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Fieldwork in Rome

February 2020



(left) MIC PhD student & IICS RA, Carleigh Garcia; Dr. Noirin Ni Riain; Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, Ambassador Derek Hannon; MIC student, Heather Ferry

Just before the lockdown, the Mary Immaculate College IICS annual student fieldwork in Rome took place. Led by Dr. Patricia Kieran and Dr. Noirin Ni Riain, fourth-year MIC students, and the IICS Research Assistant spent a week in Rome last February, partaking in a memorial itinerary. The group stayed at the Irish College in Rome and were given a tour of the college and historic sites like St. John Lateran by its Rector, Rev. Dr. Ciaran O'Carroll, and Vice-Rector, Rev. Paul Finnerty. The students also spent time in Vatican City, touring the Vatican Museum and spending time in St. Peter's, roaming the city, enjoying the food and culture, climbing the Holy Stairs, embarking on a generous tour by the Franciscan Reverend Hugh McKenna of St. Isidore's Rome, went centuries underground beneath the church of St. Clemente, sang in the ancient Pantheon, led by Dr. Riain, and experienced the history of the Forum and Colosseum.

Visit with the Irish Ambassador to the Holy See

Ireland's Ambassador to the Holy See, Ambassador Derek Hannon, generously invited us to his residence in Rome for a reception. While there, we enjoyed music by Dr. Noirin Ni Riain, and the students were able to share their studies with the Ambassador and ask him questions about his position, life, and the Church. The students gifted Ambassador Hannon with a St. Bridget's cross which was handmade in Limerick.

SPRING 2020: MOVING ONLINE

LECTURE SERIES

We were grateful for excellent scholarly contributions from Prof. Micheal Mac Craith, Prof. Tadhg Foley, Prof. Eamonn Conway, and Dr. Eugene O'Brien, Dr. Maurice Harmon, and Dr. Ali Selim for our lecture series in person before adjusting to the new normal of working remotely and presenting via Zoom and Microsoft Teams. We were saddened to cancel our student retreat, Soul Safari, to Spanish Point, but relieved that our other sponsored events, the MIC staff, and student retreat and the continuation of our lecture series were able to move online. In support of mental health and the adjustments faced by many during these trying times, we have also become more active on our Youtube channel and created a vlog series, 'IICS Living with Lockdown: Positive thinking in a time of change', with speakers including Prof. Emer Ring, Bishop Brendan Leahy, Dr. John Perry, Dr. Nora Donnelly, and Prof. Marie Parker Jenkins speaking on topics related to lockdown.



SIKH SYMPOSIUM

Due to the unprecedented circumstances surrounding Covid-19, the IICS decided to postpone the Sikh Symposium scheduled for Spring 2020. It will be rescheduled for a later date. We collaborated with Mary Immaculate College, Limerick City and County Council, and the Mid-West Sikh Community to create this event to commemorate the life of Limerick native, Max Arthur Macauliffe (1841-1913). We look forward to it taking place. The schedule will include an Interfaith Network Dialogue Cafe, sessions on the principles of Sikhism, and a chaired panel with keynote speakers.





PROF. LIAM GEARON

This past year, we were fortunate to welcome Prof. Liam of Gearon of Oxford as our Visiting Professor. We are delighted to announce Liam will continue in this role for the academic year 2020–2021. He gave an enlightening lecture for us in October 2019 on 'The Portrayal of Catholicism in the Novels of Brian Moore'. He will speak this Autumn at our Inaugural Annual Michael Hayes IICS Lecture.

He has published three novels in the past two years, including *Eleven Notebooks* (2019), *The Corridor of Centuries* (2019), and *The English Professor* (2020). Since 2018, Gearon has also been the Guest Editor of multiple international journals.

Select recent books by Gearon: L Gearon (ed.) (2019) *The Routledge International Handbook of Universities, Security and Intelligence Studies*. Routledge International Handbooks of Education. Routledge.

