors of their Parish Hall on Christmas Day and provided lunch for those in need of company and fellowship.

Anne Waters said: "We launched 'St Joseph's Care' two years ago with the clear intention of reaching out to those in most need within the community. The project has clearly resonated with our parishioners who through prayer, volunteer help, cash donations and physical items have helped us to make a real impact this last year.

Some 16 people were involved with 'Operation Hamper' and we had over 20 volunteers helping with preparing and serving dinner on Christmas Day. This is all in addition to providing a parish telephone helpline service which operates for 10 hrs every day where we have 10 telephone operatives who take it in turns to answer calls."

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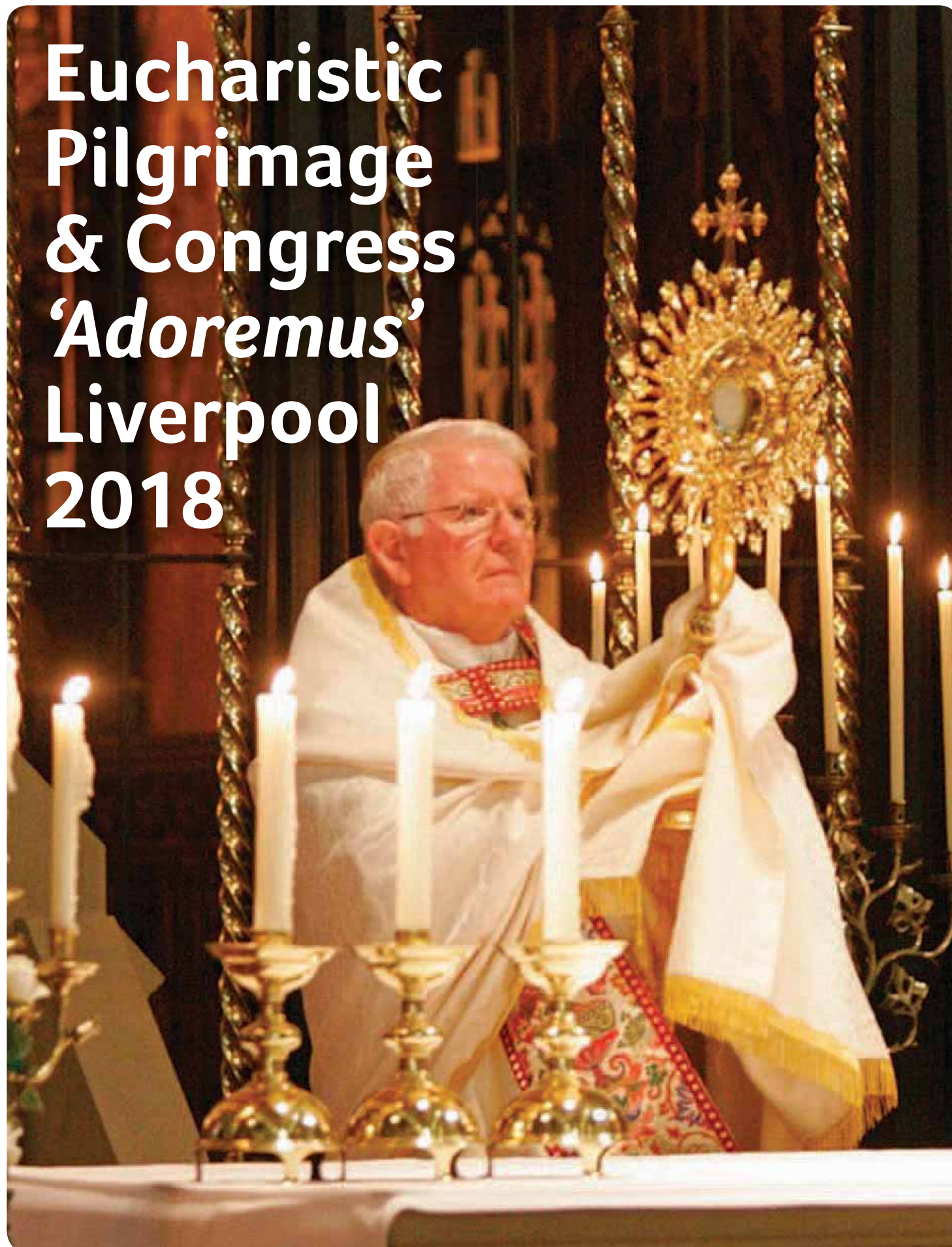
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The Bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from Friday 7th September to Sunday 9th September 2018.

