

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Councillor Rotimi Adebari is an elected member of Portlaoise Town Council and was elected the Mayor of Portlaoise in June 2007. He is the Chief Executive of Optimum Point Consultancy – an organisation that promotes cross-cultural understanding through training, workshops, seminars, research and presentations in intercultural and anti-racism issues. He is the coordinator of Fusion Project – an initiative that facilitates the integration of immigrants into the wider community in Laois. He has a Masters degree in Intercultural studies at Dublin City University.



Professor John Monaghan is National Vice President of the Society of St Vincent de Paul with particular responsibility for social policy and justice. He is also media spokesperson for the SVP on issues related to social policy and justice. He has been a member of the SVP Conference in his home parish of Leixlip, Co. Kildare for nearly 25 years. In 2006 he was appointed to the Board of the Combat Poverty Agency by the Minister of Social and Family Affairs. He is married to Catherine for just on 36 years and they have three grown-up children. In his 'Day Job' he is Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Trinity College, Dublin.



Dr Fergus O'Ferrall is Director of The Adelaide Hospital Society, an Irish non-profit healthcare organisation founded in 1839. He holds a part-time position as Lecturer in Health Services Management, Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Faculty of Health Sciences, Trinity College, Dublin 2. He is a member of *The National Economic and Social Forum* and was a member of its Project Team, which produced the Forum Report *The Policy Implications of Social Capital* published in October 2003. He has led the coordination of the Irish non-profit healthcare

organisations through the establishment in 2002 of 'The Health Spoke' representing 400 such organisations in Ireland within The Wheel, the coordinating body for the non-profit sector in Ireland.



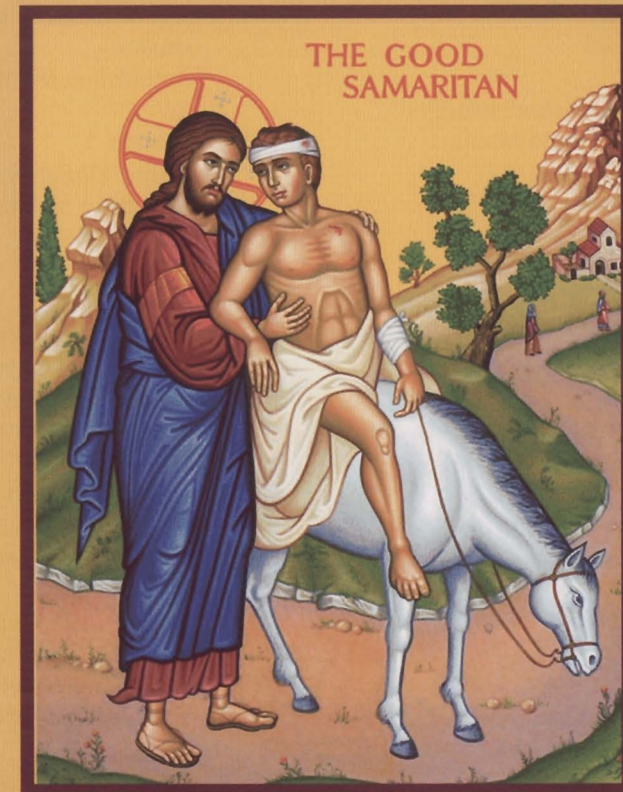
Dr Duncan Morrow is the Chief Executive of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council, which leads and supports change in Northern Ireland towards reconciliation, tolerance and mutual trust. He was appointed in 2002 and had previously been a member of the Council's Board from 1994 to 2000. From 1991 to 2002 he was a lecturer in Politics at the University of Ulster and a member of the Future Ways Programme, which developed and delivered learning and training courses on issues of diversity, trust building and equity. With Future Ways he was a co-author of *A Worthwhile Venture? Practically Investing in Equity, Diversity and Interdependence in Northern Ireland* (1997), which has provided a framework for community relations work. He also serves as a Commissioner on the Northern Ireland Sentence Review Commission, the body responsible for the early release of paramilitary prisoners as part of the Belfast Agreement, and as a Life Sentence Review Commissioner.



Joan Roddy DMJ is Director of the Refugee and Migrant Project since it was set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference in 1999. Prior to that she was involved with her Congregation in several African countries including Ghana where, for eight years, she was part of a community development team. Prior to that, she worked for almost a decade with Kilkenny Social Services.

# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

## A CONFERENCE ON THE ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF POPE BENEDICT XVI Deus Caritas Est (God is Love)



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# AGENDA

8:30	Registration (Tea/Coffee)	12:30	Opportunity for audience questions and summary of the morning's proceedings by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin
9:30	Welcome Bishop Raymond Field Chairman of the ICJSA (Reading of message from President of Ireland, Mary McAleese)	13:00	Lunch
09:45	Prayer and short liturgy Music from Maynooth Chamber Choir	14:15	Introduction to afternoon session Archbishop Diarmuid Martin
10:10	Opening Address Cardinal Seán Brady President of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference	14:20	Session 3 Bishop Donal Murray Towards a real discovery of the other
10:30	Address Archbishop Diarmuid Martin Conference Chairman	15:00	Session 4 Presentation by panel followed by discussion, chaired by Councillor Rotimi Adebari, Mayor of Portlaoise Panel
10:40	Trócaire audio visual presentation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor John Monaghan, Society of St Vincent de Paul</li> <li>• Dr Fergus O'Ferrall, The Wheel</li> <li>• Dr Duncan Morrow, Community Relations Council</li> <li>• Sr Joan Roddy, Irish Bishops' Refugee and Migrant Project</li> </ul>
10:50	Coffee break		
11:10	Session 1 Professor Conor Gearty Human rights: faith for a secular age?	16:20	Opportunity for audience questions and summary of the afternoon's proceedings by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin
11:50	Session 2 Ms Lucy Fallon-Byrne Who is my neighbour at work? The power of partnership and trust	16:45	Concluding Remarks Bishop Raymond Field

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Cardinal Seán Brady is Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1964. In 1980 he was appointed Vice-Rector of the Irish College, Rome and in 1987 became Rector of the College, a post he held until 1993, when he returned to Ireland to become Parish Priest of Castletara, Co. Cavan. In February 1985 he was ordained Coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh and on the retirement of Cardinal Cahal B. Daly, succeeded as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland on 1 October 1996. He was created Cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI at a consistory in Rome on 24 November 2007. Cardinal Brady is President of the Irish Bishops' Conference, a member of its Department of Planning and Communications and a Trustee of Trócaire.



Dr Diarmuid Martin is the Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1969. He entered the service of the Holy See in 1976 in the Pontifical Council for Family. In 1986 he was appointed Under-Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and in 1994 Secretary of the same Pontifical Council. In December 1998 he was appointed Titular Bishop of Glendalough and received the Episcopal ordination on 6 January 1999. In March 2001 he was elevated to the rank of Archbishop and undertook responsibilities as Permanent Observer of the Holy See in Geneva at the United Nations Office and Specialised Agencies and at the World Trade Organisation. He was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Dublin in May 2003 and was installed as Archbishop of Dublin on 26 April 2004. Archbishop Martin is Vice-President of the Irish Bishops' Conference, Chairman of its Department of Social Issues and International Affairs, Chairman of its Commission on Europe, a member of the Bishops' Irish Commission for Justice and Social Affairs and a Trustee of Trócaire.



Dr Donal Murray is the Bishop of Limerick. He was ordained to the priesthood in May 1966. He was appointed as Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin in April 1982. He was installed as Bishop of Limerick on 24 March 1996. He is a member of the Pontifical Council for Culture, Chairman of the IBC's Department of Catholic Education and Formation, and Chairman of the IBC's Commission on Bioethics. Bishop Murray is a member of the IBC's Doctrine Commission, a member of the IBC's Commission on Europe, Commission for Faith and Culture, a member of the Child Protection Liaison Committee, the

Strategic Task Group on Education, and a Trustee of Trócaire. Bishop Murray is a noted author and theologian.



Dr Raymond Field is Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1970 and was ordained Titular Bishop of Ard Mór and Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin in September 1997. Bishop Field is a member of the Department of Social Issues and International Affairs of the Bishops' Conference; Chairman of the Irish Commission for Justice and Social Affairs and a member of the Catholic Healthcare Commission. Bishop Field is also a member of the National Executive of ACCORD and the Bishops' Commission on Healthcare/Disability/Drugs. He is also President of Pax Christi in Ireland.



Professor Conor Gearty was educated at Castleknock College Dublin and afterwards at UCD and Cambridge University. He has taught law and human rights at Cambridge, King's College London and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He is currently Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Centre for the Study of Human Rights at LSE. His books include *Civil Liberties* (2007), *Can Human Rights Survive?* (2006) and *Principles of Human Rights Adjudication* (2004). His next book *Essays on Human Rights and Terrorism* will be published by Cameron May in March 2008.



Lucy Fallon-Byrne is Director of the National Centre for Partnership and Performance (NCP). Lucy was appointed Director of the NCP on its creation in 2001 as the Government agency charged with promoting partnership-led change and innovation in Ireland's workplaces. She provides strategic direction and oversight in the delivery of the NCP's work programme, which covers a broad range of workplace-related research and advocacy activities. Key milestones for the NCP include the Forum on the Workplace of the Future (2003–2005), whose final report was adopted by Government in 2005 as the National Workplace Strategy, and the Workplace Innovation Fund, a new financial instrument to support workplace innovation in SMEs. Lucy is also a member of the Executive Board of Trócaire. Prior to joining the NCP, she served as Assistant Chief Executive of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, before which she was a primary schoolteacher and principal. Lucy holds an MA in Political Science from UCD and an MBA from the Michael Smurfit School of Business, UCD.