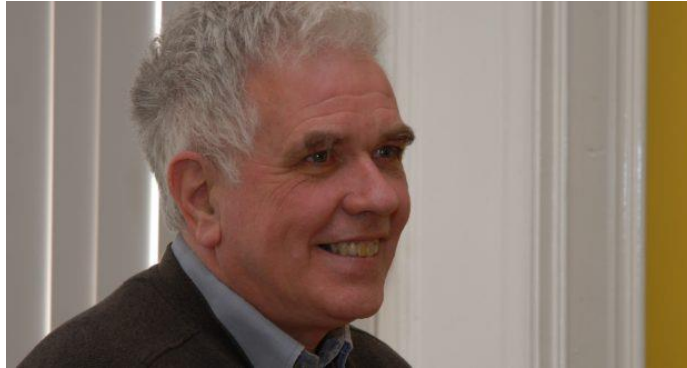


The Annual Inter-Diocesan Seminar for Post-Primary Religion Teachers will take place on Tuesday 4th October 2016 at Hotel Kilkenny.

Keynote speaker: **Fr. Peter McVerry S.J.**
“Jesus had a dream; are we communicating that dream?”



Programme

- 9.30am: Registration
- 9.45am: Welcome and Prayer
- 10.00am: Fr. Peter McVerry S.J.
“Jesus had a dream; are we communicating that dream?”
- 11.00am: Coffee Break and time to look at the Veritas display.
- 11.30am: Session Two with Fr. Peter McVerry S.J.
- 12.20pm: Cathriona Kelly and Fr. Michael Toomey:
“Faith, Community and Young People”
- 1.00pm: Lunch
- 2.00pm: **The Backpack – *Essential Tools for Life***
- 3.15pm: Review and Concluding Prayer.

The Presenters

Fr. Peter McVerry is a Jesuit priest who has spent many years helping the homeless. His campaigning for, and involvement with, troubled young people has made him one of the most prophetic voices of Catholic Ireland.

Fr. McVerry's most recent publication "*The God of Mercy, The God of the Gospels*" highlights how the God of the New Testament calls on Christians everywhere to act with an unerring sense of compassion to those around them.

Cathriona Kelly is a member of the Youth Ministry Team in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin.

Fr. Michael Toomey is a priest of the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore.

Fr. Michael and Cathriona co-ordinate the Pope John Paul II Awards in their respective Dioceses.

The Backpack Programme has been developed by **Catherine Clarke** and **Margaret McGahon**. It is a human and spiritual development programme for young people which utilizes cutting edge neuroplasticity, positive psychology and balanced spirituality. The aim of **the Backpack** is to help young people to negotiate the ups and downs of life – to be resilient, to improve their relationships with themselves, with others and with God.

The attendance fee for the day is €60 per person – to be paid in advance.

To secure a place please forward your name and payment no later than

Friday 23rd September to:

Kildare & Leighlin Faith Development Services

Cathedral Parish Centre, College Street, Carlow, Co. Carlow

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