

## No Room in the Inn

*“Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited. But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, and yet he must be in it, his place is with those others for whom there is no room. His place is with those who do not belong, who are rejected by power because they are regarded as weak, those who are discredited, who are denied the status of persons, tortured, exterminated. With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world. He is mysteriously present in all those for whom there seems to be nothing but the world at its worst. It is in these that He hides Himself, for whom there is no room.”*

From: *Raids on the Unspeakable* by Thomas Merton



From Sheila with gratitude for the commitment to JPIC and for doing what you can to “make room in the Inn”

## CHARACTERS FROM THE SCRIPTURES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Many of the people, animals and places associated with the Nativity stories come alive at Christmas time. Characters named in Matthew’s Gospel include the ancestors of Jesus - “fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation, fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ.” (Mt 1:17) Joseph, Mary, Angels, Shepherds, the Inn Keeper, Herod, Caesar Augustus, and the Magi are all there. Thanks to St Francis we also have the animals - the donkey and the cow, not forgetting the sheep and goats because shepherds “lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night” (Luke 2:9)

It is interesting to ponder words uttered by or attributed to some of these characters in a Lectio Divina way. The **Angels** were very busy - appearing to **Joseph** in dreams not just once but several times, When Joseph discovered in a dream that “Mary’s pregnancy is Spirit-conceived” he woke up and did exactly what God’s angel commanded in the dream. He married **Mary**.” (The Message translation). Later he was told to “Get up, take the child and his mother with you and escape into Egypt and stay there until I tell you.” After Herod’s death he was told again by the angels to “go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.” He did exactly as he was told.

**Herod** was “perturbed” (Jerusalem translation) or “terrified” (The Message translation) when the “band of scholars” made enquiries about “the star in the eastern sky” and he “flew into a rage” leading to the death of so many infants. It is wise to watch what anger leads to!

**Mary** visited her cousin **Elizabeth** prior to giving birth to her son and they both prayed a Magnificat of unbridled joy. The Message translation quotes Mary saying “I’m bursting with God-news; I’m dancing the song of my Savior God. God took one good look at me, and look what happened - I’m the most fortunate woman on earth.” What a song!

There are so many lessons to be learned from what is said and the actions that followed in these stories. Let us enter into these ‘stories’ afresh this Christmas time and “ponder all these things in our hearts” so that the Word will continue to be born in us. **Liz Murphy, Sec General**



## AMRI STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2021

AMRI Strategic Plan 2018-2021 was launched at the AGM on 29 May 2018. This was the result of many years of work by CORI and IMU prior to the establishment of AMRI in looking at a Strategic Direction. Over the past year the Executive and Staff of AMRI working with Ms Anne Kelleher and Mr Danny Curtin created a draft document for presentation at the AGM where it was heartily endorsed. In this Plan the **Vision, Mission and Values** were outlined together with four **Strategic Goals** for the way forward. Initial Objectives were also set out. The Plan is held together by a sustaining Spirituality for our time and by a yet to be developed Communication Strategy.

The AGM evaluations suggested that this document be put in the hands of every religious and missionary in Ireland but also recommended AMRI to explore the context in Ireland today where this plan would be implemented. One means of doing this was an **Autumn Conference** which was held at Emmaus on 4th October with maximum attendance. The theme of this Conference was ***Finding Faith and Hope in Ireland Today: Our Concern, Our Call, Our Challenge***. Input in the morning was given by David Begg, Gerry O’Hanlon, Fergus O’Ferrall and Iseult Honohan, all contributors to the book *A Dialogue of Hope: Critical Thinking for Critical Times*. Ms Dympna Mallon responded fulsomely. Workshops in the afternoon explored the four Goals in more detail with input from Bishop Nulty & Liz Murphy (Gospel Leadership), Dr Marie Murray & John Hennebray (Healing Wellbeing Wholeness), by Mr Michael O’Sullivan and Kathleen McGarvey (Mission & Dialogue) by Sheila Curran and Michael McCabe (JPIC). Work is now continuing on an Implementation process guided by Ms Fiona Gallagher.



D Begg, G O’Hanlon, F O’Ferrall, I Honohan



Dympna Mallon



### Vision

To live the joy of the Gospel.

