

### EASTER PEOPLE

As we ponder the Word of God where the latter days in the life of Jesus of Nazareth are highlighted certain people stand out from the crowd. These include the people who waved palms as Jesus entered Jerusalem; Pilate's wife and her strange dream; those who prepared the food and sat at the Passover Meal with Jesus; the soldiers gambling over his cloak; the servant girl who embarrassed Peter; the women who wept on the Via Crucis; and his mother Mary. There is the other Mary who was called lovingly by name on that Easter morning. We remember them at this time.

This Easter time I am drawn to remember some contemporary women and men who have woven their way into our history ... all because of their relationship with that same Nazarene. **Sr Orla Treacy**, a Loreto Sister, was recently presented with an **International Women of Courage** award for her fearless work with young people in South Sudan. This is a country torn by civil war and where only one third of girls entered

**Sister Orla Treacy**  
Ireland

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OF COURAGE

Sister Orla Treacy is being honored for her noble efforts to address the plight of girls in a region besieged by conflict, commitment to provide schools for girls being forced into early marriage and denied an education, and compassion for teaching and pastoral service.

#WomenofCourage

primary school until Orla changed that pattern. An Irish woman, a woman with a mission, a follower of Jesus of Nazareth, a true Easter Woman.

Another person who recently stepped onto the international stage in Dubai in his brown Franciscan habit was **Br Peter Tabichi OSF**, a Franciscan Brother (3rd Order Regular) who won the **Global Teacher Award** for his dedication to education in his native Kenya. In



receiving his award in the presence of his father and some world figures he said "teachers shape lives and mould futures." His million dollar award will not be spent trivially but will add to the 80% of his salary that he devotes to his school in Karico in a remote part of Kenya. In greeting him the President of Kenya said "your story will light the way for all future generations." Here is a follower of Jesus today, a man with a mission, an Easter man.

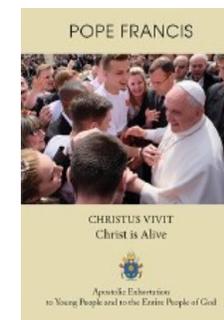
The Easter stories also name "the crowds" and the "followers." Let us remember all who recently contributed to the **Capuchin Day Centre** who in turn enabled Br Kevin to donate 5 million Euro

towards housing for the homeless via the McVerry Trust. Every contribution mattered, there was compliance with all



the necessary regulations so that houses will be built and lives will change. We salute all such Easter people.

A little Italian woman in a grey habit also stands out this Easter time. She has been on the frontline in the fight against human trafficking. No wonder Pope Francis has asked **Sr Eugenia Bonetti** (Consolata Sr) to prepare the texts for the Good Friday ceremonies at the Colosseum - where time past meets time present on today's Via Crucis.



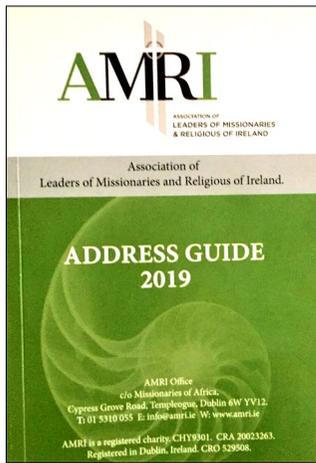
Let us not forget Pope Francis this Easter who has just issued his letter **Christus Vivit** to young people and the Entire People of God.

We join him in the greeting "Christ is Alive! He is our hope ... Christ is alive and wants you to be alive ... he is always there, the Risen One."

A blessed Easter to all. **Liz Murphy, RSM**

## From the Secretary General

In the four months since the Christmas Chronicle 2018 arrived in your offices there have been numerous meetings or gatherings on various topics and lots of email communication. You will have received the **2019 AMRI Address Guide** in mid January. Please keep the office informed of any changes, particularly following Chapters and elections.



The **Vatican Summit on the Protection of Minors** was held from 21-24 February 2019. I am deeply indebted to all who responded to the questions sent from the Preparatory group. Your collated responses were forwarded to Archbishop Eamon Martin who was the Irish representative there. Many will have followed the various sessions on U-tube or on EWTN. It was heartening to know that religious were well represented by USG and UISG representatives. Various documents were emailed from this office including the text of Sr Veronica Openibo and the final address by Pope Francis.



