

Parish of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone (Diocese of Derry)
 St. Patrick's, Greencastle Our Lady of the Wayside, Broughderg
 Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection [Year A] (20th April, 2014)
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"May the Easter joy of the Resurrection fill your hearts and homes today and throughout this season"

Liturgy Schedule for the Easter Octave [Year A] (21st April, 2014 – 27th April, 2014)

Saturday Evening (19th April)	St. Patrick's	9.00pm Easter Vigil
	St. Patrick's	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
Sunday 20th April Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection [Year A]	Our Lady of the Wayside	11.00am Mass
Monday 21st April Easter Octave	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass: John Anthony and Sara Ann McCullagh (Anniversaries)
Tuesday 22nd April Easter Octave	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass for Cherry McCullagh, who has died in South Africa
Wednesday 23rd April Easter Octave	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Thursday 24th April Easter Octave	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Friday 25th April St. Mark (Evangelist)	St. Patrick's	10.00am Mass
Saturday 26th April Easter Octave	St. Patrick's	NO MORNING MASS
Saturday Evening (26th April)	St. Patrick's	5.30pm Confessions 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 27th April Second Sunday of Easter [Year A] Divine Mercy Sunday	St. Patrick's Our Lady of the Wayside	9.00am Mass (Missa Pro Populo) 10.30am Confessions 11.00am Mass: Rose Hollywood (2 nd Anniversary)

Weekly Offerings: Thank you for your generosity to last week's collection which amounted to **£1,000**.
 Please support your community by using your envelope, even if you must attend Mass outside your parish.
 Envelopes received from visitors coming to Mass in Greencastle are returned to those parishes.
 Please remember the parish when making your will. If you are a taxpayer please consider a Gift-Aid declaration, your contribution will be worth 25% more to your parish.

Remembering Our Dead: We pray for **Frank, Patrick, David, Martin and Kathleen O'Hagan** and **John Anthony and Sara Ann McCullagh**, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Date of Easter (Sunday 20th April): At the Council of Nicea in 325 the date for Easter was fixed as the Sunday after the full moon after the spring equinox.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign: Please empty your Trocaire boxes and reduce to the smallest denominations. Make returns on Holy Thursday evening in the special envelope that was in the package you received at the beginning of Lent. The humanitarian mission of Trócaire is to contribute to the saving of lives, the alleviation of suffering, and the protection of human dignity. Thank you in anticipation for your support.
 Please support our Lenten Campaign as generously as you can this year

St. Columba's, Long Tower – Mass for Healing: On Thursday 1st May at 7.30pm. Fr. Neal Carlin and the Columba Community will celebrate a healing Mass followed by individual prayer for healing

Drumalis in Association with Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, Dublin – Spiritual Direction Training: Two-year diploma in Spiritual Direction beginning in September, 2014. More details at manresa.ie and drumalis.co.uk

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2: 42-47; Psalm 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24, r/v 1; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31; Lectionary 1 (page 438) **Sunday [Year A] • Weekday [Year 2]**

Lotto Results: D • K • H • N • O (9 drawn with 3 letters, 5 drawn winning £10 each) **Next Jackpot:** £2,150

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Saturday 19 th April The family of Ryan McGlinchey	Offertory Gifts Rota Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	9.00am Sunday Morning Sunday 20 th April The family of Tiernan Teague
Saturday 26th April The family of Caelum Tracey	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	Sunday 27th April The family of Michelle O'Brien
Saturday 3rd May* The family of Orla Morris	Third Sunday of Easter	Sunday 4th May The family of Catherine O'Connor

As a wider parish community we thank these young people and their families for this valued task of leadership.
What can you volunteer to do in your parish? Thanks to all who participates in the life and work of our parish faith-community.
***Do This In Memory Week 8** We need new volunteers in every aspect of life

