



Archdiocese of Dublin
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Post Primary Diocesan Advisers R.E. News Blog - September 2022

Dear Chaplain and R.E. Teachers,

We are at the beginning of a new school year. The days ahead are full of opportunities, challenges and possibilities. As teachers and chaplains, our hearts are full of mixed emotion ranging from excitement to trepidation, from apprehension to anticipation. It is not easy to begin again and yet hope prompts us, impels us, to do so, knowing that the work we undertake as teachers and chaplains is not simply about imparting knowledge but about helping to shape the life of every single student placed in our care.

Some of you may remember the words of the song, “Where do I begin to tell the story of how great a love can be....? This is a question which I have asked myself as I reflected on my own role as a Catholic teacher when faced with a new group of students. How can I allow students to experience for themselves the beauty and the power and the mercy of God in their own lives?

Richard Rohr, an American theologian, writes of the Jewish Hasidic tradition. The greatest commandment is not “thou shalt be right”. The great commandment is to “be in love”. That is equally true for us. Our biggest challenge is to help students awaken to God’s infinite love. But how do we do it? Very often when I struggle with this question I have found myself drawn back to the founding vision of my former school and of its particular ethos. I believe that the aspirations and values contained in the ethos statement lies the path forward for each school.

The start of a new school year gives us the opportunity to review our Ethos Statement and our willingness to think afresh and manage change in a positive way. A good Ethos Statement will describe the particular characteristics which make your school unique and define your school’s pathway to success. It will help you to reflect on the key qualities and values you wish to encourage in your students. The challenge will constantly be to communicate these values. I would encourage you to read your Ethos Statement. Open it. Allow it to speak to you. It will show you where to begin. Remind your students of your school’s founding story. It is a living story which you are entrusting to them. They will hold it and develop it during the coming year. They will hand it on to younger students most especially by their example and their attitudes. Listen to the responses they give you. Nurture their responses.

Have confidence in yourself. The Spirit is at work in you and in us and has entrusted these students into your care. You will receive all the graces you need as the year unfolds. We may never know the influence we have on another person's life. We all have memories of some amazing teachers who shaped our lives.

"At times our light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us".

Albert Schweitzer

Have confidence in your students too. The Holy Spirit speaks through them. We are invited to listen to their dreams and aspirations. I found their responses to the Synodal Process and their responses outlining their hopes and dreams both uplifting and challenging. I have included some of these responses in this September blog in the hope that you will reflect on them during the course of the year.

Pope Francis said that Christian teachers are "on the front line" in "educating so as to move from a closed world to an open world; from a throwaway culture to a culture of care; from a culture of rejection to a culture of integration; from the pursuit of vested interests to the pursuit of the common good."

As we begin this academic year with many feelings, expectations, fears and hopes, let us remember that God is always with us. **Pope Francis** in his weekly Angelus address on Sunday, August 7 said; **"Let us walk without fear, in the certainty that the Lord accompanies us. At times we feel imprisoned by a feeling of distrust and anxiety. It is the fear of failure, of not being acknowledged and loved, the fear of not being able to realize our plans, of never being happy, and so on."**

May each day of this new academic year find us ready to begin anew, ready to hope and believe in the goodness working in, through and around us, ready to wonder and to forgive, ready to serve with generosity and compassion.

We are here to support you in any way we can. We look forward very much to visiting you in your schools during the year. Do not hesitate to contact us at our new diocesan offices at any time. Please note our new address: **Education Secretariat, 51 Home Farm Road, Drumcondra, DO9 W5W4.**

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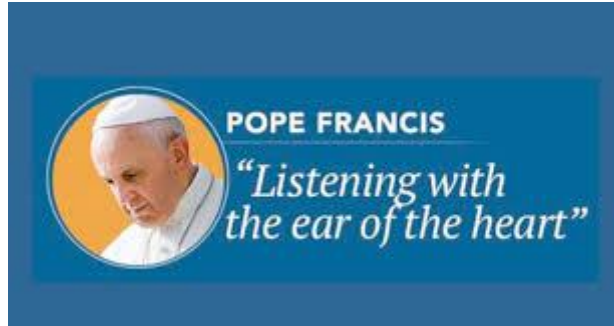
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The Synodal Pathway

Pope Francis speaks of a listening Church, a Synodal Church.