Thanks to all who attended meetings about **Towards Healing** in January and again in March as we try to engage

realistically with your pledged contributions for 2019. Work is still underway by the Review Group before confirming the AMRI pledges for 2020, 2021, 2022 and the formalities involved going forward.



My gratitude also for your responses to the Questionnaire sent about **Towards Peace** and its future. The Oversight Committee of **Towards Peace**, of which I am a member, met in January, February, March and April and have planned to have a request with both IEC and AMRI by May 2019 for a more diverse approach into the future within a reasonable budget. This will be presented at the AGM on 29 May.



Fifty congregations have now registered with AMRI for the purpose of **Garda Vetting**. Following in-depth preparation by Ms Sandra Neville at workshops in December 2018 and again in February 2019 and getting legal advice from Millett & Matthews (AMRI legal advisors) all who have registered are now legally compliant in relation to Service Level Agreement and Data Protection Deed. Our

gratitude to all who have co-operated wholeheartedly with this very formal process where the congregation involved is the **DATA CONTROLLER** and AMRI is the **DATA PROCESSOR**.

By now many congregations will be well on the way towards **IMPLEMENTING** the **GDPR** requirements. Here in the Office as we looked at the four steps involved we realise we needed professional help in getting our act together. This involves



1. Mapping
2. Addressing the Gaps
3. Developing Policies
4. Awareness and Training

On 25 February we invited some of the local congregations to join us to get more familiar with all that is involved. This process is ongoing and we still have much to learn and implement.



**APT-AMRI** held a day-long conference on 1st March on **Human Trafficking: Hidden in Plain Sight** at the Dept of Justice & Equality headquarters. The focus of APT-AMRI is to promote awareness and education on this vital topic. All are welcome to join the group

which meets monthly

## Requests and Clarifications

Over the past two years at the request of **Vocations Ireland** we have been trying to



clarify our inter-relationship. There have also been queries about

the relationship between AMRI and **ABRI** - Association of Bursars of Religious Institutes, and also the relationship with **APT**- Act to Prevent Trafficking. In addition there were questions coming from former CORI Regional Groups in Cork, Galway, Northern Ireland, etc about insurance cover for their meetings, Data Protection, Lobbying, and policies on communication. On Monday 4th March AMRI hosted a meeting with representatives of



these groups to hear their queries and concerns and to look towards the future.

Fr Aidan McGrath OFM

canon lawyer and member of the AMRI Executive together with Ms Marianne Matthews, legal advisor to AMRI, examined both the civil and canonical implications of

our Constitutions and Statutes. Further work is required in these areas as we go forward.

## Religious Formation Ministry Programme

Professor Andrew McGrady was engaged to conduct an overview and evaluation of the RFM Programme (The Loreto House Programme). He completed his work in November 2018 and presented his Report to the



Executive, to the Staff at Loreto House, and to Congregational Leaders who currently have students on the programme. While the Executive has confirmed the continuation of the programme for 2019/2020 there are issues around Visas and marketing the programme internationally. The current cohort of students is 15, a decline from 26 in 2018.



## AGM 2019

Plans are now underway for the AGM which will be held at **Emmaus** on **Wednesday 29th May**. The theme of the AGM is **God is Mission: We are Mission**.

The guest speaker is **Fr Tim Norton, SVD**, a former Australian Provincial who currently works in Rome offering renewal workshops on **Mission and Intercultural Living and Ministry to Leaders, Formators** and to people in their **"3rd Age."** He has

mission experience in various countries. We look forward to welcoming him.



**Danny Curtin** is returning once again as the Facilitator of the AGM. There will be opportunities to respond to the "signs of our times" with various Mission in Action Workshops in the afternoon.

Full details together with Registration forms will be forwarded after Easter.

## AMRI STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2021 IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

The Staff, together with the Executive, continue work on the Implementation of the **2018-2021 Strategic Plan**. Under the guidance of Ms Fiona Gallagher we have looked at all the areas where AMRI is currently involved, and we have explored what can be accomplished, what we can afford and who will do what. The overall theme chosen for 2019 is the Goal of **Mission & Dialogue** which will be the focus for the AGM and also for the Autumn Conference. This does not mean that other areas will be ignored, particularly as we hear more and more requests for some co-ordinated approach to diminution and diminishment for some congregations



### Returned Missionaries

The returned missionaries who took part in the Transition Workshop in November 2018 featured prominently in The Irish Times on Saturday 12 January and this brought huge interest from journalists as far away as Brazil. There were requests for more from all our national TV and radio stations. It is hoped to draw on this experience as the Extraordinary Mission Month October 2019 approaches.