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The Eucharistic Congress has been given the title 'Adoremus' (*let us adore*).

This pilgrimage will bring people together from across the dioceses of England and Wales and further the service of the poor and marginalised in our midst. It will also aim to provide practical resources to develop the mission of the Church in prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Those who participate in the congress will be commissioned by their parish and so on entering fully into the experience they will on returning to their parishes be in a position to foster the legacy of the event in their local communities and share the fruits of what they have learnt and experienced.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops Conference said:

"We seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society."

Participants will engage in a series of sessions focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday 7th September 2018 (£40 per delegate)

On the first day of the Congress, there will be a Theological Symposium, with workshops for parish catechists, (*especially for those involved in First Holy Communion programs*), RE teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. The day will run from 10am to 6pm

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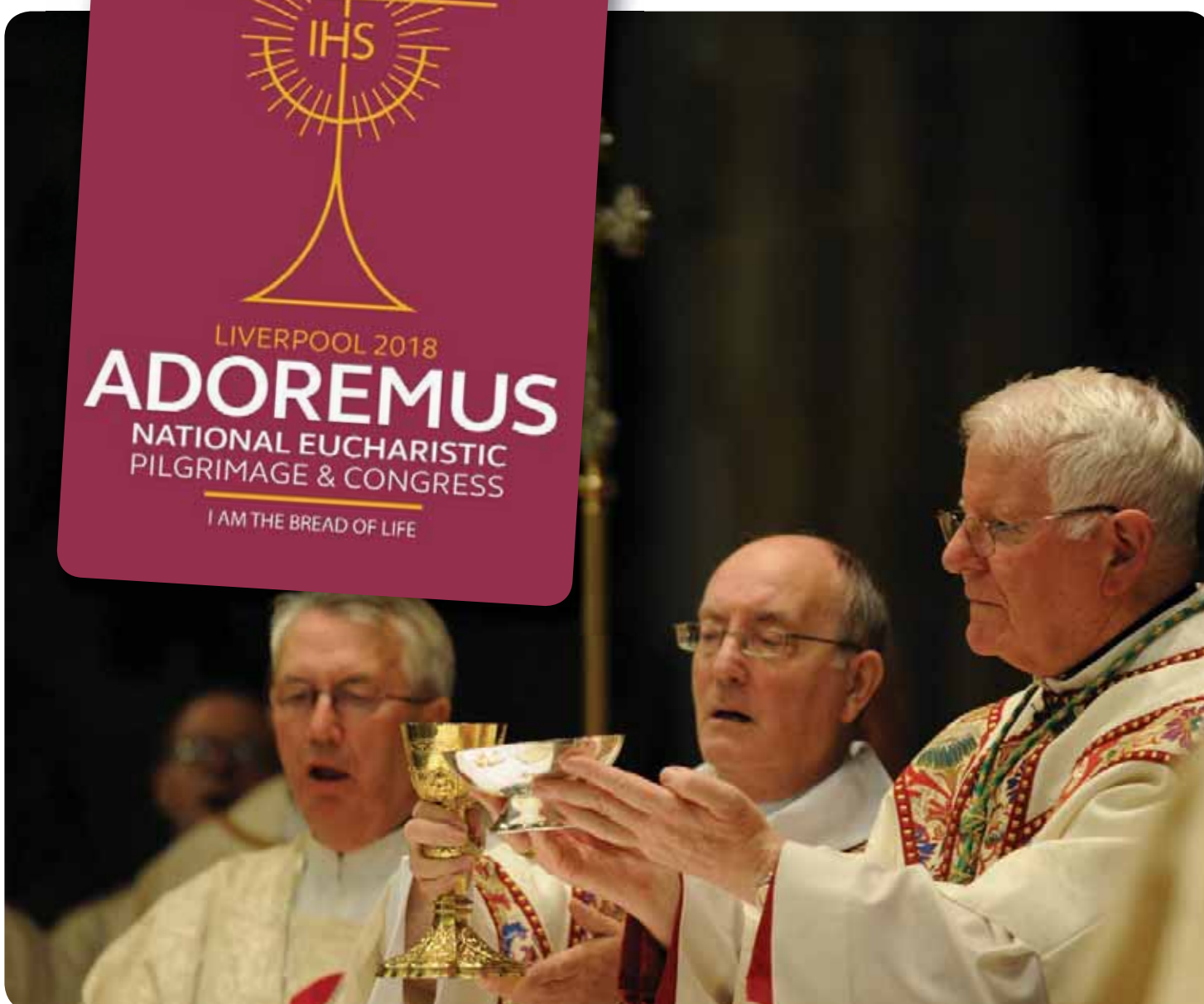
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Saturday 8th September 2018 (£40 per delegate)

The Echo Arena in Liverpool - which can accommodate 10,000 pilgrims - will be the home to a six-hour stage programme on the second day of the Congress, which will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with Adoration.