"The primary task for the synod, is *not* in reforming church governance or clarifying theological issues. It is to outline a message and a sense of direction that give purpose and affirmation to modern life. Something worth reflecting on, testing and sharing with others."

Fr. Hugh Mac Mahon, a Columban Priest writing in The Furrow.

"The process of Synodality, encouraged by Pope Francis, offers us the opportunity to learn how things could be done, where every voice is respected, and every voice is heard."

Bishop Paul Dempsey, Bishop of Achonry.



<https://dublindiocese.ie/synodal-pathway-report-and-letter-from-archbishop-farrell/>

<https://synod.ie/frequently-asked-questions-on-the-synodal-pathway/>

<https://dublindiocese.ie/radical-renewal/> Fr. Gareth Byrne, Moderator of the Curia

The Archdiocese of Dublin Report

Response to our Diocesan Synodal Pathway.

Our context is as history shows that we live in an ever changing church in an ever changing world. In the midst of all the change four things remain constant and are at the heart of the life of the Church.

These four things are:

- The Community of Believers
- The living Tradition ... the Risen. Lord continues to speak to us through the Sacred Scriptures and in the words and witness of those who seek Him with a pure heart.
- The Breaking of Bread and the Sacraments
- Prayer, lifeblood of the Church's Life

These four things do not change. However, the responses are full of a heartfelt cry for change in other areas.

The need for a shift in the balance between the pastoral application of Church teaching and community needs.

There is a hope that an option might exist for priests to marry and enjoy family life.

There is a profound hope that women will have a meaningful role in the life and governance of the Church.

Young people recognize that for many the language of the liturgy is a barrier. There is a call to simplify language and connect to the reality of peoples' lives. This call is aligned to concern about the quality of the homilies and their relevance for today. The call is for good quality faith development and the necessity of re-evangelizing across the generations.

"Every parish mentioned sustainability in relation to the felt absence of the young."

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/accountability/signs-times/four-challenges-bishops-synod-young-people>

<https://blog.churchdesk.com/how-to-attract-young-people-to-your-church>

Synodality – ar aghaidh linn!

“It is critical that the Synodal Pathway remain precisely that, a Pathway. It must not become an end in itself on this occasion. The most important thing about any synod that occurs now is not so much that it meets at all but that it meets again”.

“And this is perhaps the most important point to be made about the opportunity offered by a synod: it will give many who feel that have no place at the liturgy a platform from which to speak and be heard”.

Fr. Paschal Scallan, CM - (Provincial of the Vincentians)

<https://synod.ie/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xA1KUsnPyWM>

<https://catholicnews.ie/bishops-welcome-publication-today-of-national-synthesis-on-www-synod-ie-and-invite-all-to-read-it/>

“The challenge is to find the good way of renewal. We need more active involvement by all.” Archbishop Dermot Farrell

“The challenge will be what can be done to make the young, and not so young, feel at home again in the Church and its liturgy. For the majority of young people today the Church is not part of their world. Rather than seeking inspiration there they regard it as dated, impersonal and obstructive. Probably more than previous generations, they have difficulty finding meaning, purpose and support in their struggles. They are open to guidance that seems reasonable and that echoes their deepest convictions. However they are also exposed to a media bombardment that consistently disparages religion with stories that put the Church in a bad light and undermine its credibility. If religion has something to offer them, they need to hear it in clear and fresh terms with which they can relate.”

Fr. Hugh Mac Mahon, Columban priest

“I am glad to encourage everyone to boldly embark on the dialogue envisaged by Pope Francis in the synodal pathway and to accept structural changes that be necessary to build a brighter future. It is good to be proactive. If I could add a word: the the youth movements and associations in the Church will help absorb the shock of future changes.”