Celebration Mass to Mark the Canonisation of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII: Parishes are reminded of the upcoming Mass on Sunday 27th April at 3.00pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry to celebrate. Each parish is invited to nominate a young person who has completed or is currently taking part in the PJPII Award to attend the Mass. These young people representing their parishes will be involved in the Gathering Rite of the Mass acknowledging the very obvious link with the Pope John Paul II Award and this special occasion. It would be most helpful if the young person from each parish could be at the Cathedral for 2.15pm on Sunday 27th April. If you already know the name of the young person who will fulfil this role please let me know. Thank you for your help. I hope some of you will be able to join us for this Mass.
 Yvonne Rooney

Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World – Summer Camp for Young Men: At the Seminary in Ajofrin, Toledo, Spain from 2nd to 25th August. There are 21 places available for men between the ages of 17 and 25. The actual camp is free, so all that is required of the boys who wish to come is that they pay for their own travel to and from the Seminary. It would also be useful for them to bring a small amount of spending money as well, should they wish to visit any touristic sites around the area.

Ards Monastery Creeslough – Legion of Mary Retreat: Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th May, bus from Gortin.
 To book contact (028) 8164 8436

Sperrin Wheelers – Charity Club Sportive: Afternoon of Sunday 27th April. There are 50, 25, 15 and 3 mile routes.
 Money raised will go to the NI Cancer fund for Children

Annual Pioneer and Friends Buffet and Dance: Friday 2nd May in Shepherd's Rest. Tickets are £12.50.
 Anyone who is eligible for a Gold or Silver pin should contact the committee ASAP

Annual Le Chéile-Together Lecture – Faith and Education in a Pluralist World: Tuesday 6th May at 7.00pm in St. Mary's University College, Belfast. Delivered by Dr. Francis Campbell, the new Vice Chancellor of St. Mary's University, Twickenham.
 Chair: The Most Rev. Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland

Cappagh / Badoney CCE: Invite Applications for the Gaeltacht Bursary from paid-up members by Wednesday 30th April.
 Call Tom or Bridget on (028) 8164 8719

An Creagán – The Big Family Picnic: Easter Monday from 12noon to 4.00pm.
 Free admission, fun and games for all the family

Remembering the Past – A Bridge to the Future – Healing Division: An invitation to explore our shared future at the Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle on the weekend of 9th to 11th May. For details of programme and costs please visit our website at corrymeela.org or call our Belfast office on (028) 9050 8080

An Bruach Derg Community Centre – Upcoming Events:

Thursday 24th April – 6.30pm	Completion of 2014 Single Farm Application forms in Community Centre.
Friday 25th April – 8.30pm	Night of music, songs and stories to raise funds for the Mercy Centre in Bangkok, founded and run by Father Joe Maier and Sr. Maria to look after young children orphaned, poor and uneducated in that teeming city. The Centre has connections with Ireland through its staff and volunteers and musicians such as Mick Moloney, Finbar Furey and the Mulcahys from Limerick have helped there over the years. All money raised will go to the Mercy Centre. Admission is £8.00
Friday 6th June – 8.30pm	Annual Guest Tea. Details to follow at a later date

Congratulations to our parishioner Paul McLaughlin on his great achievement in the London Marathon last weekend!

Pope Francis' Intentions for April (please remember these in your personal prayer)
Universal: That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.
For Evangelisation: That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

Parish Liturgy for April, 2014	St. Patrick's (6.00pm Vigil Mass)	St. Patrick's (9.00am Mass)	Our Lady of the Wayside (11.00am Mass)
Readers	Martin McCullagh	Mary Clarke	Geraldine McNamee
Eucharistic Ministry	Frankie Bradley	Maria Bradley	Josephine Clarke
Prayers of Intercession	Eimear Bradley	Rosemary Clarke	Francis Michael McKenna
Collectors	Colum Devlin John Bradley	Dominic Warnock Leo Donnelly	Brian Gillen Brendan Daly
Altar Society	Anne Tuohy, Alice Keenan and Anne Donnelly		Anne McDermott Carmel McCrory