### Mission

The Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland (AMRI) inspires, impels, supports and facilitates its members to be missionary, prophetic and charismatic in the following of Jesus.

It seeks to respond with courage and confidence to existing and emerging realities both in Ireland and overseas.

### Values

- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Collaboration
- ◆ Justice
- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Hope
- ◆ Respect

Strategic Plan  
2018-2021



Some of the **Objectives** named to accomplish the Goal of Gospel Leadership are

- Supporting the Leadership development of its members through programmes, conferences, seminars and workshops relevant to emerging issues of the time.
- Promoting integrity of financial reporting
- Ensuring the highest standards of professional conduct for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults.

This Goal and these Objectives have guided the work of AMRI over the past several months and continue to guide Executive, Staff, AMRI members, those who work with us and those with whom we link or associate.

**Executive Meetings:** The elected members of the Executive have three functions as

- (i) Board members or Directors of AMRI CLG,
- (ii) as Trustees of the Charity - now with a new Governance Code,
- (ii) Canonical Officers of the Canonical entity with its Statutes.

The Executive meets monthly when possible, and have overall responsibility for ensuring the Strategic Plan is in place. The overall Implementation of the Plan is in the hands of the staff at both Cypress Grove and Willow Park under the direction of the Secretary General.

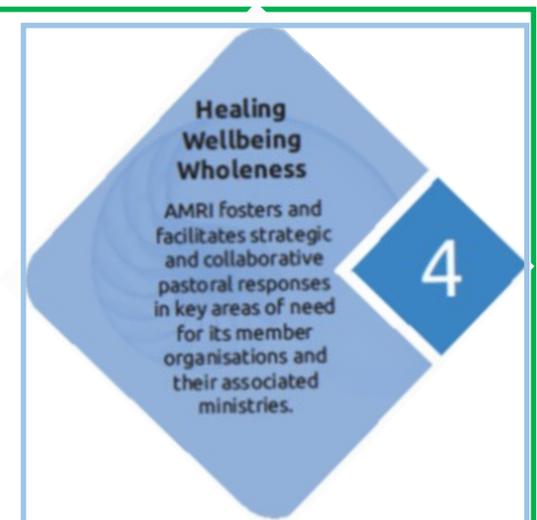
A Review of the Religious Formation Ministry Programme (Loreto House) was commissioned by the Executive and has just concluded.

The **Finance Committee** of AMRI meets regularly and reports to the Executive. Accounts are in the hands of a Financial Accountant who works one day per week and reports to the Secretary General and to the Finance Committee.

The AGM (29 May), Autumn Conference (4 October), meetings about COIMIRCE and Towards Healing (October 22), Garda Vetting Seminar (4 December) are all examples of supporting Leaders. In addition AMRI is represented on various Companies shared with the IEC e.g. COIMIRCE and TOWARDS HEALING but also on the Council for Emigrants, the Council for Pastoral Renewal, Adult Faith Development and Youth Ministry (PRAFDYM) and the National Mission Council and on various Education Councils and Committees.

The former Committee of **Towards Peace** has been replaced by a new Steering Committee and is working on a Proposal for the IEC and to AMRI by Easter. The Secretary General is a member of the Steering Committee.

The **National Mission Council** is preparing to celebrate Extraordinary Mission Month October 2019 with AMRI's involvement.



This Goal is linked very much with Goal 1. It states that “through collaboration, partnerships and co-sponsorships,” AMRI will

“Encourage and support its leaders in ongoing processes of reconciliation, healing and acknowledgment of failures to fully live the Gospel.”

In co-sponsoring two Companies in partnership with the Irish Episcopal Conference - COIMIRCE and Towards Healing - AMRI is very dutiful in relation to these, and in its active involvement with Towards Peace.

Thanks for your support for this work over the past year, for your attendance at meetings, for your financial contributions, particularly to Towards Healing and for Annual subscriptions.

## AMRI offers a formal one year Programme: Religious Formation Ministry Programme (Loreto house)



Twenty-six participants completed the 2017-18 programme in June 2018 and have since returned to their countries of origin, many to work in initial formation in their congregations/societies, while others who came for a renewal course are entering or re-entering other ministries with renewed enthusiasm. It is always a joy for us on the team to see how participants who really engage with the programme benefit from the year. Right now we are sending them Christmas greetings – greetings that are going to fifteen different countries -- keeping up that link for a little while longer.