Once again this Spring several Returned Missionaries joined with the students at UCD for the **UCD/AMRI Learning Lab**. This was the 5th year of this programme where students who are volunteering for work in Tanzania over the summer tutor our missionaries in all aspects of computer and phone technology. In return our missionaries brief the students on



the cultural situations they are facing in a Story Telling session which was held on 8th March. A further session will take place in the Autumn when the students return and tell about their experience to their families, friends, sponsors and AMRI missionary companions. We congratulate all involved and treasure our relationship with Zoe Liston and her colleagues at UCDVO.

**UCESM** is the Union of the European Conference of Major Superiors with a membership of 39 national conferences representing approximately 250,000 religious men and women across Europe. In his acknowledgement of our links with UCESM in his letter to us in November 2018 Archbishop Carballo of CICALSAL stated: "We encourage you to keep in contact with the UCESM as well as with the religious conferences of the neighbouring England, Wales & Scotland." I attended the UCESM Study Days in Rome from 15-18 January where the whole theme of Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church was explored and preparations made for the 2020 European Conference.



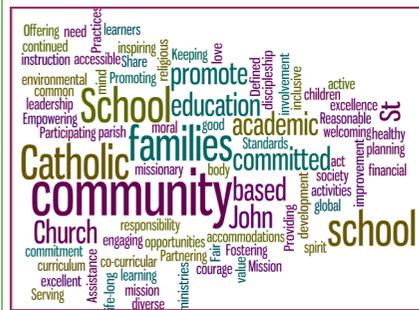
## FROM THE EDUCATION DESK: Eithne Woulfe SSL

### Irish Catholic Schools and a Parable for Today and Yesteryear?

This parable (like all such parables) begs questions ... just like the parables of Jesus

The story goes that a well informed and sensible mother alerted her daughter's school Principal that the latter was being badly bullied by another girl. The Principal took it on board and duly confirmed that the mother's concerns were well founded. Indeed her daughter was a victim. But, horror! The Principal then suggested that the victim change schools. What was to be done, and why? The Principal then went on to suggest that the girls needed to be separated and that the complainant, was a bright, competent and intelligent girl with good family support systems which meant she would thrive elsewhere too. So, though welcome to remain, might she not move to another school? As for the other pupil, a difficult girl with few supports elsewhere, the Principal believed she had little chance of surviving in any school, without the help being made available to her in this particular environment...

This is a true story recounted by Sean Goan in a recent article where he asks: *Can Catholic Schools be a Parable of the Kingdom?* How might you respond were you the victim, mother, Principal, Board member, 'bully', school pal....school inspector....policy maker?



Whatever, we may think about the proposed solution, and the competing needs and values, we can probably resonate with the principles and values behind the suggestion. These might be called Gospel values. And it seems that in all the controversy around Catholic schools in this country, that sight can be lost of these core values in the public arena, and elsewhere too,

possibly. In the public space, we are deemed to have (unwittingly) colluded with a political religion, one that facilitated social control and failed to understand and proclaim in word and action the reign of our compassionate God who reaches out to all, like a forgiving, enabling parent, and especially so for the most needy and marginalised, with all the attendant problems and even anti-establishment behaviours and challenges. But of course, such bleakness is but part of the reality and multiple stories abound of school people actually living, doing, being the Gospel ... No more than Brexit, black and white versions of any living reality usually belie the truth.

Recently too, there has been a focus on the possible abandonment of such time honoured and fondly appreciated Christian celebrations such as Nativity plays, feast

days, November Remembrance, sacramental preparation ,and praying...were the patronage of some schools to be transferred.