Archbishop Jude Okolo, Papal Nuncio

(Before his departure from Ireland to the Czech Republic)

Synodal Pathway:

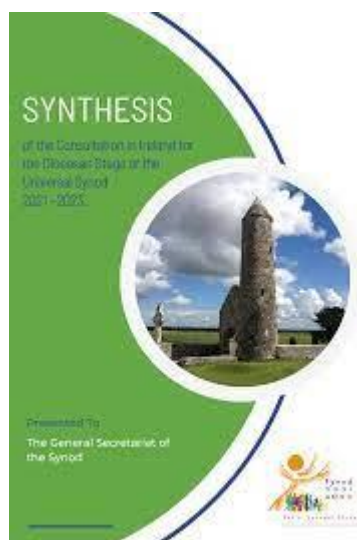
Stepping Forward in Communion

The purpose of the Synod in the words of Pope Francis

“To plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hand.”



The Synodal Synthesis Document



<https://synod.ie/synthesis-of-the-consultation-in-ireland-for-the-diocesan-stage-of-the-universal-synod-2021-2023-2/>

“It is therefore vital that when the synthesis of this first phase of our Synodal pathway is published, we study its findings carefully and prayerfully.

There is a need for a further phase of much deeper listening and a more widespread reaching out. We have so far merely touched the surface.

Perhaps the greatest learning for us so far will emerge from reflecting ‘prayerfully and carefully’ on what these tentative first steps along a Synodal Pathway have taught us about who we are as the Catholic Church in Ireland, and why we are this way? It is in this deeper reflection that we can discern what the Holy Spirit is revealing to us about the kind of pastoral conversion and new evangelisation necessary to nurture new life and growth in the vineyard of the Lord? Crucially, in all these deliberation, we must pledge to stand together in communion, because only in this way will people be attracted by the hope of an encounter with Christ and by the joy of His gospel.”

Extract from the Homily in St. Patrick’s College Chapel, Maynooth, July 2022

Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

Let’s talk about how.

“What is under discussion at synodal gatherings are not traditional truths of Christian doctrine. The synod is concerned mainly with how teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time.”

Pope Francis in the book Let Us Dream.

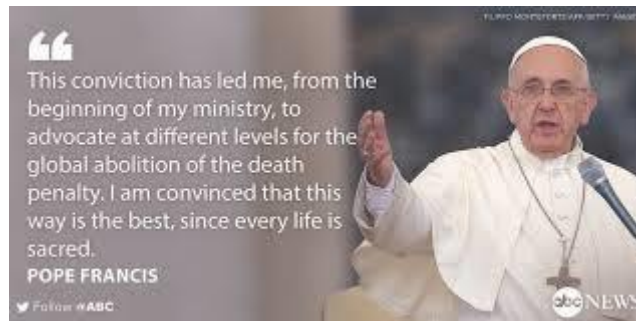


Calendar for September

The Pope's Intentions for September

For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



Pope Francis calls for the Abolition of the Death Penalty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIBZsIBc-kE>

We pray to meet the challenges of the world identified by the Pope in his monthly intentions.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
UNITED STATES | CANADA **APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER**

<http://popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/>

September 1

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

An invitation to pray for the Earth and Creation

The world is God's gift to us. Pope Francis



Pope Francis announced the World Day of Prayer for all Creation following the publication of his ground-breaking encyclical *Laudato Si*. Pope Francis said “it offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

<https://dioceseofprovidence.org/news/september-1-world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation>

[https://s3.amazonaws.com/CAFOD-main-website-films/Laudato Si Young People CAFOD HD.mp4](https://s3.amazonaws.com/CAFOD-main-website-films/Laudato_Si_Young_People_CAFOD_HD.mp4)

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<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Laudato-Si-for-schools>

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2022/07/11/resources-for-the-season-of-creation-2022/>

“We encounter God when we encounter creation; its beauty is an expression of the beauty of creation. Once we experience God in creation our treatment of the earth must automatically change.” **Rainer Maria Rilke**