In the Summer of 2018 we had to say good bye not only to the outgoing participants but also to Tom McNamara and Peter Roddy, two team members who had served RFMP for ten years between them. They had brought their many gifts to the work in Loreto House and we knew they would be sorely missed. We wish them well in their sabbatical time and in their future ministries.

Finding new team members in time for the 2018-19 programme was a challenge, but we have been blessed with two new people: Josephine Enenmo, OLA and Joe McGee, MSC, who have completely entered into the work here and are already contributing greatly to it.

The other major challenge we faced this year was the change in the process for gaining a 'Religious' Visa for those coming from non-EU countries, and this challenge was compounded by the fact that the new system was only publicised in May 2018 and some of the Irish embassies/consulates abroad were not familiar with the new system. Those who meticulously went through the tedious process of applying for Pre-clearance eventually did get their Pre-clearance letter and were able to get a Visa, but for some, the process was too daunting! We hope that when the system has 'bedded down', it will not be too difficult in future. Despite these problems, we have a group of fifteen this year and some of those who were unable to come for the current programme have indicated that they wish to participate in the 2019-2020 programme.

As we come to the end of the first term, participants can look back on times of deepening their sense of themselves and of the world – or indeed, the cosmos - around them, done through presentations, workshops, reflection time, pastoral placements, and of course, interaction among themselves, both formal and informal.

Most of our participants this year are staying in a community of the Irish 'branch' of their congregation or society. This hosting of participants is a great service that Irish communities are offering to their overseas members, and I trust it is also a big gain for the hosting communities in getting to know members of their wider community, but all within the same ecclesial family. We pray that this good relationship will continue.

We pray also for all our helpers in the broader sense – many of the religious of AMRI who generously give of their support/expertise here in Loreto House.



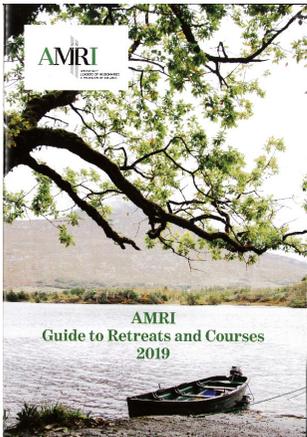


## MISSION and DIALOGUE

This Goal has a number of Objectives, many of which are active in a variety of ways e.g. provision of a two day **Transition Workshop** for Returning/Returned Missionaries. Under the guidance of Dr Kevin Egan no fewer than **47** participants from **16** different congregations met at AVILA November 19/20 to explore transition from various perspectives. Both Liz and Eithne represented AMRI at this gathering. A news feature about this will be published in the Irish Times in early January. Coming ‘home’ to Ireland today is an enormous challenge. It is hoped to provide additional meetings/gatherings during 2019 to help missionaries adapt and adjust to this reality.

**CPPP:** The Co-ordinated Parish Promotions Programme continued in 2018 and plans for 2019 are well underway. All the Archbishops and Bishops have been contacted by AMRI seeking consent for the missionary congregations to promote mission and seek support in the various parishes during the year. A meeting, hosted by the Secretary General, was held at AMRI on 8th November where stories of success and challenge were shared by all.

**Fit for Life:** A 10 week programme for Returned Missionaries took place from January-April and from October - December for any missionary who desires to be active and energetic and into Healing Wellbeing Wholeness. Under the guidance of Claire this one hour per week session is proving invaluable not only for fitness but also for camaraderie and friendship. The welcoming atmosphere of the Blessed Sacrament Hall at Bachelors Walk is deeply appreciated. It is hoped to continue this programme in early Spring. Please contact Liz for information. (liz.murphy@amri.ie)



AMRI is looking forward to working with World Mission Ireland and with the National Mission Council in promoting **Extraordinary Mission Month, October 2019** which Pope Francis has called, requesting us all to reinvigorate our responsibility to proclaim the Gospel with new enthusiasm. Its theme is: **Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.**

Each year missionaries at home and abroad warmly welcome the **AMRI Guide to Retreats and Courses.** The **2019** issue is on its way to all Leadership offices this week and to the Irish Bishops. Copies are available at the AMRI Office. Contact Colette at 01 5310055 or at [secretariat@amri.ie](mailto:secretariat@amri.ie)



EXIMIUS MISSIONIS MENSIS  
**OCTOBER 2019**

## Re-Membering the Story by Eithne Woulfe



The musical version of Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* has the main protagonist, Jean Valjean sing 'My soul belongs to God, I know," and at the end of the play, he will be described, not unjustly, as "a saint."