Sunday 9th September 2018 (Free to attend)

On the final day of the Pilgrimage and Congress, Sunday, there will be pilgrimage Masses and a street procession - open to all. Pope Francis encouraged everyone to visit the Blessed Sacrament, if possible, every day:

"Moreover, I want to encourage everyone to visit - if possible, every day - especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and His mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him."

All parishes in the Diocese of Lancaster have been allocated tickets for the Friday and Saturday. Sunday does not require tickets, but we need to know numbers for making transport arrangements. There are 22 dioceses participating and Lancaster is invited to send 200 delegates on the Saturday with a smaller number on the Friday. We are not planning accommodation and transport arrangements are dependent on numbers, this would be additional to the delegate costs and would be confirmed nearer to the time. We intend to travel to Liverpool and back on each of the three days as this will enable more people from across the diocese to attend.

If you are interested in attending any of the three days, then please speak with your parish priest in the first instance. The Diocese of Lancaster Coordinators are:

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Seminarian Stuart Chapple with Bishop Kozon of Copenhagen in the Chapel at Oscott College Birmingham following the Ministry of Acolyte being conferred upon him last November.



Mgr Patrick O'Dea RIP

1923 - 2017

Monsignor Patrick O'Dea died on the morning of Wednesday 29 November 2017 in Lancaster. May this long-serving and highly respected senior priest of the Lord rest in the peace of the Risen Lord!

Patrick Gerard O'Dea was born on 20 June 1923 in Killeely, County Limerick, Ireland, where he later attended Killeely National School and then the Christian Brothers School, Sexton Street, Limerick. He then studied for the Priesthood at St Peter's College, Wexford.

On 6 June 1948 in Wexford, he was ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Lancaster.

Following priestly ordination, he was appointed Assistant Priest to St Margaret Mary, Carlisle (1948-1951); The Sacred Heart, Barrow (1951-1955); St Walburge, Preston (1955-1963). In 1963, he was appointed to found the Diocesan Youth Service based at Lakeside House, Keswick, later alongside serving as Parish Priest at Our Lady & St Charles, Keswick (1967-1969). In 1969, the Youth Service moved to Castlerigg Manor, Keswick where Father Paddy remained on for one year.

Monsignor O'Dea was then appointed Parish Priest at Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Annes on Sea, (1970-1985) – during which period he was instrumental in introducing the Diocese and his own

parish to the Permanent Diaconate; St Joseph, Preston (1985-1991); St Anthony, Preston (1991-1998) and Mater Amabilis, Ambleside (1998-2006). He served as Vicar General from 1985 until June 2000 and was then elected Diocesan Administrator after Bishop Brewer's death and before Bishop O'Donoghue's appointment to Lancaster from June 2000 until July 2001. He served as Vicar General again from 2001 until 2003 displaying as always his devotion, his discretion and his creative talent.

Monsignor O'Dea officially retired in 2006 and yet moved to live and serve as a devoted Chaplain at Nazareth House, Lancaster.

He will be remembered as a dedicated priest in the service of the Diocese. He had a great rapport with people and was a man of great prayer and love of God and his people.

His Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster on Thursday 14 December 2017 followed by burial in Ireland.

My deepest condolences go to Monsignor Paddy's nephews and wider family in Ireland, his former parishioners, his priest friends, the residents, Sisters and staff at Nazareth House, and indeed to all who have lost a dear friend and brother priest.

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Hope for the Future!

It was a pleasure for me to be invited to serve as chaplain on a residential weekend held at Castlerigg for Preston Young Christian Workers and Impact Groups. There were a total of 28 participants led by Mr Terry Mattinson and supported by Father Mark Connolly. Two university students, long associated with the group, joined the weekend to serve as mentors. There were 10 YCW members or associates, aged between 16 and 18, who devised, organised and ran five workshops for the Impact group. The Impact group consisted of 14 young people aged between 13 and 15.