And this may be true and indeed reflect the contemporary spectrum of attitudes and beliefs in our society, and in particular those of some parents with Primary school going age children. Such change might also facilitate more intentional Catholic schooling, while being open to all who wish to attend. This is not to suggest that Catholic and other Christian schools have a monopoly on what might be in practice Gospel values. Elements of our society are imbedded with a certain Christian humanism and social justice, some of it anonymous. Catholic schools are not just for Catholics, but essentially are to serve the common good:

*The person of each individual human being, in his or her material and spiritual needs, is at the heart of Christ's teaching: that is why the promotion of the human person is at the goal of the Catholic school.*

It is, however, also true to say that Catholic schools assist the Church in fulfilling its mission of announcing the Good News of the Kingdom. Being a Catholic school is a call to be a living parable, not just a matter of celebrations, iconography, liturgy, but places that are anchored in the lived example and teaching of Jesus in the Gospels and the Good News of hope, freedom, new life and healing. This can be as simple yet complex as trying to ensure the best options and outcomes for a needy pupil, with the wider school community, and statutory agencies, be it as teacher, pupils, parents, Board member. Many of us are familiar with such spaces in practice. As in the parables, schools are challenged to consider how their responses may include, exclude, support and oppress others, for example. Gospel centred schools are invited, like the hearers of Jesus' parables, to look afresh at the attitudes, that inform behaviours, and not just turning them into a series of rigid rules, regulations and policies.

Neither have schools been the only milieu for the evangelisation and catechesis of the young, which in some countries, unlike 19-20<sup>th</sup> centuries Ireland, have traditionally had a clearly subsidiary role to that of the family and faith community, such as the parish. **But how can Catholic school communities actually be communities that announce and proclaim the Kingdom unless the story of Jesus and his ways is told and lived in and for our time, for young and older among us, in school and elsewhere?** So steadfastness and belief in this mission need to be actively fostered. However, in Ireland today, we are seeking to transition from a school/parish/home model to where the dominant locus of faith support is evolving from the school as a central part, and societal discourse is often a challenge. Transitionary times are never easy ...but 'Missio Dei' calls us to embrace the Gospel in our here and now, albeit in new ways, conscious that the Spirit moves where it will.

## A NEW PARTNERSHIP

Work is ongoing to bring to realisation the Catholic Education Partnership (CEP). The mandate will be to strengthen understanding of, and communicate the meaning of Catholic faith-based education in the primary and post-primary sectors. Its aim will be to assist schools in reflecting on how Catholic values are embedded in school policies, procedures, culture and practice. Along with developing parental consultation and engagement, it will lead policy and planning for the Catholic sector and actively support Catholic management, patrons and trustees. In doing so, it will provide a single reference point/voice for Catholic education in Ireland.

The partnership, founded on willing participation, will seek to bring greater cohesion to the ethos, trusteeship, management and representation of the Catholic Post Primary/Secondary school sector, in particular. Its purpose is to support and strengthen the exercise of ongoing, effective and active trusteeship and to develop best practice, and encourage cohesion between already existing management and trusteeship services, where desirable, and in the interests of best practice and outcomes. Simultaneously, the valued contribution of the Catholic Schools Partnership will become the Catholic Education Partnership Forum, an arm of the Catholic Education Partnership.

An Executive Summary of the plan is to be circulated in the coming week to all school parties, including trustees, and copies of the full text are available on request from this office. The plan has emerged from an initial consultation on *Catholic Education at Second-Level in the Republic of Ireland – Looking to the Future*, and the expressed need of participants for greater synergy and cohesion across the Catholic Second Level sector, together with a unity of purpose and voice.

The Partnership hopes to build on existing services and maximise collaboration. Thus, existing advisory and support services will continue and the remit of trustees/

patrons is to be unchanged.

Briefing for AMRI members with canonical trustee responsibilities as members of civil trust bodies and/or congregational leadership who hold these roles will be facilitated. This is to include consideration of membership of the Catholic Education Service Committee, which is to become the membership of CEP, in Company law.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE COMMITTEE

This committee, an agency of the Irish Episcopal Conference (IEC), and a joint IEC/CORI now AMRI initiative, was set up in 2008, and mandated to have a leadership role nationally for Catholic Education in Ireland. In this role, it mandated the Strategic Review of the Structures of Catholic patronage/trusteeship/management at Second Level, which has led to the establishment of the Catholic Education Partnership. It has a responsibility for promoting best practice in Governance within Catholic Education services/agencies, aligning mandates and responsibilities within Catholic Education service provision and the associated strategic plans and their review.

