



A WORD FROM THE CARDINAL

My dear Friends,



It is almost one year ago now since Pope Benedict XVI announced a special 'Year of Faith' for the Catholic Church throughout the world. The Year of Faith is to begin on Thursday 11 October 2012 (the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council; and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church).

Our Church will be represented in St Peter's Square in Rome on Thursday 11 October 2012 by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Archbishop of Glasgow, who will thereafter participate in the Synod of Bishops from around the world to discuss how to implement the 'New Evangelisation' of our society, for which the Pope has called.

In the **National Pastoral Letter** from our Bishops' Conference, which was read or otherwise published on Saturday 6/Sunday 7 October 2012, and which has been sent directly to your parishes, we have outlined something of the '**several major**

initiatives' at national level, which have been planned – and we have also pointed you in the direction of what is proposed at local level in our eight Scottish dioceses.

ARCHDIOCESAN INITIATIVES:

In calling for this 'Year of Faith', the Pope indicates that this is an opportunity for each one of us to renew our commitment to follow Christ more closely in the Church. The Year of Faith presents us with the challenge to be more pro-active about the ways we currently share our faith with others. In this Year of Faith we also have the opportunity of exploring how we might enable those who have walked away from the practice of their faith to return to us. This, of course, will depend more on the quality of our own witness to Christ than any programmes which we might put in place.

Programmes have their place in supporting us and enabling us to become Confident Catholics reaching out to those who are on the margins of the Church in our society. Our own Archdiocesan Agencies are providing a wealth of support in this YEAR of FAITH for both parishes and schools. For Parishes there is a range of Diocesan Support Days with a strong focus on enabling local communities to provide faith formation and catechesis. These include:

- **RCIA Days** to support the catechists who are accompanying those who want to become Catholics;
- **CIC Days** to support the delivery of Catechesis to Parents who are presenting their children for the sacraments;
- **Retreat Days.**

There is also a series of **five reflection sessions for Parish Pastoral Councils** to enable them to focus on Mission and Evangelisation in this year. During the season of Lent there will be material available for **Small Group Faith Sharing** available

to every parish in the archdiocese. For Schools there are a series of **Continuing Professional Development Days**, and the opportunity in this year for **Teachers Retreats**.

Further information will be shared through our five Deans with the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. I thank and welcome the two new Deans joining our Episcopal Council at this time and, consequently, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. They are Father Pat Boylan, whom I have appointed Dean of the St Mungo and St Ninian Deanery and Father Jamie Boyle, whom I have appointed Dean of St Mary's Deanery. They join the present three Deans, namely Monsignor Michael Regan, Monsignor Gerry Hand and Canon Joe McMullan.

I encourage you in this YEAR of FAITH to fully avail of all the support available to you so that our Parish communities can become places where confident Catholics share their faith with others with enthusiasm, confidence and joy.

Many booklets and pamphlets are available should you want to make use of them, here is a reminder of just some that are available: Catholic Truth Society (40-46 Harleyford Road, London, SE11 5AY); tel: 020 7640 0042; email: info@cts-online.org.uk; 'Doorway to Faith' produced by Alive Publishing (Graphic House, 124 City Road, Stoke on Trent, ST4 2PH; tel: 01782 745 500; email: booksales@alivepublishing.co.uk); Bill Huebsch's three volume series Vatican II in Plain English published by the Ave Maria Press; 'The Grail' simplified documents (the Grail Community, The Hermitage, Cheriton Road, Winchester, SO22 5HW; email: publications@grailsociety.org.uk), which were of such use to many of us, including myself, some 50 years ago, presenting the teachings of the Second Vatican Council in a simplified form and leading on to points for discussion groups.

PERSONAL INITIATIVES:

As with this major event in the life of the Church, so much depends on what happens at local level, if you have any forthcoming events or initiatives taking place in your parish please make sure the pastoral resources department is informed so that we can promote it on the archdiocesan website.

You will have received a prayer cards from your parish, I invite you to pray daily at Mass, or in your home, and with the many groups now active in our Archdiocese for all our needs during this Year of Faith.

And, of course, our own personal links with Jesus Christ during this Year of Faith must grow ever stronger. Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his letter 'Porta Fidei' (the Door of Faith): **"May this Year of Faith make our relationship with Christ the Lord increasingly firm, since only in him is there the certitude for looking to the future and the guarantee of an authentic and lasting love"**.