Gearon, L, Prud'homme, J (2018) *State Religious Education and the State of Religious Life*. Wipf and Stock Publishers.

Gearon, LF (2015) *Religious authority and the arts: Conversations in political theology*.



SPRING 2020 LECTURE SERIES

- Prof. Tadhg Foley on 'Catholicism and Inter-religious Engagement in the 19th Century: Max Arthur Macauliffe's life, work, and role as evangelist in Sikhism'
- Prof. Micheal Mac Craith on 'A White Female Rabbit on a Chessboard: Hapsburg politics, the Immaculate Conception and national identity in the art of St. Isidore's College, Rome'
- Dr. Eugene O'Brien on 'The Old has Gone, the New has Come: Paul, Radical Justice and the Catholic Church'
- Prof. Eamonn Conway on 'The Future of Priesthood and Ministry in Ireland'
- IICS Research Assistant, Carleigh Garcia on 'The Blackwater Lightship: New Generations, Gay Shame, and the Catholic Church'
- Dr. John McDonagh on 'Patrick Kavanagh's 'Ordinary Plenty': Finding the Extraordinary in the Ordinary'
- Dr. Tayo Adenusi on 'Christianity, Education, and Colonial Experiences in West Africa: Three phenomena and their ethical complexities'
- Dr. Ali Selim on 'Jihad: Conception and Misconceptions' and 'Celebrating the Holy Month of Ramadan in Ireland'
- Dr. Patricia Kieran and Dr. Aiveen Mullally on 'What About the Nones?: Research on PME students' perspectives on non-religious belief in Ireland'



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AUTUMN 2020 PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

JOIN US VIA ZOOM ON SELECT WEDNESDAY &
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS THIS AUTUMN.
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

DO NOT MISS OUT ON OUR
EXCITING FORTHCOMING SERIES
OF INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS!



- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH FROM 3:00 TO 4:00 PM - DR. PATRICIA KIERAN ON 'CATECHISMS AND FAITH FORMATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH FROM 3:00-4:00 PM - DR. GERRY JEFFERS ON 'TELLING TALES: CRUELTY AND ABUSE IN SCHOOLING IN IRELAND'
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH FROM 3:00-4:00 PM - JACQUI WILKINSON ON 'PRAYER FREQUENCY IN 10-13-YEAR-OLDS: THE STUDENT VOICE IN CHURCH OF IRELAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS'
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH FROM 3:00-4:00 PM - DR. SEAN HENRY ON 'TOWARDS A QUEER RELIGIOUS ETHOS: DISRUPTING HETERONORMATIVITY IN FAITH SCHOOLS'
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH FROM 2:00-3:00 PM - DR. MYRA HAYES ON 'IMAGING THE BIBLE IN STAINED GLASS IN 20TH CENTURY IRISH CHURCHES AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY'
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH FROM 3:00-4:00 PM - DR. DORIS KAIJE ON 'CONTEMPORARY UNDERSTANDINGS OF TRADITIONAL AFRICAN RELIGION'
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH FROM 3:00-4:00 PM - VIVEK DA SILVA ON 'RELATIONSHIP AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS IN IRELAND'
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND FROM 3:00-4:00 PM - DR. DANIEL O'CONNELL ON 'CATHOLIC EDUCATION ON RAPIDLY THINNING ICE'
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH FROM 3:00-4:00 PM - MARGARET MURPHY ON 'BEYOND A SINGLE NARRATIVE: ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES IN IRELAND'
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH FROM 3:00-4:00 PM - DR. FIONA DINEEN ON 'TEACHER IDENTITY IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN ROI'
- DR. AMY HEALY & PROF. MICHAEL BREEN ON 'MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A SCAR ON THE BODY POLITIC, A CANCER IN THE MIDST OF OUR SOCIETY' DATE TBA
- ASSOC. PROF. JOHN O'BRIEN ON 'WOMEN'S ORDINATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH' DATE TBA



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MIC LSRE DEPARTMENTAL FIELDWORK IN OXFORD

Led by Dr. Carol O'Sullivan, members of the IICS team were delighted to join LSRE staff, Prof. Liam Gearon and Prof. Marie Parker Jenkins on visits to a range of locations, including Bodleian Library, the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford University Department of Education, Manchester Harris College, and Christ Church.