It is the positioning of a man of faith, still then the norm in 19<sup>th</sup> century France, at a time when the Catholic Church and religious congregations and missionary activity was gaining momentum in Ireland. The cultural landscape of that Church is now no more, but is this possibly an opportunity for a more intentional informed faith community, amid a significantly secular milieu? Might it not also offer possibilities for a textured engagement with the story of the contribution of the

Church and its men and women – ordained, religious, lay – to the social and economic wellbeing of this country for much of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries? Such textures would posit the darkness and light-bearing contexts of that Church and its members, in a broader context of local, national and global history.

Professor John Cafferty of U.C.D has recently drawn attention to the treasures hidden in many of our archives and the necessity of their being garnered before it is too late. You can download his text on <https://www.ria.ie/news/heritage-podcast/in-time-of-inquisition>

Many of you are already members of the Association of Church Archives, but for many AMRI members the future repository of archives is a burning issue. Our Strategic Plan accepted at the September 2018 AGM commits AMRI to “encourage historical research and archiving among the members” - more about this in the near future.



### A Centre of Mission and Dialogue

The Strategic Plan also sees AMRI as a centre of Mission and Dialogue inspired by the Gospel and Church teaching.

### *Hubs, Webs, Relationships*

In thinking about how such centres of mission and dialogue might evolve, the words ‘web’, ‘hub’ and relationships come to mind. It is the antithesis of a society that is increasingly controlled mainly through compliance with myriad policies and laws, a sort of making people behave properly. It is as if people are less and less assumed to care for each other, to have a true freedom of conscience in a mechanistically constructed worldview. What can we do to foster human passion, creativity, compassion, meaning, integrity and ingenuity in this new century Ireland? While we cannot alone foster what is best in us, we can create possibilities and processes that bring people together to talk to each other, listen to the stories, reflect together on what we are learning as we work and play. Such approaches foster trusting relationships, where we do what we say, where we speak honestly, respectfully, where we allow ourselves to be mutually influenced in service and refuse to act from self-interest.

In many of our commitments as communities, societies and congregations, we are exploring new ways of working together among ourselves, colleagues and wider society, while fostering more life giving relationships. We know we have to solve problems. People want to help, contribute, be hopeful. As we make our way through this unfamiliar new world, where much seems transient, it seems to be more about growing a way of being, doing, where we welcome and recognise the complexity of much of this reality, the diversity of perspectives and values, the need for a certain level of compromise and inevitable imperfection. To this we bring the Gospel and a spirit of discernment.

### ***Change and Missio Dei***

We are living with change, and throughout periods of transience and change, religious identity has often developed around charism. To reflect on our vision and tradition can give us a certain clarity through change processes while keeping us faithful to our foundational vision.



However, the call to dialogue and mission anchored in the Gospel, and tradition calls us to a deeper identity. This identity goes beyond our own charism, but it is also where our individual charism is rooted. ‘Missio Dei’ is an invitation to all to deepen charism and understand them in a new way as we try to respond faithfully within the present culture. ‘Missio Dei’ is the unity within our diversity of mission.

Hubs for Mission are collaborative and collective spaces (geographical and otherwise). Their function is to help actually and practically witness to our rooted values together. Each congregation and society may come from their tradition of a pastoral, health care or educational mission. Hubs for mission ask each of us to bring that tradition to this new transformative space where we put our vision at the service of ‘Missio Dei’ together with all others who join us in the here and now

*I am indebted to Ronan Barry of the Spiritan Education Trust for his sharing of perspectives on Hubs for Mission with me.*

The coming months will hopefully see the introduction of the Catholic Education Partnership and an inaugural mini-conference for the senior management teams of the five principal Catholic Schools Services in Ireland – three from the South, two from the North. Both initiatives reflect the common ground and the desirability of nurturing relationships and sharing wisdom and experience for mutual benefit and nurturing the Catholic school sector across this island.