New choir members will always be welcomed – contact Sinead

Drumalis Retreat & Conference Centre Chapel, Larne
Making our Faith Flesh and Blood: Being Christ's Body Today:
 With Timothy Radcliffe OP on Saturday 17th May. The day begins with registration at 9.30am and ends at 4.30pm. The cost of the day is £35 per person and includes refreshments and lunch.
 For further information or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am–5 pm)
Tel: (028) 2827 2196 / (028) 2827 6455 **Web:** drumalis.co.uk **Email:** drumalis@btconnect.com

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service: A voluntary agency of the Catholic Church, providing a nationwide professional service to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage. The Omagh Centre are seeking new members to train as facilitators. We are looking for people who are currently married 5 years in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church, have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, have an openness and commitment to working within a Catholic organisation, relate easily to people, are able to be part of a team and are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting. An Information evening regarding this will be held in Mount St. Columba Pastoral Centre, 48 Brook Street, Omagh on Monday 22nd April at 8pm. Please feel free to come along, no commitment needed, have your questions answered and learn more about what ACCORD can offer you. (028) 8224 2439

Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs?" he asked in a lengthy address to the bishops. "Is it consistent for practicing Catholics to ignore or exploit the poor and the marginalized, to promote sexual behavior contrary to Catholic moral teaching or to adopt positions that contradict the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death? Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted.
Pope Benedict XVI in Washington this week

Society of St. Vincent De Paul: Appreciation is extended for our continued support for their work in the Omagh district and for being so generous to the clothing bin. Their customers really appreciate your gifts especially the good quality clothing you donate. It is realised that there is a lot of competition from commercial and charity sources for your donations and for this reason especially they thank you for your on-going support in the seven SVP conferences in this area. Tel: (028) 8224 9839

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje (7th to 14th September): Half board and all taxes and insurance £499. Spiritual Director is Fr. Mark Monaghan. For more details call Maria on (028) 8164 8357

The Triumph Documentary: A powerful new documentary investigating one of the greatest mysteries of the Modern World unfolding right now, before our very eyes, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and a message of hope to the world. Showing at Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly on Sunday 13th April at 7.30pm.
All proceeds go to Human Life International Ireland

Ringsend Cycle Challenge 2014 in Aid of Foyle Hospice: Saturday 3rd May, Ringsend – Greencastle - Magilligan via Foyle Hospice. Food and Entertainment in Ringsend on return. Please contact Paddy on 07712 324 519 or Sean on 07817 675 316. Further information available from Foyle Hospice – (028) 7135 9888. The group are holding this fundraising cycle after a members sisters passed away in Foyle Hospice. They aim for a large turnout of cyclists from throughout the North West region that Foyle Hospice provides care and support to.

Following our recent parish finance committee meeting we publish today our annual summary financial statement

Greencastle Parish Summary of Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December, 2013

	INCOME	2013	2012	SPECIFIC EXPENSES	2013	2012
Routine income (envelopes etc.)		50,461	52,207	Light and Heat	6,066	7,342
Investment Income		105	3,101	Maintenance	10,632	12,174
Exceptional Items (Ins. Claim, Special Donations)		906	7,649	Normal Requisites	2,420	4,012
		51,472	62,957	Insurances	3,689	3,689
	EXPENDITURE			Rates	1,077	827
Property Expenses (Rates, Insurance, Maintenance etc.)		23,884	28,044		23,884	28,044
Administration Expenses (Salaries etc.)		25,434	23,196	Telephone etc.	1,791	1,299
		49,318	51,240	Accountancy	1,920	1,008
NET PARISH INCOME		2,154	11,717	Bank Charges	322	423
				Bank Interest	664	---
					4,679	2,730
				Pass Through	5	(30)
					4,702	2,760
				Diocesan Assessment	6,787	7,196
					11,489	9,897