DIALOGUE/PERSPECTIVES

Discussing
Religions and
World Views

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DIALOGUE PERSPECTIVES**



With support from the German Federal Foreign Office, Carleigh Garcia has been invited to participate in interfaith dialogue with other members of the program to reflect on the religious, political, and societal plurality of Europe. The program is aimed at training the future leaders of Europe in culture, politics, business, and academia to become experts in new, interfaith-worldview dialogue. The program includes two seminars and an international conference in 2021:

- “Challenging Europe – Challenges of Europe: Analysing European social, religious, cultural, and political landscapes (Post) COVID-19”
- “Luxembourg — religious diversity and the socio-political responsibility of religious communities in the center of Europe”
- International Conference 2021



**MIC ONLINE
RETREAT AT
GLENSTAL ABBEY**

On June 20th, the Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary and World Refugee Day, MIC held an on-line retreat at Glenstal Abbey & Mary Immaculate College. This retreat welcomed participants from a variety of faith and belief traditions. It included the following events:

Welcome and introduction to the day Dr. Noirin Ni Riain and Fr Michael Wall

Pocket Poetry for your guided walk Sr. Marion Dooley
'Making Spiritual Sense of this Extraordinary Time' Prof. Eamonn Conway

Camino walk-in participants' chosen environment
#StepWithRefugees

Eucharist with the Benedictine Monks in Glenstal Abbey
Streamed live with Prayers for MIC community led by Fr. Michael Wall

“Where is God in all of this?” Reflection from Mark Patrick Hederman OSB Live from Glenstal Abbey
Live Recital of Sacred Organ Music in Glenstal Abbey Br. Cyprian Love OSB

Short Reflection & prayer for the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Sr. Caitriona Kavanagh
Guided Meditation by Seamus Gleeson

Poetry and Music as Doorways to the Soul Mícheál P. Ó Súilleabháin & Eoin Ó Súilleabháin

Making New Sense of Images of Mary Dr. Nora Donnelly
Making Sense of it All Dr. Noirin Ni Riain

Sung Vespers (evening prayer) with the Benedictine monastic community at Glenstal

Zoom Interbelief Prayer Gathering with the Mid West Interfaith Network for World Refugee Day

Fr. Chris O'Donnell Taize Meditation and conclusion to the day If you would like to see the recorded retreat, please head to

[https://msite-web.mic.ul.ie/
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catalogs/mic-retreat-2020](https://msite-web.mic.ul.ie/Mediasite/Catalog/catalogs/mic-retreat-2020)



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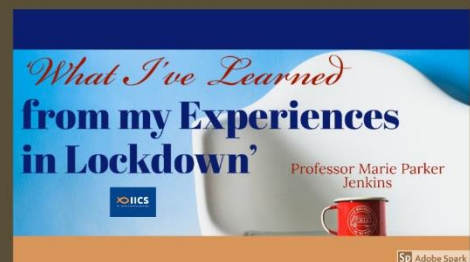
This two-year, part-time M Ed fosters advanced study in RE foundations, pedagogies, critical perspectives, contemporary issues and research with a focus on the primary school context. It consists of seven taught modules and a dissertation. It is designed for teachers and educators who want to augment their understanding of RE and become leaders in their schools.

