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MISSION & MINISTRY MATTERS

A note from the Director...

Dear Friends,

As we begin this new year we are happy to announce that we now have a new resource for Baptism Preparation. This has taken months to originate and devise as we seek to make the accompaniment of parents more accessible and visual. This is why the resource is video based with a facilitators guide. The first of hopefully many trainings will take place on the 12th February so that Baptism Teams can start using it. Inside there are details about how you can register for this.

There are new cohorts of participants too, in the continuing training and development of funeral teams and leaders, thanks to the hard work of Fr Pat and Peter. Our latest initiative to grow Youth Leadership capacity in the diocese began in January with a first group of participants. This, we hope, will run each year, as we seek to grow the local capacity in partnerships to accompany young people on their unique journey of faith and equip a new generations of leaders.

All of these seek to support Building Hope, growing co-responsible leaders for now and into the future, as well as developing faith.

Our office has also produced a prayer resource for the year where the theme is Pilgrims of Hope. This has useful reflections you can use in your parish and the groups you work with as well as music and liturgy suggestions, and is available on our Mission and Ministry website and the Dublin diocese website. Wishing you every blessing as we continue to journey together.

Patricia



Upcoming Events

12th February
7 -9pm
Baptism Teams Training
St. Paul's Arran Quay

15th February
Catechist's Module 5
10am - 4pm
St. Paul's Arran Quay

22nd February
10am - 4pm
Diocesan Certificate Youth
Ministry Leadership
St. Paul's Arran Quay

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Adult Faith Ministry



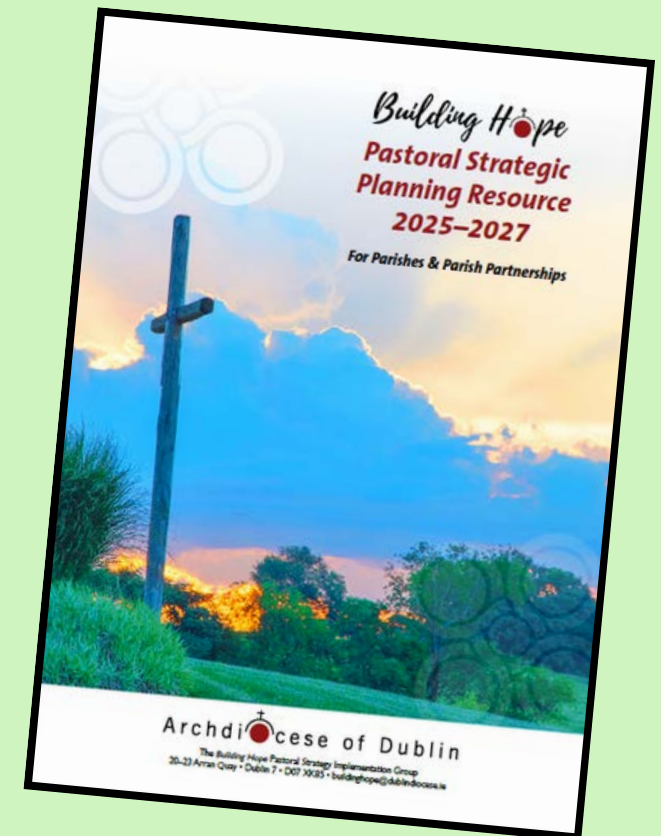
The New Year brings the opportunity to reflect on parish life, mission and ministries.

Guided by the ***Building Hope Strategic Planning Resource for 2025 - 2027***, a time of discerning and deciding the way forward has begun.

This may highlight areas in your parish, partnership or Deanery, for further formation, training and renewal.

This might be for your PPC or one or more of your ministry groups.

This training is available on a partnership/Deanery level - contact us to make arrangements.



Funeral Ministries training has been happening across a number of deaneries and Pastoral Areas in the diocese.

As well as training for Funeral Ministry Teams in parishes, formation is also available for those who will take on the leadership roles in times of prayer with families before a funeral, planning and leading Funeral Services that aren't Mass, and leading the prayers at the graveside or crematorium.

Those who have completed the Funeral Teams training are encouraged to consider taking this next step and training for this leadership role.

The next training is taking place on 3rd, 10th and 24th March in St Paul's.

Online registration is now open!

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FUNERAL MINISTRY

PRAYER LEADERS TRAINING



Module 1:
Leading Prayer

- Communal Prayer
- Role of Leader
- Leading Communal Prayer

MONDAY
3rd MARCH
7.30pm-9.30pm

This course is for those who will lead times of prayer, Funeral Services and the Rite of Committal. It builds on the training for Funeral Ministry teams.



Module 2:
Rites Before & After

- Prayers after Death
- Gathering in Presence of the Body
- Vigil
- Transfer to Church
- Rite of Committal

MONDAY
10th MARCH
7.30pm-9.30pm



Module 3:
Funeral Services

- Christian Symbols
- Funeral Liturgy outside Mass

MONDAY
24th MARCH
7.30pm-9.30pm

St Paul's Church
Arran Quay
Dublin 7
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For more details contact
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Scan QR code to Register





CERTIFICATE
for those who complete ALL 3 modules



Tea/Coffee from 7pm



The Archbishop joined us for the fifth module of the Catechists Training on Saturday the 18th January, where our 50 participants were introduced to our new Baptism Preparation Resource - Called by God. Here is some of the feedback from our catechists'

This resource is so accessible and easy to use, it will really make a difference to our preparation.

