

EILEEN RANGLES

Eileen Randles IBVM is a graduate of NUI Dublin and Maynooth. She held the position of Secretary General of the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association (CPSMA) for 10 years, having previously served as Director of the Dublin Archdiocese Education Secretariate. She has recently completed two terms as Chairperson of the New Schools Advisory Committee (NSAC) and is currently a member of the National Education Welfare Board (NEWB) and of three Boards of Management as well as the Loreto Education Trust Board. She has been a member of numerous Committees and Working Groups on Irish education. She is the immediate past President of Mater Dei Institute of Education.

MARIA SPRING

Maria Spring is currently Principal of St. Clare's Primary School, Harold's Cross, Dublin and Chairperson of CPSMA for the term 2009-2013. She has been a member of the Standing Committee of CPSMA since 1996 and served as Vice Chairperson of the Dublin Council of CPSMA 1993-2001. In addition to this she has long been involved in the designing and the delivering of training and workshops to Boards of Management in many dioceses.

DAVID TUOHY

David Tuohy is a Jesuit priest. He now works as an Education Consultant specialising in leadership support and development and strategic planning. Currently he is the project director for Le Chéile, a new Trust being set up by twelve religious congregations for their schools. He is also the academic advisor to the School Development Planning Initiative. He has worked in the US, Australia and East Africa. He has taught in both UCD and NUI, Galway. He has published widely in the area of teacher and leader development.

CONFERENCE RATIONALE

The purpose of this conference is to examine the currently changing cultural situation in which the Catholic primary schools are now operating and explore ways of responding to this. It will provide an opportunity to explore the experiences of teachers, parents, management and all other stakeholders in Catholic primary education.

HOSTED BY

Department of Theology & Religious Studies,
Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick

VENUE

Mary Immaculate College

COST

Conference Fee €150. *(including tea/coffee/lunch)*
Conference Dinner €30. *(optional)*
Deposit: €50.

Places are limited, deposit and registration form must be submitted by May 13th, 2009. To download a registration form and view details on booking your accommodation etc. please visit our website:

<http://www.mic.ul.ie/theology/Conference.May2009/info.html>

DETAILS

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Catholic Primary Education in Contemporary Ireland: FACING NEW HORIZONS

May 22nd & 23rd 2009

**Mary Immaculate College
- University of Limerick -
Limerick**



FRIDAY MAY 22ND 2009

- 09.00 **REGISTRATION**
- 10.00 **WELCOME** - Prof. Peadar Cremin, President, Mary Immaculate College
- 10.15 **THE CATHOLIC CHURCH & PRIMARY EDUCATION: AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**
Dr. Tony Lyons
- 11.00 **BREAK**
- 11.30 **THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S CURRENT THINKING ON EDUCATIONAL PROVISION**
Dr. Donal Murray, Bishop of Limerick
- 12.45 **LUNCH**
- 14.15 **THE EXPERIENCE OF PROVIDING CATHOLIC PRIMARY EDUCATION IN CONTEMPORARY IRELAND**
- a) **A Teacher's Perspective:**
Mr. Terry Allen, Principal of St. Mochta's National School, Porterstown, Dublin
- b) **A Parent's Perspective:**
Ms. Ciana Campbell, Holy Family Senior School, Ennis
- 15.15 **BREAK**
- 15.45 **THE EXPERIENCE OF PROVIDING CATHOLIC PRIMARY EDUCATION IN CONTEMPORARY IRELAND**
(Continued)
- c) **The Patron's Perspective:**
Dr. Leo O'Reilly, Bishop of Kilmore
- d) **The Management's Perspective:**
Ms. Maria Spring, Catholic Primary School Management Association (CPSMA)
- 17.00 **EUCARIST IN COLLEGE CHAPEL**