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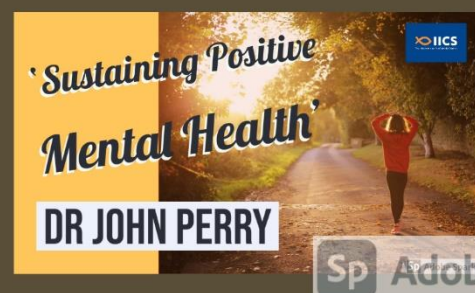
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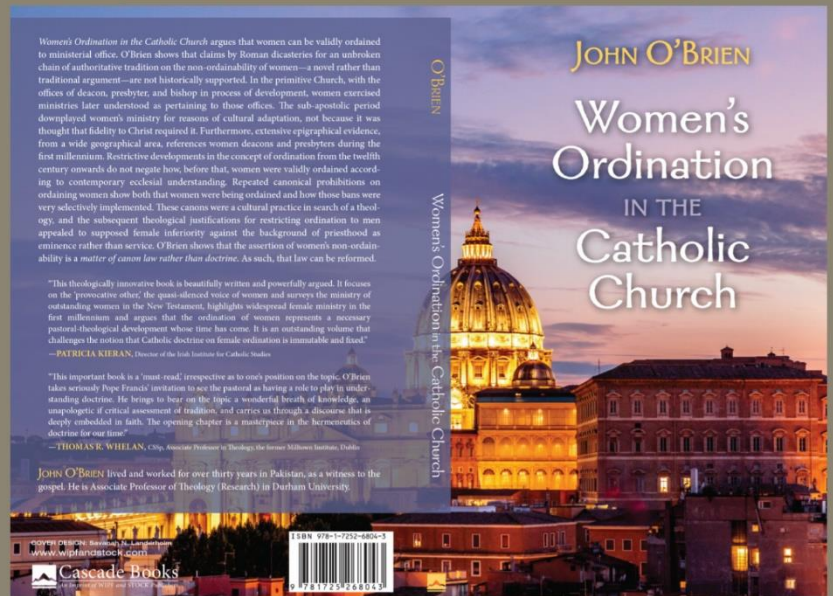
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The IICS YouTube channel has provided a space to share public resources during COVID-19, like Dr. Nora Donnelly's perspective on 'Seeing Promise and Promises in Art' during the pandemic. This video is part of our 'IICS Living with Lockdown: Positive thinking in a time of change' vlog series. Other videos created for this vlog series are by Prof. Emer Ring, Prof. Marie Parker Jenkins, Bishop Brendan Leahy, and Dr. John Perry. Our YouTube channel is also where you can access an archive of our past public lecture speakers, including Prof. Micheal Mac Craith, David Quinn of the Iona Institute, and Dr. Nora Ni Riain.



Women's Ordination in the Catholic Church argues that women can be validly ordained to ministerial office. O'Brien shows that claims by Roman dicasteries for an unbroken chain of authoritative tradition on the non-ordainability of women—a novel rather than traditional argument—are not historically supported. In the primitive Church, with the offices of deacon, presbyter, and bishop in process of development, women exercised ministries later understood as pertaining to those offices. The sub-apostolic period downplayed women's ministry for reasons of cultural adaptation, not because it was thought that fidelity to Christ required it. (cont. below)



Contributor Bio:

John O'Brien lived and worked for over thirty years in Pakistan, as a witness to the gospel. He is Associate Professor of Theology (Research) in Durham University

Furthermore, extensive epigraphical evidence, from a wide geographical area, references women deacons and presbyters during the first millennium. Restrictive developments in the concept of ordination from the twelfth century onwards do not negate how, before that, women were validly ordained according to contemporary ecclesial understanding. Repeated canonical prohibitions on ordaining women show both that women were being ordained and how those bans were very selectively implemented. These canons were a cultural practice in search of a theology, and the subsequent theological justifications for restricting ordination to men appealed to supposed female inferiority against the background of priesthood as eminence rather than service. O'Brien shows that the assertion of women's non-ordainability is a matter of canon law rather than doctrine. As such, that law can be reformed.