May God indeed bless us and all at this special time of grace during the Year of Faith which lies ahead and strengthen us all, both in our knowledge of and practice of our faith and especially help us grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus himself.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



+ Keith Patrick Cardinal O'Brien
Archbishop of St. Andrews & Edinburgh

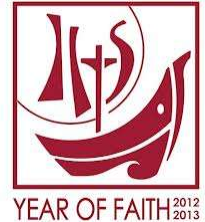


Adult Faith Formation

In this YEAR of FAITH a number of events have been arranged, all events run from 11.- 3pm at the Gillis Centre in Edinburgh. Please bring your own lunch:



Parish Council Training Day	13 th October	Open to all existing and new PPC members
Retreat Day for RCIA Groups	24 th November	For RCIA catechists, Enquirers and Candidates
CIC Support Day	26 th January	Focus on Confirmation
RCIA Day	9 th February	Developing Prayer
Lent Retreat Day	2 nd March	For Catechumens and Candidates
Reflection Day for New Catholics	11 th May	Open to all who celebrated initiation at Easter or other times in the year.
RCIA Day	27 th April	RCIA & Social Justice



The next YEAR of FAITH day is for all RCIA groups on the 24th November. This is a retreat experience in preparation for the Rite of Acceptance. Suitable for candidates, enquirers and leaders. Contact yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk to register.

Resources

Lots of resources are available from the Vatican II Centre for Parish Renewal at the following website: <http://store.pastoralplanning.com/index.html>

Parish Retreats

Following the success of last year's parish retreats we are once again offering parishes the opportunity to have a retreat experience from Monday to Friday. This year we will focus on 'Icons of Faith' to celebrate the YEAR of FAITH, exploring the essentials of our faith together. To book a slot for your church contact patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk

The follow dates are confirmed and people in these parishes are welcome to attend:

St. John Vianney's, Gilmerton with St. Gregory's, Edinburgh	12 th – 16 th November
St. Teresa's, Craigmillar	10 th – 14 th December
St. Francis Xavier's & St. Anthony's, Falkirk	4 th – 8 th March, 2013
St. Peter's, Morningside	22 nd – 27 th April, 2013
St. Andrews & St. Philip's, Livingston	13 th – 17 th May, 2013

The following dates are still available, week beginning:

21st January, 28th January
 11th February, 18th February
 11th March, 18th March
 27th May, 3rd June, 10th June

RCIC Support Days – Sacrament of Reconciliation

The support day on the 29th September on Catechesis for the Sacrament of Reconciliation went very well. As some deaneries were not represented we are now offering the possibility of coming to your deanery. If a parish requests this then we would open it up to the whole deanery area. Please get in touch if you want to arrange dates. patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk

Marriage and Family Life



Marriage Catechists Training

The marriage catechist's training course will run in Gillis in Edinburgh this autumn. The training consists of four Saturdays, and participants study all aspects of Church teaching on the Sacrament of Marriage as well as how to work with engaged couples.

When they have completed the course, the catechists are a skilled and knowledgeable resource in a parish or cluster - able to be part of the pastoral support currently offered to married couples and families and to help it flourish in their local

church.

Individuals and married couples are welcome on the course, however because of the nature of the work, they must be chosen or endorsed by their parish priest.

The dates are as follows:- Saturday 13th October 2012: Saturday 27th October 2012 Saturday 17th November 2012 and Saturday 1st December 2012 starting at 10.30am and finishing at 3.30pm. If you would like more information about this course, or if I can help with any other matter related to marriage and family life, please get in touch. Sally.mcelroy@staned.org.uk

Youth Ministry

Scottish World Youth Day – Scotland's Rio – July 23-28, 2013



CYSS (Catholic Youth service Scotland) will arrange our own WYD event at the University of Stirling at the same time as the event in RIO and link up with the main events there with technology! Anyone between **14** and **25 years** is eligible to attend. The cost is **£250** per person, which covers accommodation and all meals for the 4 days. It is hoped that each participant's parish will pay £50 of that. As there are only **35** places per Diocese, it is advisable to register as soon as possible, with a £50 deposit (non- refundable). Applications are our Youth page at www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com

CYSS Annual National Youth Event

Rejoice in the Lord, always!

2nd - 4th November 2012—Gartmore House, Gartmore Nr. Aberfoyle

For young people aged 16-35 years. Subsidised cost £45

Providing an opportunity for young Catholics from all over Scotland to meet and share and celebrate the joy of their faith and friendship. Only **8** places available, so early booking is advised. For more information or an Application Form, please see the Youth page on our website www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com or contact anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk





**WWW - Weekly Wednesday Witness
Young Adults - 18-30 year olds**

**Every Wednesday at the Gillis Centre, 7.30-9.00pm.
Starting Wed, 10th October**

Share your Faith Grow in Faith Celebrate Faith

For more information, contact anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk

It will last for about an hour and a half with time for silence/reflection, Scripture, prayer and sharing and a chance to chat and have some refreshments afterwards. Why not come along and meet new people, learn more about and share your faith and develop new insights and friendships. **YOU** can make a difference!