September 3 - Pope Saint Gregory the Great



Gregory was born into a noble Roman family c 540 AD. He became prefect of Rome before he was 30. Gregory became a monk and served as Papal Ambassador before being elected Pope to succeed Pelagius in 590. Gregory's reign is distinguished by three important achievements which continue to inspire us today: He worked tirelessly to improve the standard of living for the poor people of Rome. He reached out to the then Anglo Saxon pagans and while respecting their traditions forged a union between them and Rome creating the beginnings of European harmony and allowing medieval peace and then later the renaissance to flourish built on his strong foundation of peace and mutual respect and trust. Finally Gregory was a tireless communicator and his Dialogues survive to this day. He also revised the Liturgy of his day and is sometimes referred to as "the Father of Christian Worship". Today, I feel it would be fair to call him a multi-tasker par excellence and perhaps this is why he is called patron of teachers and of musicians.

September 5 – St. Teresa of Calcutta

The most famous Catholic saint of modern times



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvH-OeKEYp4>

Teresa entered a convent at the age of 18 years. She went to India in 1929 and increasingly her concern was for the poor of Calcutta. In 1946, she decided to leave her convent to live amongst the poorest people in the slums. She had a profound reverence towards the presence of God in the poor, the dying and those suffering from diseases. Her new order, the Missionaries of Charity received the Vatican seal of approval in 1950.

St. Teresa spent her life in the service of the destitute. She and her sisters lived in the maximum simplicity of voluntary poverty surrounded on all sides by the poorest of the poor. St. Teresa did not view poverty as a burden to be endured but as a pathway to simplicity and freedom. We are not all called to this life style but we are called to live in ever greater simplicity in order to allow others to thrive and our earth to be cherished. Simple living is about choosing space rather than clutter, it is about choosing open and generous living rather than a secure and sheltered way.

It is about choosing time for people and ideas and self -growth rather than maintenance and guarding and possessing and cleaning. Simple life is about moving through life rather lightly, it is about optimism and humour, gratitude and appreciation. It is about embracing life, it is about living and giving with no strings attached. **(Richard Rohr, Daily Meditation, June 16, 2022)**

Mother Teresa was canonised in 2016 by Pope Francis. Today on her Feast Day, we ask Teresa of Calcutta to help us grow in freedom and simplicity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvH-OeKEYp4>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyppP9D_mFw

“Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.” Mother Teresa

September 8 - Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary



September is a time when we think of Mary, mother of Jesus. We remember her beginnings as we celebrate her birthday on the September 8 and we recall her great grief as Jesus is put to death, on September 15, feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

May she who understands what it is to be human, intercede for each and every one of us that our new beginnings bear fruit in plenty and enrich our schools, our homes and our parishes.

When Mary was born God's great plan of transformation and redemption became palpable and visible in the body of a woman. Mary's birth signalled the coming end of the old order and the beginning of the new. In reading the Synodal Report and in particular the hopes and dreams of our youths, we hear the call for a transformation that continues for today's world.

All over this beautiful world, God calls is to extend Gods kingdom of peace and wholeness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy and reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right now through us because God believes in us and loves us as he loves Mary whose birthday we celebrate.

Desmond Tutu once remarked "What can separate us from the love of God?" Nothing. Absolutely nothing. As we share God's love with others he says. There is no tyrant who can resist us, no oppression that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned to love, and no dream that cannot be fulfilled.

The wonderful redemptive transformation begun with the birth of Mary. It continues today in you and me and in the Church, thanks to the Spirit at work in us.....

May she who understands what it is to be human, intercede for each and every one of us that our new beginnings bear fruit in plenty and enrich our schools, our homes and our parishes.