DR. LIAM
CHAMBERS



Dr Liam Chambers is working on a number of projects relating to the history of Irish Catholics, especially migrants to early-modern France, including forthcoming articles on book collections in the Irish colleges in Paris, Irish Franciscans and Dominicans in early modern Paris and an unusual student case in nineteenth century Paris. He is editing volume three of the five-volume Oxford history of British and Irish Catholicism, which covers the period from the battle of Culloden (1746) to Catholic Emancipation (1829). In 2017 he edited two books with Professor Thomas O'Connor: *College Communities Abroad: Education, Migration and Catholicism in Early Modern Europe* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2017) and *Forming Catholic Communities: Irish, Scots and English College Networks in Europe, 1564-1918* (Leiden: Brill, 2017).

SPOTLIGHT ON THE RESEARCH OF DR. TAYO ADENUSI



CHRISTIANITY, EDUCATION AND THE COLONIAL EXPERIENCES IN WEST AFRICA: THREE PHENOMENA AND THEIR ETHICAL COMPLEXITIES

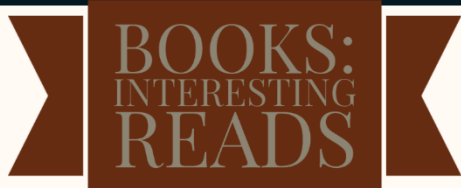
The Trojan horse theory in the critique of missionary works across pre-colonial and colonised West Africa is a dominant and recurring theme in post-colonial discourse, particularly in post-colonial discourse on education across the region (Adenusi 2019). The earliest record of Missionary work on the coasts of West Africa, which resulted in the establishment of a school, was in 1752. Thomas Thompson was a North American missionary sent to the coasts of West Africa with the single purpose of converting the natives to Christianity. After five years of continuous struggle in the Gold coast, due to the natives' rejection and resentment of his strange religion, he was able to take the son of a local influential chief, Philip Quaquo, with him on his return to England in 1757. Philip converted to Christianity, and he was ordained in England in 1765. On his return in the same year to the Cape coast, he started a school for twelve children. This is one of the earliest references to Western education in West Africa (Hilliard 1957, Adenusi 2019).

Bibliography:

Adenusi, T. P. (2019) Education in West Africa as a Contested Space between Global Politics and Local Cultures: An Exploration through Critical Discourse Analysis, (Ph.D), Mary Immaculate College, Limerick.
Hilliard, F. (1957) A Short History of Education in British West Africa, Edinburgh: Thomas Nelson and Sons Ltd.

**DR. TAYO ADENUSI'S
FULL PUBLIC LECTURE
FOR THE IICS IN
SPRING 2020 IS ON OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL.**

The ethical implications of early missionary works in West Africa and elsewhere have been the subject of significant critique in post-colonial discourse. While contemporary missionary organisations have become culturally sensitive and understands the need to respect and preserve local cultures and traditions, the impact of the natives' conversion to Christianity on indigenous cultural traditions and beliefs was far reaching. Post-colonial analysis of colonial experiences across West Africa often synonymise missionary works in the region with colonisation, hence, the Trojan horse theory. However, historical analysis reveals that each of these phenomena is underpinned by divergent principles. Missionary works across West Africa and elsewhere, both early and contemporary missions, are underpinned by the Christians' divine obligation to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ (Mathew 28:19). On the other hand, colonisation is underpinned by greed and the desire to subjugate the natives for the benefit, both materially and politically, of other nations and or region. Therefore, it is necessary that post-colonial analysis highlight this divergence in underpinning principles in contemporary discourse. Such distinction will further inform contemporary discourse on education in a developing region such as West Africa, at a time when the contention between global politics and local cultures has become more prominent and consequential for local tribes and indigenous groups across the region.