Prepared by Patrick Friel (Accountant) - High Street, Omagh, Co. Tyrone

Children in Crossfire – Camino De Santiago Pilgrimage 2014: Monday 26th June to Saturday 3rd July. We will embark on a 100km journey to Santiago de Compostela.
 For more information email shauna.oneill@childrenincrossfire.org or call the office on (028) 7126 9898

Cappagh / Badoney CCE Seisium: A thank you is given to everyone who supported our recent Seisium in Eddies, Greencastle in aid of Renal Services, Omagh. The **£1,122** raised will be presented to Renal Services at our next Seisium on Friday 25th April in Parochial Hall, Plumbridge.

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.
Blessed John XXIII

National Vigil for Life: Saturday 3rd May in Merrion Square, Dublin 2. See poster on noticeboard

Derry Youth Community: Are you a young person of faith aged between 18 and 25 who is interested in a 10 month 'time-out' period where you will come together with 5 other young people and live in community? You will live in a structured, secure environment, from where you will be expected to reach out to other young people in schools and parishes to facilitate faith-based activities. Closing date for applications is Friday 16th May.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (1st to 6th July): £599. The new Bishop of Derry, Bishop Donal McKeown, is delighted to be able to lead the Pilgrimage this year. As many pilgrims as possible is appreciated

Prayer for the Diocese of Derry at this time Fr. Kieran Devlin P. Em (Badoney Lower, 2012)
 God our Father, we your people of the diocese of Derry, turn to you in prayer, as our ancestors have done, In good times and bad, since the days of Saint Columba and Saint Eugene, Saint Lurach and Saint Mura. Although aware that we are unworthy of your grace, with confidence in your love we ask your help. Support and care for our bishops in their retirement, give courage and vision to those who are called on to administer the diocese at this time. Grant your wisdom and discernment to those charged with the task of choosing your next bishop. We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.
Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us, Saint Columba, pray for us, Saint Eugene, pray for us, Saint Lurach pray for us, Saint Mura pray for us, all you saints of the diocese pray for us.

Rural Support: Provides a listening and signposting service for farming and rural families through its helpline. Rural support can provide practical and emotional support with regards to a variety of issues including farm paperwork, financial concerns, physical and mental health and general stress. The helpline is confidential and operated from 8.00am to 11.00pm seven days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). The helpline number is 0845 606 7607. Rural support is currently recruiting volunteers for various roles within the organisation. If you would be interested in volunteering with Rural Support you can visit ruralsupport.org.uk

Greencastle Parish Pilgrimage Sunday to the Mass Rock in the Townland of Dorville (3rd August): For 3.00pm. There are three penal Mass sites in the parish and in previous years we have made pilgrimage to Formil (2012) and Crouck (2013). Dorville will be a physically challenging experience as well as an opportunity to express our faith. *Please mark this date into your diary and volunteer your services to help prepare for it*
Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season (1st June to 13th August): Check out the Lough Derg website for details.

Diocesan Website (derrydiocese.org): Regularly updated with news and resources for use in parishes. During Lent a special feature will be resources to assist individuals or parish groups who wish to undertake Lectio Divina using the Sunday gospels. Hope you find it helpful

Child Safeguarding: If you or anyone you know has a concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to the statutory authorities, please contact the PSNI/or local Health and Social Care Trust. If you are contacting the latter, ask to speak to the Duty Social Worker. Alternatively if you have a child safeguarding concern in relation to any member of Church personnel and wish to report it to Church authorities, please contact one of the diocesan designated persons, who will in turn report your concern to the relevant statutory authorities.

Safeguarding Information for parents of Altar Servers: A Parents' Safeguarding Information Pack, which has been developed by the Derry Diocesan Safeguarding Office, is available for parents of altar servers. In each pack there is an Information Leaflet and Information Booklet for parents and two Leaflets for the children. If you are a parent of an altar server/s, and require a copy, please leave your request for an Information Pack in the sacristy; alternatively, or you can obtain it from the Safeguarding office, Pastoral Centre, Bishop Street, Derry (office hours Monday -Wednesday, 1.30 to 5.00pm, Tel 71362475). This material may also be viewed in the Safeguarding section of the Diocesan website.