Its membership has comprised twelve trustees of Catholic Educational enterprises in Ireland, Primary, Post Primary, Third Level, Further/Adult Education - six Bishops and six current Leaders of Pontifical religious institutes in Ireland, to include Northern interests, and the trustees of the Catholic Education Service. The Strategic Plan as accepted above has led to an expansion and rebalancing of membership to include two trustees of the School Trusts canonically recognised as Public Juridic Persons of the IEC, a trustee of a Third Level Catholic College, and a reduction of the AMRI membership to four. **Expressions of interest in being considered for nomination to membership of CESC are now invited from eligible AMRI members. Further information is available from this office, with receipt of names up to May 16.**

## UNDERSTANDING and LIVING the ETHOS in a CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the Catholic Schools Partnership, soon to be superseded by the CEP above, on its recent publication *UNDERSTANDING and LIVING the ETHOS in a CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – A Process Centred on Conversations* (Veritas 2019). Developed and piloted over recent years across the country and more recently in the diocese of Kilmore, the end result is an attractive and enabling document, linked to the Primary school curriculum and rich in ideas for collaboration, partnership, self evaluation, action plans and resources.

In recent weeks, area meetings with school management and others have been taking place in various parts of the country, with a focus on supporting engagement in local cluster areas, from September, all part of a schools and Church partnership across clusters of schools and parishes. The materials are available in hard copy at online at [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie)

## From the JPIC Office: Sheila Curran

AMRI JPIC is an active voice which raises awareness and facilitates pastoral responses to situations concerning justice, peace and the Integrity of creation.

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 and I continue to be involved in discussions on accommodation for asylum seekers and refugees at many levels. Recently, I attended a meeting on Asylum Accommodation with the Department of Justice and Equality, Reception and Integration Agency (RIA) and the Approved Housing Bodies. Housing for asylum

seekers and refugees has reach a critical stage. At present all 39 Direct Provision Centres (DP) are at full capacity. In 2018, 71,853 families qualified for social housing, the breakdown is as follows: Irish born citizens comprise 74.6%, EEA citizens 18.7% and Non-EEA 6.7%.

Access to long term housing is key for persons with permission to remain in Ireland. This will relieve the existing capacity problem in the 39 Direct Provision Centres and having a long-term home will enable asylum seekers and refugees integrate into Irish society. All asylum seekers with permission to reside in Ireland are eligible for social housing. AMRI has been invited to be part of this on-going dialogue between the Department of Justice and Equality and Approved Housing Bodies. Congregations who are interested in exploring how they can participate in providing accommodation for asylum seekers and refugees may contact me for further information.

### **Spirasi Befriending Project**

AMRI JPIC initiated the Spirasi Befriending Project in 2015. This project continues to grow and Spirasi are now looking for volunteers in Kerry and Waterford. If you are interested please contact me.

### **Advocacy: Unifying Voices Irish Refugee and Migrant Coalition (IRMC) Safe and Legal Pathways**



AMRI is a founding member of the IRMC and at present I am a member of the working group. One of the areas of concern is safe and legal pathways for refugees and to stop the criminalisation of rescue missions in the Mediterranean Sea. Unfortunately, it is now likely that the Operation Sophia mandate and the Irish Navy are likely to cease rescue operations in the near future. As a Coalition, we sent letters to Ministers Coveney and Flanagan stating our dismay at end of rescue mission, the need for solidarity across the EU States and a complete overhaul of the policy in the Mediterranean. We called on the Irish Government to take a lead on this. A letter was also printed in the letter page in the Irish Times on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

### **Community Sponsorship Ireland**

The Coalition members have been in discussion with the Department of Justice and Equality and Foreign Affairs for over two years about introducing a Community Sponsorship Programme to Ireland. We were delighted when the Irish Government launched 'Community Sponsorship Ireland' on 6<sup>th</sup> March. This is a new Government programme which seeks to encourage communities to provide settlement and integration support to refugees. This is an innovative way of harnessing the potential of communities to express their support and solidarity with individuals and families fleeing persecution and war in their own countries in a very practical way. The programme is running in Canada and New Zealand and has shown that this approach has very positive impacts. If your community or parish are interested in hearing more about the Community Sponsorship Programme please contact me.

### **Dublin City Interfaith Forum (DCIF)**

AMRI is a member of DCIF. In April, I was invited to participate as the Catholic representative in an Interfaith Exchange trip with Stavanger City Interfaith Group Norway for four days. We were 10 participants, from different faith groups who work together on the Forum. The aim of the exchange was strengthen interfaith work and in particular, to strengthen interfaith networks throughout Europe to enable us to be protagonists in building welcoming communities to ensure a greater welcome for refugees and migrants.