Stephen Bullivant Mass Exodus: Catholic Disaffiliation in Britain and America since Vatican II (Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2019)

Richard Pring (2018) The Future of Publicly Funded State Schools. London: Routledge

David J. Endres, ed. Remapping the History of Catholicism in the United States: Essays from the U.S. Catholic Historian (CUA, 2017) This collection of essays explores the experiences of Catholics in America, with particular emphasis on underrepresented voices from African American, female, Latino and Asian American Catholics.

Robert E. Alvis White Eagle, Black Madonna: One Thousand Years of the Polish Catholic Tradition (Fordham, 2016) This study of Catholicism in Poland and among the Polish diaspora covers over 1,000 years in time (from 966 to the death of President Lech Kaczyński in 2010) and explores the impact of Pope John Paul II not only on the Polish Church but on the global Church.

Stephen Bullivant Why Catholics Leave, What They Miss, and How They Might Return, co-authored with Catherine Knowles, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce, and Bernadette Durcan (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2019)

THE IICS

INAUGURAL ANNUAL MICHAEL HAYES MEMORIAL LECTURE

December 15th, 2021

at 7:00 pm

**Speaker: Prof. Liam Gearon, Visiting Prof. to the IICS
2020-2021**

**'Understanding Catholicism in the contemporary
world: Michael Hayes A Life Remembered'**

**Respondent: Prof. Anthony Towey, St. Mary's University,
Twickenham**

**This will take place online. Details on the IICS website,
twitter & Instagram pages.**



Prof. Michael Hayes was former president of Mary Immaculate College and founder of the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies. He was a native of Limerick and a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark. He was a distinguished academic with a BD from the Pontifical University of Maynooth, an MA from the University of London, and a PhD in Psychosynthesis and Spiritual Direction from the University of Surrey. In May 2013 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (L.H.D) from De Sales University, Pennsylvania. Michael was a qualified psychotherapist as well as a distinguished researcher, author and academic leader. From 2005 until 2017 he was editor of the *The Pastoral Review*. He held Pastoral and Academic roles at Heythrop College, the School of Oriental and African Studies, and Roehampton University. Michael was Head of School of Theology, Philosophy and History, Professor of Catholic Pastoral Studies and Vice-Principal of St. Mary's University, Twickenham. In 2011, Michael was appointed President of Mary Immaculate College in Limerick and oversaw the expansion of MIC before his untimely death in 2017.

Select Publications by Prof. Michael Hayes:

Porter, S. Hayes, M.A. and Tombs, D. (eds.) *Faith in the Millennium* (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001)

Hayes, M.A. & Gearon, L. (eds.) *Contemporary Catholic Education* (Leominster: Gracewing, 2002)

Hayes, M. A (ed.) *New Religious Movements in the Catholic Church* (London/New York: Continuum, 2005)

Hayes, M. A. & O'Collins sj. G. (eds) *The Legacy of Pope John Paul II – some theological considerations* (London/New York: Burns & Oates, 2008)

Hayes, M. A (ed.) *In Praise of Paul* (London: St Paul's Publishing, 2009)