## December 2018 update from JPIC.

*AMRI JPIC is an active voice which raises awareness and facilitates pastoral responses to situations concerning justice, peace and the Integrity of creation. (AMRI Strategic Plan 2018-2021)*

I am delighted to give you a brief summary of the activities of the JPIC area in this Christmas Chronicle

In order to further the objectives of AMRI JPIC, I work collaboratively with the groups from civil society who work with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers and issues related to environmental degradation.

### **Housing and Integration in partnership with the Irish Refugee Council**

In 2016, AMRI JPIC initiated a collaborative housing project with the Irish Refugee Council to enable the integration of refugees into Irish Society. Currently, the housing project has 62 Tenants in 14 properties - another five people will move into a property in Drumcondra early in the New Year. Twelve of the properties are from AMRI members and the two other properties are from members of the Civil Society. The Irish Refugee Council continues to provide full holistic supports to all tenants and are working closely with some of the tenants to support the move into independent living.

The system of Direct Provision (DP) is increasingly problematic - there are just under 6,000 people living in DP and the accommodation is at full capacity with the Reception and Integration Agency (RIA) struggling to keep on top of the accommodation and other needs for those seeking protection. At present the Government is housing people in emergency accommodation with inadequate access to social and medical supports.

Therefore, this project continues to seek new properties as the problems with housing continue to exacerbate. If any other Congregation is interested and would like to know more about the project please contact me.

I wish to thank all the Congregations who have participated in this project to date and to Rory O'Neill and Aoife Coleman from the Irish Refugee Council for their commitment, knowledge and skills which have enabled this project to grow and develop.

### **AMRI in seeking to proclaim and live the Gospel prophetically will:**

- ◆ Work collaboratively with emerging Social Justice issues, in ministering and responding to the marginalised in society
- ◆ Be a gatherer and a unifying voice in advocating especially for refugees and migrants, homeless, the trafficked and exploited people
- ◆ Work collectively to promote care for our fragile earth, our 'common home'



## **Spirasi Befriending Project**

AMRI JPIC initiated the Spirasi Befriending Project in 2015, when our members expressed a willingness to offer social work and befriending supports to refugees and asylum seekers. There are now 38 befrienders, 80% are members of religious congregations, 70% of all volunteers are female. This project offers both the befriender and the participants' potential for intercultural, intergenerational and interfaith dialogue. This project continues to grow and has now extend beyond Dublin, to Drogheda, Cork, Galway, Athlone, Longford and Sligo. Other members hope to participate in the programme in 2019. On 11<sup>th</sup> December, Spirasi held a training afternoon for befrienders and I explained how the programme came about and presented on the challenges facing asylum seekers and refugees today.

AMRI Migrant and Refugee Fund also contributed to this project.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the volunteers and to Deirdre Markey in Spirasi, for all her hard work and look forward to working with everyone in 2019.



## **NASC and Doras Luimni**

I continue to work closely with both organisations. Our members are involved with these organisations either through befriending refugees or teaching English as a second language in Cork and Limerick. All of the above projects are looking for volunteers. All that is necessary is an open mind and heart. If anyone is interested please contact the AMRI Justice Office.



## **Advocacy: Unifying voices**

### **Irish Refugee and Migrant Coalition (IRMC)**

AMRI is a founding member of the IRMC and at present I am a member of the working group. We have been working on the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), an initiative launched by governments in the United Nations in September 2016, with the New York Declaration. The Global Compact on Refugees was negotiated during the same time period and adopted in November 2018. The GCM has a cooperative framework of principles and actions in the area of migration. It is non-binding agreement that gives political direction to states. The Global Compact on Migration contains 23 commitments, with a series of actions under each one. The Compact should be read and implemented as a whole, addressing migration “in all its dimensions”.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December in Marrakech, Ireland together with over 180 countries across the world, signed the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM). We welcome the Irish government's decision to engage with the UN process and for signing on to the Compact. It re-affirms Ireland's commitments to upholding human rights. Despite its shortcomings, it is a landmark document in the history of international migration as it recognises that migration is a key part of human life.