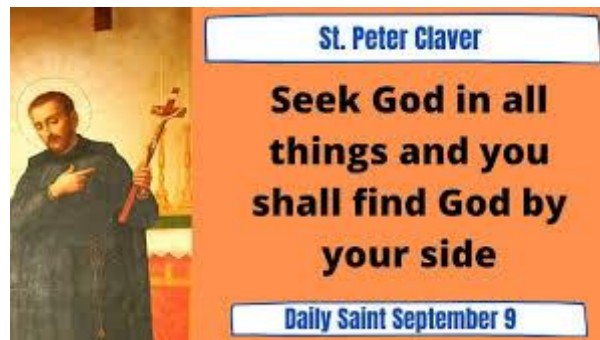
<http://education.dublindiocese.ie/september-8th-our-ladys-birthday/>

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“Alone, out of all creatures that will ever be, Mary is divinely designated as the Co-worker of Salvation. Frank Duff

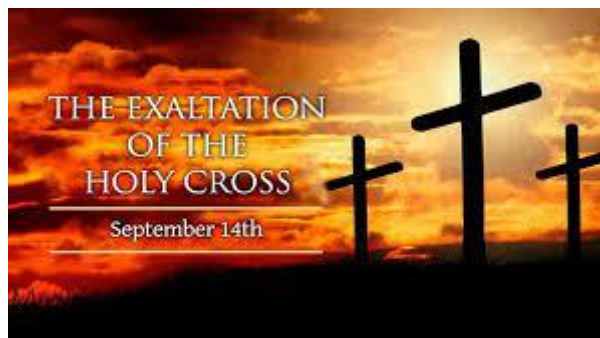


September 9 - St. Peter Claver



Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1851 and was one of the early members of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. He became a missionary to South America and dedicated his life to assisting enslaved Africans. Peter knew that actions speak louder than words. He once said “we must speak to them with our hands by giving before we try to speak to them with our lips.”

September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross



This feast celebrates two historic events of great importance: the finding of the relic of the True Cross by St. Helena in 324 and the building of the first churches in Jerusalem by her son Constantine, the first Christian to serve as emperor of Rome. The churches were built at the tomb of Christ where Jesus rose from the dead and at the site of Calvary where His Passion and death occurred. This feast has been celebrated in the Catholic Church since the seventh century and serves as a reminder to us that the Cross must be at the heart of our lives. We are called to accept the Cross in our lives and that Jesus accepted His Cross and died for us.

September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows



Today the church honours Mary, mother of Jesus and recalls her seven sorrows. These sorrows relate to events that occurred during the life of Mary.

- The prophecy of Simeon
- The flight into Egypt
- The loss of the child Jesus in the Temple
- Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary
- Jesus dies on the cross
- The body of Jesus is placed in the tomb.

Traditionally Catholics recite one 'Our Father' and seven 'Hail Mary's' for each of the seven Sorrows as a mark of devotion.

Perhaps this year we might pause and pray for the suffering women of Ukraine who have lost so much to war of late.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPM_mEKvGuw



September 21 - International Day of Peace



<https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-of-peace/>

For International Day of Peace 2022, the theme is '**End Racism. Build Peace**'.

Every September 21st, the United Nations calls all people and nations to celebrate a day of cease-fire and embrace the concept of peaceful resolutions locally and globally.

International Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

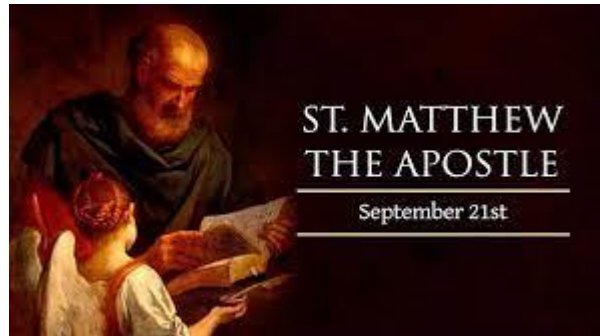
International Peace Day provides a powerful opportunity for students to consider the concept of peace and how they can be a peacebuilder in their world, as well as to express their visions for peace – personal, local and/or global. Observing Peace Day is also a powerful way to open the year with dialogue about interpersonal respect, compassion and local/global citizenship.

"If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal."

