

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

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LayOrdainedReligious

Diocese

Parish

School

Religious Congregation

Ecclesial Movement/Association

Area of pastoral ministry

Other descriptor(s)

This conference is offered to people who are charged with leadership, faith development, care and/or other pastoral responsibilities in dioceses, parishes, Pastoral Areas (groups of parishes), schools, religious congregations and ecclesial movements.

In addition to the main conference process there will be opportunities for displays, evening workshops and conversations from a variety of settings in dioceses, parishes, schools and organisations with a focus on programmes/activities which foster faith and faith community.

Directions to Sheraton Hotel from Dublin:
When the M6 motorway becomes N6 dual carriage way, take Junction Number 10 for Athlone Town Centre (third junction from Dublin direction). Turn left at top of slip road and follow signs to Sheraton and Athlone Town Centre. Proceed under railway bridge and turn right at traffic lights. Follow signs to Athlone Town Centre Car Park to left.

Directions to Sheraton Hotel from Galway:
Follow the N6 to Athlone/ Dublin. Take Junction number 10 off the dual carriage way. Turn right at top of slip road and cross the bridge. Take the second exit off the roundabout. Proceed under the railway bridge and turn right at the traffic lights. Follow signs to Athlone Town Centre Car Park to the left.

*Accommodation is available at the Sheraton Hotel.
Address: Gleeson Street, Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Tel: +353 (0) 906451000
E-mail: reservations@sheratonathlonehotel.com*

Cost: €140/£120 per person for the 3 days
€50/£40 per person for the Saturday only
Cost includes breaks and lunches on all three days
Accommodation is not included

National Pastoral Conference

25th—27th September 2014
The Sheraton Hotel, Athlone

*Growing in Faith Together
as Local Church Community*



The Joy of the Gospel

“And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelisers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ”

The Conference is organised on behalf of the
**Council for Pastoral Renewal and Adult Faith
Development**

The **aims** of this three-day event are:

- to be nourished together in faith
- to share programmes and experiences and
- to enhance our understanding, motivation and skills, so that we may, in our local settings, share the Good News as people who are constantly being evangelised

Keynote theological reflections will be offered by **Prof Robert Schreiter** and **Dr Gareth Byrne**. Robert is a priest and member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. His publications are in the areas of inculturation, world mission, and reconciliation including: *Constructing Local Theologies; The New Catholicity: Theology between the Global and the Local; Reconciliation: Mission and Ministry in a Changing Social Order; and The Ministry of Reconciliation: Spirituality and Strategies*.

Gareth is a priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin, Head of the Religious Department at the Mater Dei Institute in Dublin and Coordinator of the Irish Centre for Religious Education. Writer and editor of *Share the Good News, National Directory for Catechesis in Ireland*, Gareth's other publications include *Toward Mutual Ground, Faith Working Through Love* and *Religious Education Renewed*.

The process will be facilitated by **Ms Frances Heery** and **Sr Colette Stevenson**. Conference co-ordination and administration by **Sr Anne Codd** and **Ms Julieann Moran** (executive staff of the Council for Pastoral Renewal and Adult Faith Development.)

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Thursday 25th September

- 11.00 Registration
- 12.00 Welcome, Introductions, Prayer, Purpose & Process, voices from the context
- 13.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00 Robert Schreiter: **Local Church Alive**
- *Presentation, dialogue, themed break-out groups and plenary conversation*
- 17:00

Friday 26th September

- 10:00 Prayer. Overnight reflections
- 10:15 Gareth Byrne: **Growing as Faith Community in Ireland Today**
- *Presentation, dialogue, themed break-out groups and plenary conversation*
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 Robert Schreiter: **Practical Theological Reflections**
- *Presentation, dialogue, themed break-out groups and plenary conversation*
- 17:00
- 17:30 Eucharist and Reception

Saturday 27th September

- 10.00 Registration of newcomers
- 11:00 Welcome, Introductions, Prayer
- Robert Schreiter: **Local and Global Church of the Future**
- *Presentation, table conversation and feedback*
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 Gareth Byrne: **Faith Development for our Emerging Church**
- *Presentation, table conversations, feedback*
- 16:00 Review and Close of Conference

BOOKING FORM

*Pre-booking and payment are required for this event
as places will be limited*

Name : _____

Address : _____

Telephone: _____ Fax : _____

E-mail : _____

I enclose payment: _____

Cheques payable to **Hierarchy General Purposes Fund**.

3 days (€140.00/£120.00)

Saturday only (€50.00/£40.00)

Dietary or other needs: _____

Return completed booking forms, with fee, to:

Julieann Moran,
Conference Administrator,
Pastoral Renewal and Adult Faith Development,
Columba Centre,
Maynooth,
Co. Kildare.

Further Information from 01 5053025

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