12 OF THE BEST!

1. Catch up with Pope Francis' daily reflections on Twitter @Pontifex
2. Check out The Oxford University Handbook of Catholic Theology by Lewis Ayres & Medi Ann Volpe (eds). Published by Oxford University Press in 2019.
3. Connect with the Curran Centre for American Catholic Studies Fordham University and join in 'In the Shadow of the Cross: Black Women and the Making of U.S. Catholicism presented by Dr. Shannen Dee Williams (Villanova University) October 20, 2020
https://www.fordham.edu/info/23419/curran_center_for_american_catholic_studies Find out about the European Society for Catholic Theology 2021 ESCT CONFERENCE ON 'CREATION - TRANSFORMATION - THEOLOGY' 25-28 AUGUST 2021, OSNABRÜCK [HTTPS://WWW.KULEUVEN.BE/EUROTHEO/](https://www.kuleuven.be/eurotheo/)
4. Browse the beautiful works of art on the UK's Society of Catholic Artists' on-line Gallery
<http://www.catholicartists.co.uk/>
5. Experience the range of rituals and liturgies online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/>
6. Zoom Professor Tina Beattie and other keynotes at the Women as Church Conference in the Australian Theological Institute (BBI) on Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 October 2020
<https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/courses-conferences/women-as-church-conference/>
7. Check out the Irish Theological Association's Facebook page on
<https://www.facebook.com/IrishTheologicalAssociation/>
8. Hear about Theoartistry - St. Andrews University project celebrating the practice, making, performance, curatorship, reception of the arts, and fostering collaboration between Christian theologians and the arts producing new works in music and poetry. Go to <http://theoartistry.org/>
9. See the Prayer Resources for use during the Coronavirus Pandemic on the Irish Bishops' Conference website <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/>
10. Be inspired by the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Justice <https://ccstp.org.uk/> as it brings together community groups, researchers, theologians & academics in rich dialogue around Catholic social thought and lived experience in a rapidly changing world.
11. Catch up with Durham University Centre for Catholic Studies
<https://www.dur.ac.uk/theology.religion/ccs/> and learn about its forthcoming third biennial conference Catholicism, Literature, and the Arts III: The Art of Loving Attention scheduled to take place in London in 2022.
12. Watch the Netflix Movie The Two Popes (2019) Directed by Fernando Meirelles and starring Anthony Hopkins as Pope Benedict XVI and Jonathan Pryce as Pope Francis.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Recent Publications of Interest

- Catch up with the online Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival for 2020 (Monday 28th September to Sunday 4th October)
<https://www.limerick.ie/discover/whats-on/festivals/limerick-lifelong-learning-festival-2020> where Bishop Brendan Leahy will join with many others from different faiths and beliefs to take part in the Human Library of Religions and Beliefs Project in the MidWest Region.
- Follow events as they unfold with @VaticanNews
- There are many opportunities for those interested in volunteering to work with Trocaire on human rights, environmental issues and social justice in Ireland:
<https://www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/volunteer>
- In Spring 2021, there will be a National Forum Seminar entitled Crossing Boundaries, focusing on Religions and Beliefs in Changing Times and will explore religion, ethnicity, gender, and education.

- DR. PAUL COLLINS OF MIC: 'THE IMPACT OF RECENT IRISH HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY ON A CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY-LEVEL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE LIBERAL ARTS' IN THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION
- JAMES E. KELLY OF DURHAM UNIVERSITY: ENGLISH CONVENTS IN CATHOLIC EUROPE, C. 1600-1800
- STEPHEN MCKINNEY, ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE IICS RECENTLY CO-EDITED WITH RAYMOND MCCLUSKEY: A HISTORY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND SCHOOLING IN SCOTLAND: NEW PERSPECTIVES
- PROF. RICHARD RYMARZ FROM THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION WHERE THE IICS DIRECTOR WILL BE GOING TO KEYNOTE AT A CONFERENCE IN 2021, HAS PUBLISHED A RESEARCH ARTICLE IN THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. RICHARD RYMARZ & ANGELO BELMONTE: 'THE QUESTIONS STUDENTS ASK? A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' IN BRITISH JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- DR. THOMAS FINEGAN OF MIC, 'APOLOGY FOR THE REASONABLENESS OF CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION' IN LOUVAIN STUDIES (FORTHCOMING 2020)
- DR. THOMAS FINEGAN OF MIC, 'LIBERAL RELATIVISM'S CHALLENGE TO CONSCIENCE RIGHTS' IN OXFORD JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION (FORTHCOMING 2020)
- PATRICIA KIERAN & JOHN MC DONAGH OF MIC: 'THE CENTRE CANNOT HOLD: DECOLONISING THE RECURRICULUM IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND' IN THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOL 42. NO. 4
- KIERAN, P. OF MIC & MULLALLY, A. OF MIE: 'THE NEW 'NONES': THE IMPLICATIONS OF TICKING THE 'NO RELIGION' CENSUS BOX FOR EDUCATORS IN IRELAND' IN THE FURROW
- PATRICIA KIERAN, MARIE PARKER-JENKINS & ANNE RYAN: 'RELIGIONS AND BELIEFS IN CHANGING TIMES: PERSPECTIVES OF STUDENT STAKEHOLDERS IN THIRD-LEVEL EDUCATIONAL CONTEXT IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND' IN THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- PATRICIA KIERAN & AIVEEN MULLALLY: 'COVID-19 A WATERSHED FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH' IN DOCTRINE & LIFE
- PATRICIA KIERAN: CONNECTING LIVES: INTER-BELIEF DIALOGUE IN CONTEMPORARY IRELAND (2019)

