

Without a vision the people perish

(Proverbs 29:18)

The sacred ecumenical Council has given careful consideration to the paramount importance of education in the lives of men and women and its ever-growing influence on the social progress of the age.

So begins the Declaration of the Second Vatican Council on Christian Education, ***Gravissimum Educationis***, promulgated on 28th October, 1965. Although much has changed in all spheres of human activity in the fifty years which have passed - and much in the Church which the Council could not have foreseen - still the fundamental premises which the Council Fathers laid down remain as a challenging point of departure inviting future dialogue

This National Conference at Cistercian College Roscrea welcomes speakers well-known in education who will seek to draw on the Church's teaching and their own experience to look at the role of the Catholic school, and its outreach, in contemporary Ireland.

Among the themes addressed will be the Catholic school's unique formative ethos, which seeks to mould young men and women today to become society-changing contributors and leaders grounded in Gospel values; the role of the Catholic school in shaping personal identity and belonging within a vibrant community of faith which dialogues with society; and the pivotal role of the teacher in the Catholic school as a leader and example inspired by shared vision and personal conviction.

Conference Schedule

Conference Facilitator: Mr Patrick Tracey SC

9:45am Opening Address: Archbishop Charles J. Brown, Papal Nuncio to Ireland

10:00am Conference Context: Fr Aelred Magee
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10:15am Keynote Address 1: Rev. Professor Eamonn Conway, *Pope Francis - Engaging Young People Today*

10:50am-11:10am Break & Reflection

11:10am Lecture 2: Professor Daire Keogh, *Fleshing out the Catholic Ethos: Providing a Catholic Framework*

11:40am Lecture 3: Rev. Dr Niall Coll, *'Empathy and Identity: Priorities for the contemporary Catholic school'*

12:10pm Lecture 4: Mr Clive Byrne, *Leadership and Service in the Catholic school*

12:40pm-1:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Lecture 5: Mr David Quinn, *Pressures from Without – Present Day Challenges to Catholic Education*

2:00pm Lecture 6: Lady Gemma Loughran, *The Catholic School: Bridge between Faith and Culture*

2:30pm Keynote Address 2: Professor Gerald Grace, *Vatican 2 and new thinking in Catholic Education*

3:10pm Closing remarks

3.30pm Conference Close: Mr Niall McVeigh

Professor Eamonn Conway

Prof. Conway is a priest of the Tuam Archdiocese, and, since 2011, Chair of the Peter Hünemann Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Theology in Europe.

Professor Daire Keogh

Prof. Keogh is President of St Patrick's College, Drumcondra and a member of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) and of the NCCA/HEA.

Rev. Dr Niall Coll

Dr Coll is a priest of the Diocese of Raphoe and a senior lecturer in the Department of Religious Studies, St Mary's University College, Belfast.

Mr Clive Byrne

Director of the National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals, Mr Byrne is Chair of the European School Heads Association.

Mr David Quinn

Director and founder of the *Iona Institute*, Mr Quinn is columnist for both *The Irish Independent* and *The Irish Catholic*.

Lady Gemma Loughran

Formerly Principal Lecturer in St Mary's University College Belfast, Lady Gemma was called to the Bar of Northern Ireland in 1989 and was appointed a county court judge on 6 September 2004.

Professor Gerald Grace

Prof. Grace is a Professional Research Fellow at the Institute of Education, University of London. He is also Director of the Centre for Research and Development in Catholic Education, UCL.

Booking Details *(please print clearly)*

Name: _____

School/Body: _____

Contact Details:

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Special Dietary Requirements:

The conference fee of €40 will include lunch, and refreshments at the morning break, and should accompany this booking form. Please make payment out to Cistercian College Roscrea.

Booking and payment may also be made online at www.ccr.ie

Forms and payment should be returned to Mr Niall McVeigh, Cistercian College Roscrea, Co. Tipperary not later than Friday 30th October, 2015.

Should you require further details please feel free to contact us at 0505 23344, or by emailing aileen.spillane@ccr.ie



Since its foundation in 1905 by the monks of Mt St Joseph Abbey, Cistercian College Roscrea has been to the fore in providing a rich and vibrant experience for the young men who are students here. A 7-day boarding school for boys situated in the extensive grounds which form part of the monastery surroundings, the College has the distinction of being the only school in the world in the care of monks of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance (Trappists). Shaped by a strong Benedictine-Cistercian ethos and tradition, the College aims to mould its students in a Christ-centred and holistic way, preparing them to be hard-working young men of integrity who are resilient, motivated, empathetic and conscientious in their pursuit of excellence and who will be inspiring contributors to and leaders within society, today and in the future.



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Friday 13th November, 2015