Come and see and hear and share.....and bring a friend. The group are currently using 'A Foretaste of Heaven' for reflection and then will move onto the 'Catholicism' DVD series from Fr. Robert Baron.

EXPO – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION for Young People

Takes place as detailed below:

St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh	Sunday 28th October	5pm before Mass at 5.45pm
Our Lady & St Andrew, Galashiels	Sunday, 25th November (Christ the King)	Youth Mass at 11am
Ss John Cantius & Nicholas, Broxburn	Sunday 9th December	Mass at 10am with Bishop Stephen Robson
St John Vianney, Gilmerton, Edinburgh	Sunday 27th January 2013	Mass at 9.30am

Justice & Peace

Poetic Justice

Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm. Lauriston Jesuit Centre.

A fabulous evening of poetry, story and song. A cabaret style evening with poets, singers and storytellers sharing their songs, stories and poems inspired by Justice and Injustice. Contact Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk for more information.



Just Church

The Just Church course enables people to reflect on faith and justice from different perspectives. It explores a variety of issues from how to incorporate justice issues into our worship, to how do we act justly in our community, our country, and our decision making?

I am now booking courses for next year. If your parish/ deanery are interested in holding a course for a group of parishes, please **get in touch** (Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk or **0131 623 8922**) as soon as possible to discuss it.



Around the Diocese.....and beyond!



St. Andrew's Day Celebration
Lauriston Hall
30th November 2012 at 7pm
Tickets £7 or £5 conc.

St. Andrew's Day Celebration in aid of Jesuit Missions in Zimbabwe. Come along and join in with Ceilidh dancing, highland dancing, singing, a buffet and a raffle. Further details from Anne Hughes on musicalanhues@hotmail.com or call 0131 337 3890. Everyone is welcome.



Scottish Association for Pastoral Care and Counselling
Conference *"Pastoral Care in the Moment - an insight into Hospital Chaplaincy"*
Saturday 27th October 2012
9.45am - 4pm - Cross House, Linlithgow, EH49 7AL

Speakers are Rev. Chris Levison and Rev. Iain Telfer. The cost is £15 (10 Conc.) to cover cost of lunch and hall. If you are interested in attending contact: Jean Porter on 0772 931 6321 or e-mail sapcc@aol.com



NiteKirk
Greyfriars Kirk, Edinburgh EH1 2QQ
Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 15
8pm - 11pm

A place of stillness - Space to contemplate meditate pray - With silence music poetry art
- A place of welcome - A pause on your journey. Join the NiteKirk facebook page or e-mail nitekirkeedinburgh@yahoo.co.uk



HIGH SOCIETEAS - SASHITA Fundraiser

Sunday 18th NOVEMBER at The Lauriston Centre, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ
2.00pm - 5.00pm £15 per adult

Please call LESLEY on **07944516517** to book your tickets. **Come and join us at our fundraising afternoon tea and enjoy a variety of Crafts & stalls to make this event even more memorable.** For information about this great charity organisation, visit www.sashita.org.uk/



Cast and Crew Wanted.....no experience needed

Edinburgh Nativity Play - 6th December 2012
(Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together)

This year's nativity play will be staged on Festival Square, Lothian Rd on the 6th, from 6 - 7pm. The play will present the story of the birth of Jesus Christ with a modern twist. We hold rehearsals on Thursday evening at 7pm-9pm at St. Andrew's and St. George's West Church, 58 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh, starting on 27th Sept. Still time to come along. We welcome all who wish to join the cast from age 16 upwards. We also need crew members for the 5th, 6th and 7th to help with set up and de-rig at Festival Square. Contact Paul on paul.wilson@wpcscotland.co.uk or call 07703585987 or Suzanne on cuttingedge21@btinternet.com or 0131 652 0968



Change your life in thirty quotes – Year of Faith Initiative by Priests for Scotland

As the Year of Faith begins *Priests for Scotland* is launching a new initiative called *Thirty Quotes to Change your Life*. The aim is to offer thirty quotes to inspire recipients to consider what God is calling them to do with their lives.

You can follow them on twitter **@thirtyquotes** or visit the front page of our website where you will see this logo and you can click and follow the link.

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If you have any items about pastoral events in the Archdiocese and would like them in the next e-bulletin please send them by email to yvonne.fleming@staned.org.uk by **Thursday 22nd November 2012**



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