### **Justice for Undocumented people in Ireland**

The Migrant Rights Centre of Ireland (MRCI), estimates there are between 3,000 – 5,000 undocumented children and young people in Ireland, who were born here or grew up here. Most have no way to attain stable residency permission, let alone citizenship. I have worked closely with MRCI to seek the regularisation of undocumented people in Ireland. Last month MRCI launched a short film entitled *This Is Our Life* highlighting the challenges faced by undocumented people living in Ireland. Watch the video on this link: <https://vimeo.com/migrantrightscentre>

### **Dublin City Interfaith Forum**

AMRI is a member of this forum. I was involved in the development of a new three-year strategy, which will promote awareness and develop understanding of the cultural and religious differences in today's Ireland. Members of DCIF envisage a society based on mutual respect, cooperation and understanding, driven by progressive pluralism and unity, in a diverse and vibrant manner throughout Ireland and the World. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Nial Ring, launched the 2018–2021 Strategy in the Mansion House on the International Day for Human Rights, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The five 'pillars' of the plan are: engagement, communications, resources, public stakeholders and funding. All of the Religious Leaders from the member organisations as well as members from Civil Society were present for the launch. For more information follow this link: <https://www.dublincityinterfaithforum.org/cmsfiles/resources/DCIF-Strategy-2018--2021.pdf>.

### **European Anti-Racism Network (ENAR)**

AMRI is a member of ENAR. Racism is a reality in Ireland and, unfortunately, it is on the increase. In the early to mid-2000s, Ireland invested in efforts to combat racism and prejudice in order to avoid the experiences of other countries but the funding ceased with the economic downturn. We are calling on the Government to increase funding in this area.

Ireland is one of the minority countries in the OSCE and the EU with no provision for hate crime. We are currently working with both the Department of Justice and Equality and the Garda Siochana to introduce hate crime legislation in Ireland. ENAR publishes biannual reports on Racism in Ireland. Race incidents are reported through the *iReport* system, a service offered by ENAR. Dr Lucy Michaels, lecturer in sociology at Ulster University, is the author of the biannual reports which are available on ENAR's website: [www.enarireland.ie](http://www.enarireland.ie) I am also involved in a project which enables faith communities build their capacity to address race related issues, find ways to support people suffering racism and work together in combatting racism in Ireland.



### **Work Collectively to promote care of our fragile earth our 'common home'**

Climate change, one of the most critical issues of our times is a moral issue. Ireland is failing to meet its obligation to take action on climate change. We need to continue to lobby our politicians to pressurise the Government so that they place climate change and environmental degradation at the front and centre of all Government policy, so that we can meet our national target to reduce our carbon emissions and achieve a carbon neutral economy by 2050.

I work collectively with JPIC Commission, USG-UISG on lobbying on international policies in relation to climate change.

AMRI JPIC works in collaboration with *Trocaire* on encouraging Congregations to divest from fossil fuels.

I am part of an interfaith group working on Theology and environmental ethics. AMRI members participated in Citizens' Lobby Day Climate Change on (Wednesday) 5<sup>th</sup> December in Buswells Hotel, Molesworth Street.

Some of our activities:

- \* On the eve of Pope Francis' visit to Ireland, AMRI JPIC as part of Dublin City Interfaith Forum, Eco-Congregation and the SMAs, organised an Interfaith Reflection and Prayer for Our Planet.
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- \* I worked on a joint letter to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, which was published in the Irish Times on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Fostering a vision of hope**

On 16th October, together with the Loyola School of Theology, we held an event to mark the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero. Over 100 people attended this event.

On 18<sup>th</sup> December, I organised a reflection morning for Advent entitled *Prophetic Women's Voices in our Christmas Narrative*. 28 people attend this event at the AMRI Office.

I made a submission to the Public Consultation on Ireland's overseas aid programme, and participated in discussions with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

I made a submission to the Citizens' Assembly on how the State can make Ireland a leader in tackling climate change

### **Communication:**

I have a mailing list of those who expressed a wish to receive regular emails on JPIC Issues. If you are interested in receiving this, please send me your email address. I have also supported communities and individuals who are discerning the best way to respond to the critical issues of our time. Information on events and the submissions which have been made during the year are available on our website [www.amri.ie](http://www.amri.ie)

**A huge "Thank you" to all who have supported AMRI JPIC work in the past year.**

**May you be inspired by the One who became flesh to break down the walls of exclusion, in order to build a more just and equal world.**

**Happy Christmas to one and all, Sheila**