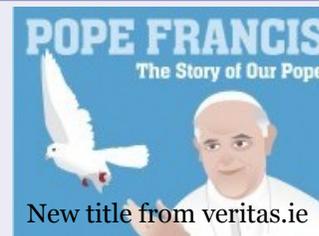




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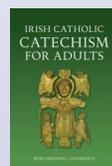


NEWS SNIPPETS

Using the *Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults* in your parish

We all know September is the time when children go back to school, and the familiar routine of learning starts once again. Nowadays, this is also true for many adults who have decided to further their own education, either formally or informally. This month, the Irish Church has a new resource for those who wish to deepen their understanding of their own faith. The *Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults* presents to all Irish Catholics a renewed opportunity to study, reflect on and to live by the faith we profess. Many parishes have already discovered how fruitful it can be for adults to come together, as a living faith community, to discuss this new catechism, which has been written specifically for the Irish context. To date useful approaches have included:

- Organise a three, four or five week study group in the evening, focusing on selected chapters from the Catechism;
- Start a catechism study group one day a week after morning Mass; and/or
- Select chapters from the Catechism relevant to the celebration of particular sacraments, and discuss them with those preparing to celebrate these sacraments.



For more ideas see www.irishcatechism.ie. You can also listen to some suggestions on using the Catechism in your parish by scanning the QR code above.

Pope Francis accepts Cardinal Brady's resignation and Archbishop Eamon Martin becomes Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

On 8 September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope



Francis accepted the resignation of His Eminence Cardinal Seán Brady as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. This decision by the Holy Father means that Archbishop Eamon Martin (52) became the 116th Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland in succession to Saint Patrick. See the video and read the full texts delivered by Cardinal Brady and Archbishop Martin on catholicbishops.ie or icatholic.ie.

ICPO launches "It's good to know before you go" campaign

The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas has launched an information campaign "It's good to know before you go" which is encouraging young Irish emigrants to take care of themselves while travelling and living overseas.

The campaign emphasises the importance of being aware of cultural differences and of adhering to local laws and customs, while also raising awareness of ICPO's services so that emigrants who get into difficulty are aware of the supports available, to themselves and others.

Information materials with advice for young emigrants and a campaign video have been uploaded to the new ICPO website www.icpo.ie. See also the new ICPO Twitter presence @ICPO prisoners and their Facebook page.

- Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin, will represent the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference at the Third Extraordinary General Assembly of Bishops which will take place at the Vatican from 5 to 19 October, to discuss the topic: *The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelisation*. Bishops ask for the prayerful support of the faithful to guide the synod fathers.
- Parishes are invited to celebrate Creation Time from 1 September - 4 October 2014 with resources available from ecocongregationireland.com

- *Growing in Faith Together as Local Church Community* is the theme of the National Pastoral Conference taking place in Athlone from 25-27 September. Please see www.adultfaith.ie for more information.
- World Tourism Day is marked on 27 September on the theme "Tourism and Community Development". Read the text of this year's message on the Vatican website: vatican.va.
- ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service has a new series of informative blogs about marriage and relationships on their website: accord.ie/news.

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Pope Francis' Tweet of the Month: Lord, with so much violence in Iraq, may we persevere in our prayer and generosity.
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