John F. Kennedy

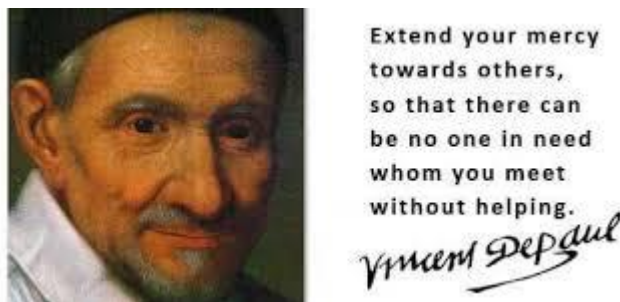


September 21 – St. Matthew, Evangelist and Apostle



One of the first things, we are told about St Matthew is that he was a tax collector when he first met Jesus. Tax collectors were the most hated members of society at the time of Jesus. They were known as greedy henchmen of the Romans who betrayed their country and made poor people's lives impossible. Matthew was no different. But Jesus came for him too and called him to follow him and to be his disciple. In celebrating the feast of Matthew we celebrate ourselves in need of forgiveness, who are loved by Jesus and for whom the possibility of transformation exists ...this is what is meant by the "Good News." There is much in the Gospel of St. Matthew to reflect upon; the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes and the end of the Gospel and see what it is saying to those of us who read it today.

27 September – St. Vincent de Paul



St Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 into a farming family at Pouy, France and died in 1660. He was canonized in September 1660.

Vincent de Paul's activities during the first few years of his priesthood gave little indication that he was to become St. Vincent de Paul and proclaimed Universal Patron of Works of Charity by Pope Leo XIII in 1885 or what God was to accomplish through him.

Vincent viewed his priesthood as a means of social advancement. His change of heart began during one of his visits to the estates of a rich family when Vincent was called to hear the confession of a dying man who knew nothing or very little about his religion.

Vincent was a man touched by the finger of God's own holiness to become a man of the Gospels by giving his life completely for the love of Jesus Christ in service of the poor.

He founded the Vincentian order for preaching to the poor uneducated people of his day, He is best known for his compassion for the poor and his charity. He did much to reform the clergy and was one of the earliest opponents of Jansenism. After founding the Vincentian order, known as the Congregation of the Mission, Vincent de Paul established the Confraternities of Charity- associations of laywomen who visited, fed, and nursed the sick poor. With St Louise de Marillac, he co- founded the Daughters of Charity in 1633. This was the first non-cloistered institute of women devoted to active charitable works.

"Vincent de Paul is called *A Mystic of Charity*. He was able to discover, through the mercy of Jesus, his true calling, his place and mission in the world. He discovered the mystical experience of God's love for humanity through the mysteries of the Trinity, the Incarnation, the Eucharist, and the Blessed Mother. He found a mystical experience in Jesus, living it in the person of the poor and the poor in Jesus, an experience which he placed in the perspective of the "here and now" through the mysticism of Divine Providence."

Rev. Father Tomaž Mavrič, Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, greetings to Pope Francis on the Occasion of the July 14, 2022 Papal Audience.

The Vincentian Family Information Network

<https://famvin.org/>

The Vincent de Paul Society

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2pzqvXX9ZM0>

The Vincentian Family is made up of organizations that are inspired by the life and work of St. Vincent de Paul. As a Family, members follow Jesus Christ, sharing a belief that God is present among us, particularly in persons who are experiencing poverty in many forms. They serve the poor, as did St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, Frederic Ozanam and many others who, over the last four centuries, have enriched the Vincentian charism.

New spirituality proposed to groups inspired by St. Vincent de Paul

<https://slideplayer.com/slide/6336417/>

Prayer of the Vincentian family

Lord Jesus, You who willed to become poor,

Give us eyes and a heart directed toward the poor,

Help us to recognise You in them – In their thirst, their hunger, their loneliness and their misfortune.

Enkindle within our Vincentian family, unity, simplicity, humility and the fire of love that burned in St Vincent de Paul.