Guidelines on Use of Modern Technology when Working with Children: - Use of photography and video
The use of photography and video is an issue of great concern among those working with children. The Diocese recognises that every parish has their own arrangements in relation to its use in schools, youth groups and for the sacraments however the guidelines have been devised below to aid parishes and diocesan groups:

- It is always good practice to seek *written* permission from a parent or guardian before taking any photographs or video footage of children. This written permission must be sought from the parent/guardian or the person who owns the photograph before it can be displayed on promotional materials or websites. This can be incorporated in the registration form when a child joins a group (template permission Resource 10);
- Neither names nor any personal information should be displayed alongside any photographs;
- Special consideration should be given where taking photographs or video footage might be misinterpreted, or the images could be seen as provocative (e.g. beach trip or gymnastics display etc.). It is not to say, however, that with the right planning, these events cannot be recorded and enjoyed.
- Photography and video recording are important methods of recording social activity and providing an historic record – illustrating and validating important moments in people's lives. This process is a powerful and personal one, and therefore we must respect the rights of all to make the choice whether or not to be photographed.

From the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, published on behalf of the Diocesan Safeguarding Committee

Appeal on behalf of Family Care Society: Family Care Society is a voluntary adoption agency with its roots in the Catholic Church and we provide an adoption service throughout all of Northern Ireland. A core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. These children are often from the care system and may have had a difficult start in life. We are experienced in finding families for these children but given the number of children being referred and their specific needs we are always looking for families to come forward. We would like to thank you for the support you have provided to date. It has proved to be a very successful way of finding adoptive families. Given however our urgent need presently to find families for more young children, we are again respectfully asking for your help.

Adoption: Family Care Society is presently seeking adoptive families who would be interested in parenting children aged between 2 to 6 years and need the love and attention of a caring and understanding family. Could this be you?

Tel: (028) 9069 1133 [Belfast] // (028) 7136 8592 [Derry] • **Email:** email@familycaresociety.org • **Web:** familycaresociety.co.uk

This Week's Calendar of Feasts and Saints:

Friday 25th April – St. Mark (Evangelist) Traditional author of the Gospel of Mark. He is one of the Seventy Disciples, and the founder of the Church of Alexandria, one of the original four main episcopal sees of Christianity.

Seeing your life through the lens of the gospels – *John 20:1-9*:

John Byrne OSA (john@orlagh.ie)

In some ways this Gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However, even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer.

1. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover, comes another shock - the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What, or who, sustained you then?
2. Mary and Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead'. Have you been in that kind of a situation, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?
3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'.
 - Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed? ... times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence ?
 - Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?
 - Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb and still you believed?Where have you found life in such experiences?

Musings

Salvador Ryan (St. Patrick's College, Maynooth)

I love how Easter is celebrated in many Central and Eastern European countries and I have many fond memories from frequent visits to the Republic of Macedonia of the sharing of baskets of painted hard-boiled eggs (with beautifully colourful designs) among friends and family. There is also the traditional greeting 'Christos voskrese!' ('Christ is Risen!') to which the response is 'Navistina voskrese!' ('He is Risen Indeed!'). But the sharing of hard-boiled Easter eggs is not restricted to people one already knows. I have often passed through toll plazas where car owners share the traditional greeting with attendants and a mutual exchange of brightly-coloured eggs ensues!

The Deep End – *He Is Risen!*

Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co. Roscommon (trionad@gmail.com)

RTÉ recently showed a documentary called 'Somebody to Love', which explored the romantic lives of people with physical or intellectual disabilities. The honest style of the programme struck a chord with many viewers, and Twitter was immediately awash with positive comments – 'inspiring without being patronising'; 'in depth and thought provoking'; 'a beautiful, positive documentary' just some of the compliments. It was heartening to see such praise for a well-made programme, and even more so to hear the stories of the people who took part and the obstacles they had overcome in their search for love.