SATURDAY MAY 23RD 2009

- 09.30 **COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES**
- AUSTRALIA**
Brother Kelvin Canavan, FMS, Executive Officer for Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Schools
- 11.00 **BREAK**
- SCOTLAND**
Dr. Roisín Coll, Lecturer at the University of Glasgow
- A RESPONSE FROM THE IRISH PERSPECTIVE**
Sr. Eileen Randles, IBVM, Chairperson Board of Management, Loreto College
- Discussion
- 13.00 **LUNCH**
- 14.30 **FUTURE PATHWAYS**
Mr. Joe O'Connell, Director of St. Senan's Education Office, Limerick
- 15.30 **BREAK**
- 16.00 **WHAT IS IT TO BE A LEARNING SOCIETY?**
Dr. David Tuohy SJ, an Independent Consultant in Education
- 16.45 **CLOSING LITURGY**



TERRY ALLEN

Terry Allen is an Administrative Principal of St Mochta's National School, Clonsilla, Dublin. He holds a Masters in School Leadership from NUI Maynooth. He has taught in several schools around Ireland and was the first lay Principal of Our Lady of Mercy Primary School, Sligo. He has been involved with the development and delivery of professional development programmes for Principals and Deputy Principals. Terry is married with two children and lives in Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

CIANA CAMPBELL

Originally from Swinford, Co. Mayo. Ciana graduated from UCG in 1979 with a B.A. Degree in Psychology. She was a broadcaster with both RTE radio and television for many years. She moved to Ennis in 1998 where she provides media consultancy, training and presentation services for a variety of organisations. She is on the organising committee for The Ennis Book Club Festival and she is also chairperson of the Board of Management of Holy Family Senior School. She is married with two daughters.

KELVIN CANAVAN

Kelvin Canavan is a Marist Brother and has held numerous positions in Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Sydney. He has been a primary teacher, teacher in charge, inspector of schools and supervisor of Marist Primary Schools in New South Wales, Director of Primary Education and is currently Executive Director of Schools in Sydney. He holds an MSc from Cornell and a Doctorate in Education from the University of San Francisco and is a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Notre Dame, Australia. He has published extensively on educational issues and is in great demand as a speaker on Catholic Education in Australia and internationally.

ROISIN COLL

Roisín Coll is a lecturer in the Department of Religious Education within the Faculty of Education at the University of Glasgow. She is also the Post Graduate Convener for the Religious Education department and a graduate advisor within the faculty's Graduate School. Roisin previously worked as Classroom Teacher, St Andrew's Primary School, Bearsden, Glasgow.

TONY LYONS

Tony Lyons lectures in the History of Education at Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick. He has a particular interest in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Over the years he has contributed to a variety of publications in journals. He is also external manuscript reviewer in education history for Edwin Mellen Press, New Jersey. His monograph on the education work of Richard Lovell Edgeworth (1744-1817) was published in 2003.

BISHOP DONAL MURRAY

Bishop of Limerick since 1996. Educated at Blackrock College, he studied for the priesthood at Clonliffe College, St. Patrick's College Maynooth and the Angelicum University in Rome, where he was awarded a Doctorate of Divinity. He has published extensively on issues of ethics, faith and culture and has been a prophetic voice in the Irish Church for several decades.

BISHOP LEO O'REILLY

Bishop of Kilmore since 1998. Educated at St. Patrick's College, Cavan and Maynooth College. He holds a doctorate from the Gregorian University, Rome. He is a member of the Bishops' Conference Department of Catholic Education and Formation, Chairman of the Bishops' Education Commission and Member of the Bishops' Strategic Task Group for Education.

JOE O'CONNELL

Joe O'Connell is Director of St. Senan's Education Office since its establishment in 2007. St. Senan's serves as the education secretariat for the Catholic Dioceses of Limerick, Kerry and Killaloe. He is the former Director of Limerick Education Centre (1998-2007) and is a former principal of a Catholic voluntary secondary school (1989-1998). Joe has extensive experience in the field of education and serves in supporting the development and implementation of policy at regional level. Currently Joe is completing his doctoral studies in Education Leadership and Policy in the University of Manchester, he is a graduate of NUIG with a B.A., H.Dip in Ed, H.Dip in Professional Studies and M.Ed.