



Sharing the Good News

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“Education policy must have a priority option for the poor” – Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

Speaking at the Annual Schools Mass in Clonliffe College, Dublin, on 27 September, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, said that Catholic educational institutions, especially the most prestigious, must find ways to assist the disadvantaged. He said, “Most of the religious orders which have education as their mission sprung up from courageous and far-seeing founders and foundresses who were inspired to address the needs of the poor. Exclusivism should never be the dominant tone of any Catholic school.” Archbishop Martin said, “Failure to invest in fostering the educational opportunity of the disadvantaged from an early age is economical nonsense, which will end up in requiring greater investment when indeed it may be too late and less effective. Quality education is a fundamental right of all and a requirement of our respect for the dignity of the weakest in society.” Archbishop Martin said he was addressing his remarks in a special way to the Catholic education community. Read the full text of Archbishop Martin’s homily on catholicbishops.ie.



Sr Consilio and Éamonn Meehan receive St Patrick Medal for mercy

Archbishop Eamon Martin said he has been overwhelmed by the stories and examples of goodness, kindness and mercy he has heard about individuals who put the corporal and spiritual works of mercy into practice in their daily lives. Archbishop Eamon invited people to share with him the names and work of individuals putting mercy into practice so that they could be remembered at a special #BeMercy Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 25 September in Saint Patrick’s Cathedral in Armagh. During the Mass, Mercy nun, Sister Consilio Fitzgerald and Trócaire Director, Éamonn Meehan, received the Saint Patrick’s Medal on behalf of all those who are ‘doing mercy’ in Ireland today.

Bishop Fintan Monahan ordained as Bishop of Killaloe

“As bishop of the diocese of Killaloe there are many challenges: vocations, care of the clergy, faith renewal, evangelization, role of the laity, youth ministry, religious education, safeguarding children, the protection of life, family ministry, liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration, bridging the east-west socio-economic divide, the Church in contemporary society, sacramental practice, and communicating the joy of the Gospel.” - Bishop Fintan Monahan at his Episcopal Ordination on 25 September in Ennis.



News Snippets

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- *Day for Life* is celebrated on Sunday 2 October. Speaking about this year’s theme ‘Everything is Connected’, Bishop Kevin Doran of Elphin said, “*Laudato Si*’ is not just about conserving the environment for its own sake. It is about how we use and share the limited natural resources, which God originally intended for all, including the generations yet to be born. For many in our world today, the management of the environment is a matter of life and death. Download the *Day for Life* resources on www.catholicbishops.ie:

Faced with the sacredness of life and of the human person, and before the marvels of the universe, wonder is the only appropriate attitude.

Letter of Saint John Paul II to Artists, 1999

- Bishop Brendan Leahy, President of Veritas, has announced Mr Aidan Chester as the new director of Veritas, Ireland’s leading religious publisher. Mr Chester replaces Ms Maura Hyland.
- *Quiet Days for Busy People* and *Digital Detox* are part of the Autumn/Winter Faith Renewal Programme at knockshrine.ie.
- See www.imu.ie for Mission Month resources.