The city of Stavanger has adopted a number of initiatives which demonstrate its commit

ment to the intercultural and interfaith approach. The city council, within the framework of the City Master Plan, has formally adopted a public statement as an intercultural and interfaith city. The local government and local interfaith groups have also designed an intercultural city strategy, aiming to strengthen “the openness, inclusion and diversity of the city, a place where citizens and employees feel safe from discrimination.” Our group met with the Vice-Mayor of the city where we exchanged ideas which we hope to share with the members of Dublin City Council. The photo here is taken outside the civic offices and the Vice-Mayor is standing next to me



During our visit we met with and visited the places of worship of the other faith groups while we were there.

We visited an interfaith nursing home, where a number of faith groups came together to develop a home where the spiritual needs of their clients would met and where the chaplains could work together ensure that spirituality was an integral part of the health and well-being of their members. There were other projects that we visited, too many to outline here. Suffice to say, it was a rich exchange. This experience helped us to bond as group which in turn, will strengthen our working together, here in Dublin. I am indebted to DCIF for the privilege of participating in such a wonderful experience.



Visiting the Turkish Mosque in Stravanger

### European Anti-Racism Network (ENAR)

AMRI is a member of ENAR. We have recently produced the *Responding to Racism Guide-How to Report Racism and Where to Find Help*. An enormous amount of work has gone into compiling this guide and it is an excellent resource. I emailed a copy to all AMRI members.

A copy of the guide can be accessed by following this link <http://enarireland.org/reporting-racism-in-ireland/>. It is vital that you promote this guide where possible.



We also launched the Anti-Racism Election Protocol which has played an important role since 2001 in ensuring that elections have been conducted in such a way that they do not incite hatred or prejudice on the grounds of ‘race’, colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin, religious belief and membership of the Traveller Community. To check the list of endorsers of the Anti-racism Election Protocol 2019 click here <http://enarireland.org/endorsers-of-the-anti-racism-election-protocol-2019>

### Political Briefing and the TORL Re-engagement



On March 27<sup>th</sup> I joined with APT members for a political briefing in Support of **Turn Off the Red Light** Campaign on Prostitution Law convened by: Senator Ivana Bacik, Senator Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy TD. A meeting was held after this briefing where it was decided to reenergise TORL group and brand especially since a review of the Sexual Offences Act (SOA) will take place next year. A meeting will take place in May to identify key areas of work for the future.

### **Irish Governments New Irish Development Policy: A Better World**

AMRI welcomes the new Irish development policy –*A Better World*, a new policy with a re-aligned focus on gender equality, climate action, good governance and combatting poverty which is rooted in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). I made a submission on behalf of AMRI to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in response to Irish Aid’s public consultation on the new White Paper on international development. It was encouraging to hear at the launch the Taoiseach and Tánaiste pledging anew that Ireland would reach the UN’s target of spending 0.7% of Gross National Income on Official Development Assistance (ODA), better known as overseas aid, by 2030, something that AMRI members have been advocating for many years. To access a copy of A Better World click here: <https://www.irishaid.ie/media/irishaid/aboutus/abetterworldirelandspolicyforinternationaldevelopment/A-Better-World-Irelands-Policy-for-International-Development.pdf>.

### **Justice for the Undocumented**

AMRI members supported the Migrant Rights Centre’s initiative to show the work, skills and contribution of undocumented people in Ireland coming up to St. Patrick’s Day. We called on the Government to remember “the other undocumented” in Ireland as Taoiseach Leo Varadkar pleaded the case of Irish nationals living illegally in the United States.

### **Work collectively to promote care of our fragile earth our ‘common home’**

Ireland continues to fail to meet its obligation to take action on climate change. The upcoming elections both at a local and European level offer us an opportunity to challenge our councillors and politicians to 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.

### **Some of our activities:**

- \* I continue to 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. .
- \* On 25<sup>th</sup> March I presented a paper on the Intersectionality of ‘Climate Change and Forced Displacement of Peoples’ at a workshop organised by Financial Justice Ireland

entitled *Before the Next Storm: exploring faith-based responses to debt justice and climate change challenges*.

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

In March, I was interviewed by Net Ministries who were making a video for Vocations Ireland.