Strengthen us, so that, faithful to the practice of these virtues, we may contemplate You, and serve You, in the person of the poor.

And may one day be united with You and them in Your kingdom.

Amen.

<https://www.vincentianfamily.ie/>

The Congregation of the Mission

Priests of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) believe in creating lasting, systemic change and live in solidarity with the people they serve. They listen to the needs of those who live in poverty. Vincentians promote peace and dignity, live simply, but with a zeal for justice. Compelled by the love of Christ, Vincentians nurture and sustain a ministry of compassionate care that preserves the human dignity of persons within a diverse and changing society.

St. Vincent was no stranger to pandemics. St. Vincent experienced the outbursts of the plague that frequently ravaged Europe during his active years. In the 1650's, tragedies piled up in Vincent's life. St. Vincent often spoke of "wars, plague and famine" as the scourge of the poor.

Advice from St. Vincent de Paul, in everyday life.

Imagine seeking the advice of Saint Vincent in the everyday situations we experience in serving our neighbour. Quotes are from his correspondence.

<https://vinformation.org/en/advice-from-saint-vincent-de-paul-in-everyday-life/>

"Often on the lips of St. Vincent de Paul was an intriguing phrase: Take your step from God. By this he meant that we are to keep an eye on God and try to see what indications He is giving us, for He is giving them all the time." **A Thought A Day With Frank Duff**

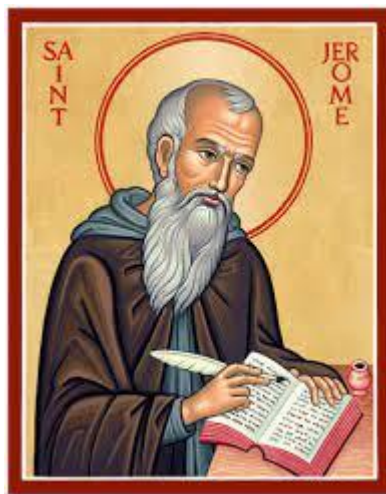
29 September - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Angels - Messengers from God - appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named.



Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture:
Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

30 September - Saint Jerome



He was secretary to Pope Saint Damasus and began the task of translating the Bible into Latin as well as promoting the monastic life. He wrote many works, especially commentaries on the Scripture.

***"There are things in life that are bigger than ourselves.
Life is short, live it well."***

St. Jerome



10 Reasons to become involved in the Ember Programme, Pope John Paul 11 Awards, Young Vincent de Paul and Emmanuel Programme.

1. **Challenge yourself:** Learning a new skill is both challenging and rewarding. It can also open new doors such as possible career opportunities.
2. **Get fit:** Staying healthy is so important as studies show doing some physical activity leads to a happier, healthier, longer life.
3. **Give something back:** There is no better feeling than helping others. Volunteering helps your own wellbeing as well as developing communication and confidence.
4. **Self-discipline:** Ember Programme, John Paul 11 Awards, Young Vincent de Paul and Emmanuel Programme requires dedication and commitment as team members depend on you in all areas.
5. **Make new friends:** Participating in the Ember Programme, John Paul 11 Awards, Young Vincent de Paul Society and Emmanuel Programme is an excellent way to meet people and make new friends.
6. **Enhance your CV:** Employers really value membership of these programmes and the Awards. It demonstrates a rounded, confident student/individual who can work independently and as part of a team.
7. **Independence:** Being able to work independently is an important skill to achieve.
8. **Teamwork:** Listening, responding and looking after each other all involve working together as a team, which are vital life skills.
9. **Explore new situations:** Motivating you to engage and become involved in new experiences.
10. **Achievement:** Although the programmes and awards require a lot of effort, time and dedication, participating and completing the awards is greatly valued.

Adapted from “Worth Knowing” a Publication, Worth Abbey School, Sussex.



A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

[https://www.scsba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Prayers for the start of the school year.pdf](https://www.scsba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Prayers%20for%20the%20start%20of%20the%20school%20year.pdf)