REV. DR. CIARAN O'CARROL WITH MIC STUDENTS ON A GUIDED TOUR OF ST. JOHN LATERAN CHURCH, ROME



FIELDWORK IN ROME AT PIAZZA NAVONA

JENNY SIUNG (HEAD OF EDUCATION, CHESTER BEATTY LIBRARY) AND ANNE LUTTRELL (ANNA LINDB FOUNDATION) AT INTERBELIEF DIALOGUE BOOK LAUNCH



FIELDWORK IN ROME, FEBRUARY 2020

DR. MAURICE HARMON PRESENTING FOR IICS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES SPRING 2020



PROF. TADHG FOLEY WITH LIMERICK LORD MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SIKH COMMUNITY, THE IICS, AND THE MIDWEST INTERFAITH NETWORK.



DIALOGUE CAFE AT CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN LIMERICK, NOVEMBER 2019





ETAN BLASS SPEAKS ABOUT DIALOGUE WITHIN JUDAISM AT THE LAUNCH OF THE BOOK CONNECTING LIVES ON INTERBELIEF DIALOGUE IN IRELAND IN NOVEMBER 2020



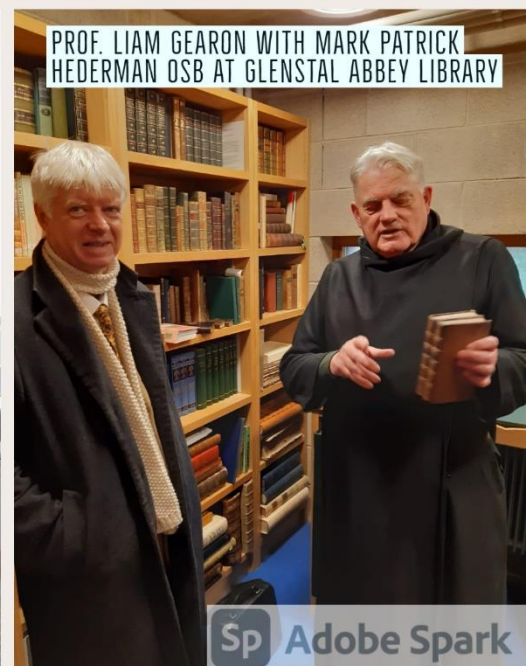
DR. ORLA SLATTERY, DR. CAROL O SULLIVAN, DR. PATRICIA KIERAN, PROFESSOR MARIE PARKER JENKINS, DR. MIA TRACEY AND DR. EILEEN O SULLIVAN ON LSRE DEPARTMENTAL FIELDWORK IN OXFORD IN JANUARY 2020



MONTY TILLI AND NAJWAN ELMAGBOUL AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MID WEST INTERFAITH NETWORK TOOK PART IN INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE CAFES WITH CHILDREN IN CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN LIMERICK IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020



MIC STUDENTS AT A RECEPTION HELD BY THE IRISH AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE, AMBASSADOR DEREK HANNON, FEBRUARY 2020



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