There were several objectives in organising this residential. Firstly, to give the opportunity to young people to spend time away together reflecting on issues that were important to them outside of the normal school routines and within the context of a Christian environment. And, secondly, to encourage peer ministry and help develop leadership qualities particularly in the older participants.

The first workshop outlined the theme that in previous meetings, before coming to Castlerigg, had been determined by the young people viz: Youth/US/The World. Also the young people determined, in the form of a contract, the expectations and rules of behaviour that they set for themselves over the course of the weekend.

Subsequent workshops organised and led by teams drawn from the YCW group explored social issues around poverty, homelessness and the place of young people in society. A feature of the residential weekend was a Skype connection with a youth group in a Catholic parish in Babylon, Long Island, New York. The workshops also endeavoured to see what questions they would ask the members of this group and the replies that they would give to questions already tendered by them.

The workshops organised by the YCW group were very well conducted and by and large well able to sustain the interest of the younger people. Issues around judgementalism in matters of physical appearance, ethnicity, class, social milieu, personal temperaments and characteristics etc. were discussed.

The linkup with the group in New York through Skype was significant and enlightening. While the group in New York were of a lower age group than that in Castlerigg, nevertheless common traits and interests were discerned, particularly around issues concerning the practice of the faith and parish life. Each evening, as the final activity of the day, night prayer was held in the chapel and led by one or two of the Impact group. The level of engagement of the members of the group was commendable and the prayer leaders evoked an atmosphere of silence, meditation and prayer drawing on the life experience of the young people themselves.

Lydia Pearson one of the participants said:

"We were given plenty of freedom and free time. Everyone participated and we all had a good laugh. The Masses were very calming and relaxing, as well as liberating. We were woken up and we knew what we were doing - it was organised yet not fully controlled by adults - it was down to us, which I personally loved."

Skyping America was like a whole other world-it was a brilliant experience to talk to people my age from another country and I'd love to contact them again; it was all so exciting. I felt like together, we could help to change the world for the better. We don't get a feeling like that in school, which maybe we should. Everyone had something to say, which we don't usually get to do-speak our minds. I'd do many other weekends just like it with Action (known nationally as Impact group) if I could. I loved it."

The central activity of the whole weekend was the celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday evening using thoughts, ideas and practical material drawn from the workshops. These were then integrated with the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharist. My overall assessment of the success of the weekend focuses particularly on the way the three different discernible age groups worked together to support each other. Out of this it was relatively easy to see where leadership qualities and potential existed, giving hope that the two sections could both expand and regenerate over the next couple of years.

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2: After a very long time of Lady & St Patrick, Maryport, Cumbria having no servers at all, Anne Jackman (L) and Anezka (R) were installed into the Guild of St Stephen recently.

3: National Mass for Altar Services
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Finding God on our Pilgrim Journey

When Rosa Molloy was thanking Father Stephen Patterson SJ, who led the day on "Finding God in all things" for Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster on Saturday, November 18th, she spoke for us all.

The gift of that day was discovering even more wonderfully our awareness of God's loving presence with us always. We were not being asked to take on any extra new practices; we were learning to reconnect to where God is present in our lives, in all our unique experiences.

Father Stephen first introduced us in fascinating detail to the rich life experiences of the man who liked to call himself Pilgrim, St Ignatius Loyola, 1491 – 1556. We followed his life journey from courtier, to soldier, to his deep conversion to following Christ Our Lord, his time as a student, gathering his first companions and becoming with them the Society of Jesus, Companions in the Lord. We then looked at our own life journey, with the invitation to recall key stages and ponder where and when we had found God was close to us.

After our Mass and lunch together Father Stephen introduced us to the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius which grew from the insights God gave him on his life journey and which ever since have led others to find God in all things. He showed us how St Ignatius used the rich tradition of different ways of praying that he inherited. He wisely reminded us of that important counsel: pray as you can and not as you can't. He then led us in an imaginative contemplation on the gospel story of blind Bartimaeus.

As our day came to an end Father Stephen reminded us of how this grace of Finding God in all things is highlighted in Pope Francis' teaching, for he, too, has been shaped by his life experiences and the spirituality of St Ignatius.

"In the heart of this world the Lord of Life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to Him!"
Laudato Si 245 *Philomena Grimley SHCJ*



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