On 8<sup>th</sup> April, I gave a presentation on *Welcoming the Stranger: Challenge and Opportunity: a Faith perspective* to the members of We Are Church Ireland. A video of my presentation can be accessed on the *We Are Church Ireland* website.

### **Communication:**

I have an email mailing list of 130 people who expressed a wish to receive regular emails from me on JPIC issues. From the feedback I have received people find these mailings very useful. If you are interested in being on this list all you have to do is send me your email address to me at [sheila.curran@amri.ie](mailto:sheila.curran@amri.ie)

I have also supported communities and individuals who are discerning the best way to respond to the critical issues of our time.

Thank you all for your support and I will end with the following Easter reflection

***“We weren’t put here to make money or to acquire status or reputation.***

***We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts,  
and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously.***

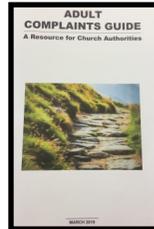
***The dawn that is rising this Easter morning is a gift to our hearts and we are meant to celebrate it and to carry away from this holy, ancient place the gifts of healing and light and the courage of a new beginning.” John O Donohue***



## MARKET PLACE

**The Adults Complaints Guide: A Resource for Church Authorities** is available from Dr Johanna Merry  
[johannamerry@gmail.com](mailto:johannamerry@gmail.com)

Cost: 3 Euro



### HOUSE FOR SALE Mahon Estate, Cork City

6 bedroom upstairs

2 sitting rooms downstairs, Oratory, kitchen utility room

Front and back gardens.

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### INTERCULTURAL LIVING AS CHRISTIAN MISSION



**EMMAUS CENTRE, Balheary Demesne,  
Swords, Dublin K67 Y274**

**Thursday 16 May 2019**  
10.15 am for 10.30 am until 4pm

**Keynote Speaker: Anthony Gittins, CSSp**



God's mission calls us to respectful and inclusive relationships with all people, beginning with our most immediate communities. This event will offer participants an opportunity to reflect on how living in mission takes flesh in our ways of thinking and acting in our context and our time.

We are privileged to have with us Anthony Gittins, author of *Living Mission Interculturally* (Liturgical Press, 2015). Anthony is the Emeritus Professor of Theology and Culture at the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, USA.

The cost of the day is €40. This will include refreshments at the start and end of the day and a hot lunch. It is essential to book your place to facilitate planning. This can be booked by completing the Booking Form below and enclosing a cheque payable to: 'Presentation Sisters'. Envelopes should be marked 'BIAPT Booking' c/o Presentation Sisters NEP, The Acorn Centre Warrenmount, Blackpitts, Dublin, D08 W2X8. Email queries to: [sechmail@presprone.com](mailto:sechmail@presprone.com) Closing date for bookings is: Friday 3 May 2019

#### BOOKING FORM

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In partnership with the Presentation Sisters, North East Province (Ireland)

I am a member of the board of TASC which is a think tank focused on economic inequality issues. We are currently based in Baggot St., which is a fine location but very expensive from a rental perspective. Another problem is that we have no room for expansion.

Some of the religious congregations around Dublin might be interested in letting office space to a non commercial entity. TASC would be willing to pay market rates for suitable accommodation. We would need sufficient open plan space for about 7 people together with a private office for the director and access to a board room. We would also be open to considering relatively short - term options of say 3-5 year's duration. **David Begg** [dandmbegg@gmail.com](mailto:dandmbegg@gmail.com)

The **Missionaries of the Sacred Heart** are seeking a **Safeguarding Case Manager** on a part-time basis (circa 1.5 days per week) to be based at the Provincial Office in Terenure, Dublin 6W. Reporting to the Provincial, the Safeguarding Case Manager will coordinate the response to allegations and concerns of a safeguarding nature. The Safeguarding Case Manager will support the Provincial Leadership Team in the formulation and implementation of the safeguarding strategy.

**Contact:** If you are interested in applying for the role, or have any questions, please contact Mrs Paula Ryan-Kavanagh, Support Manager to the Provincial Administration at [paula.ryankavanagh@mscmmissions.ie](mailto:paula.ryankavanagh@mscmmissions.ie)

Another congregation is also seeking a part-time Safeguarding Manager. Please contact Liz for further details. [liz.murphy@amri.ie](mailto:liz.murphy@amri.ie)