Easter is a time to celebrate life and love. We are Easter people, but what does this mean? We use the word 'Alleluia' (Praise the Lord) a lot at Easter, and the Exsultet or Easter Proclamation tells us to rejoice! Exult! All the things we associate with Easter – chicks, bunnies, lambs, flowers – are signs of spring and new beginnings. Easter brings new life and hope. Are we positive about life, recognising the dignity of every person? Are our parishes and communities places of welcome, joy and love?

He is risen! And because He is risen, we too shall rise... The anticipation of eternal life is the source and reason for our hope. If cultivated and protected, it illuminates our lives as persons and communities.

Pope Francis

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2014

Sacramental Celebrations	Sunday 1st June Feast of the Ascension	St. Patrick's	11.00am First Holy Communion
Solemn Annual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Sunday 11th May	St. Patrick's	
	Sunday 24th August	Our Lady of the Wayside	
Derry Diocesan Society Masses in our Parish	Thursday 29th May • Saturday 19th July Monday 8th September • Wednesday 29th October		St. Patrick's
Public Prayers for our Deceased (Cemetery Sunday) (5 th and 6 th July)	Saturday 5th July	St. Patrick's	Directly after 6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 6th July	Our Lady of Wayside St. Mary's, Broughderg	Directly after 11.00am Mass
	Saturday 1st November	St. Patrick's	6.00pm Vigil Mass: Commemoration of All Souls (remembering all who died in 2013)
'Do This In Memory' liturgies for candidates preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion			
	Saturday 3rd May	Third Sunday of Easter	6.00pm Vigil Mass
	Sunday 1st June	Feast of the Ascension of the Lord	11.00am First Holy Communion
	Saturday 22nd June	Feast of Corpus Christi	6.00pm Vigil Mass

Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference

Marriage and Family at the Heart of the Parish:

Saturday 14th June at the Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin. The conference will explore how parishes can support families in their calling to live, pass on and share their faith, given the pastoral challenges that affect families today. The day will involve an opening address by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, input from Dr. Tony Fahey of UCD and from Ms. Colette Furlong (Sligo Parishes Cluster Catechist) and drama presentations followed by reflection and discussion.

The three conference aims are:

- To explore the 'pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelisation' (Pope Francis)
- To explore how the parish community supports families in their Christian calling to share their faith
- To inform the work of the Council for Marriage and the Family

Participants:

This conference is offered to leaders in parishes and dioceses, and others exercising faith and pastoral leadership, including parents, grandparents, teachers, members of Parish Pastoral Councils as well as other groups and organisations serving the Church's mission.

Further information is available from Ms. Trish Conway at Columba Centre, Maynooth, Co Kildare, Tel: 087 6220 349 and bookings can be made to cmfconference@jecon.ie.

Engaged Encounter – Rules for Arguing: Couples who discover they have a disagreement are invited by Engaged Encounter to share their opinions in the following manner. The sentences following the rules are Jay Keenan's comments from his perspective as an Engaged Encounter leader with his wife Suzanne.

NO NAME CALLING	This includes using affectionate names sarcastically
NO THIRD PARTIES	The argument is between the two of you
NO PAST HISTORY	If it's already been settled, don't bring it up again
STICK TO THE SUBJECT	Identify the real problem — don't go to other issues
NO CHEAP SHOTS	Don't use the other's weakness to gain advantage; you may win the argument, but injure your relationship
DON'T GO TO BED ANGRY	Finish the argument or call a truce and agree on a time to continue
MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR	Don't take yourselves too seriously; laughter can be the best medicine
HOLD HANDS WHILE ARGUING	This helps to keep your focus where it belongs — on the person who means more to you than anyone in the world