It's fantastic how it connects with the everyday experience of family life, and I love the home activities.

This will help parents to get much more from the celebration of the liturgy, as they have already explored this in a family friendly way at their preparation. It will make it come alive for them.'

This will make it easy for Baptism teams to renew their whole approach, and to find new team members to lead.



CALLED BY GOD

is our new resource for Baptism Preparation.

The Resource pack consists of:

- A Video to lead the Baptism Session
- A Facilitator's Guide for the Baptism Team

This is an exciting new venture, connecting to new ways to accompany families.

There are five moments of engagement with parents in an inter-active way.

- The first moment is 'Called By Name'
- The second moment is 'Strengthened for Service'
- The third moment is 'Immersed'
- The fourth moment is 'Embraced'
- The fifth moment is 'Living in the Light'

In each of the five moments there is reflection, testimony, a moment to chat and a home activity.

THE FIRST TRAINING EVENING FOR BAPTISM TEAMS will take place on the 12th FEBRUARY from 7pm - 9pm in St. Paul's, Arran Quay

REGISTER NOW USING THE QR CODE



Called by God
 Preparing to Celebrate your Baby's Baptism
FACILITATOR GUIDE
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JUBILEE OF YOUTH

ROME 2025

JULY 28TH - AUGUST 4TH



REGISTER NOW



Return flights with 10kg bag (can upgrade to 20kg for an additional cost)



Accommodation



Pilgrim packs, including meal vouchers & transport ticket for Rome



Diocesan Group T-Shirt & pack



Insurance

Preparation Program before, during and after Rome

All events in Rome

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Youth & Young Adult Ministry

#YML: Diocesan Certificate in Youth Ministry Leadership



Over 30 people from parishes across the Diocese took part in the first module of the Diocesan Certificate in Youth Ministry Leadership on January 11th in St Paul's Arran Quay. This practical course is designed to build capacity for Youth Ministry throughout the Diocese at a local parish and partnership level. Kevin Mullaly set the scene in the morning with a session on Youth Culture Today, providing valuable insights into the landscape that shapes all the course and participants hope to achieve in the coming

months and beyond. After lunch, participants explored the core text of Christus Vivit and how to explore their local setting with a Pastoral Reflection. The day concluded with Fr Kieran O'Mahony celebrating a lectio style Mass. It was a jam-packed day filled with energy, acknowledgement of the challenges, but a deep desire and call to act! The course continues February 22nd.




SAVE THE DATE

CANONISATION

CARLOS ACUSTIS

SUNDAY | **APRIL 27TH**

Details to follow



JUBILEE OF YOUTH
AUGUST 1ST - 3RD
DUBLIN

SIGN UP NOW



Rome @ Home

As the numbers able to travel to Rome are limited, a simultaneous event 'Rome @ Home' will take place in Dublin from August 1st to 3rd for the youth of the Diocese. This can only happen if there is a team to make it happen. If you are interested and want to know more, please sign up using the link above for the information session on **February 17th at 7:30 pm** via Zoom. This session will be repeated.

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PEACE NOT WAR

War is widespread throughout the world. Peacekeeping missions offer a glimmer of hope and, in Ireland, we are proud of our continuing contributions in areas of conflict. The late Zen Buddhist Monk, Thich Nhat Hahn, wrote that “our entire society can be changed by one person’s peaceful presence.” Pope Francis says that “Simple acts of kindness and solidarity can pave the way for this new world, fostering a deeper sense of fraternity and shared humanity.” (World Day for Peace 2025)

Join the members of the Dublin Diocesan Music Group at the Monastery of St. Alphonsus on **Monday 24 February at 8.00pm** as we explore this theme of ‘Peace’ and personal action against the background of ‘War’. You are invited to an evening of Prayer, Music and Reflection - in person or online www.rednuns.com.

LOOK OUT...

for details of the next local gathering of choirs and music groups hosted by the Dublin Diocesan Music Group - Songs of Praise - which will take place on **Monday 17 February** from **8.00 to 9.30p.m.** in the Chapel of the Dominican Convent, Cabra.

We are hoping to reach out to the Cabra partnership and neighbouring parishes. The evening will cover pieces from Laudate and Emmanuel Programmes with some additional instrumental music and interesting interviews.

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Laudate Music Festival 2025

The liturgical music programme for Primary Schools continues to enjoy great support despite extra pressure in schools due to the high number of vacancies. There are two venues again this year - Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road on **Tuesday 28 January** and the Church of Saint Thérèse, Mount Merrion on **Wednesday 29 January** - both at **7.00 p.m.** **Caroline Cutliffe** will direct the choirs in OLV while **Orla Barry** will be the conductor in Mount Merrion. All welcome. **Cathy Burke**, her team and the Education Secretariat ensure the smooth running of the evenings in cooperation with our loyal host parishes.

Church Musicians Fees

Check out the updated national guidelines on the payment of church musicians at www.dublindiocese.ie

Read the whole document for the rationale behind the suggested fees.

The increases mirror the stipendiary payments for priests in the Church of Ireland.

Emmanuel 2025

Book now from the Helix **01 700 7000** or www.thehelix.ie Bring your family - your friends - your music group.

EMMANUEL 2025
God with Us

54 Schools, 2,500+ Students, 19 Songs

11th-13th March

The Helix at 7:30pm. Tickets: €15
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