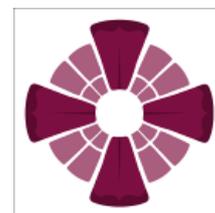


# THE CORRESPONDENT

Your monthly newsletter from the Conference of Religious Secretariat



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## *Christmas Greetings from the President Of COR*

On behalf of everyone here at CoR let me begin by wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas. Change has certainly been in the air in the CoR office since last Christmas.



*L to R: Bernadette, Ravina & Valerie*

Hopefully you will all feel able to avail yourselves of the services for Religious that the 'Three Wise women' of the secretariat will offer and facilitate in the coming year.

Early in the New Year we will be trying to gather Religious together to see how we might better respond to the challenges that continue to face us both within religious life and without. 2019 already looks to be a year which will hold challenges for us as we will be called upon to gather information about religious congregations for the national inquiry into child abuse.

We also hope to explore how we might better provide space to support those in initial formation and those bringing religious into the UK.

But one of the biggest challenges we face is that of stopping religious from hiding their light under a bushel. Hopefully the study commissioned by Arise into the work of religious with respect to the different forms of human slavery will give us the confidence to share our stories of the tremendous examples of service that so many religious are giving.

Let us make it our New Year's resolution to share the positive experiences of being a Religious in our world today and provide more material for the Holy Spirit to be able to make use of in inspiring men and women to consider the possibility of a call to this way of life.

Yours in Christ,  
*Paul*

### **Appeal for help at the CoR Secretariat.**

It has recently come to our attention that we are early in the New Year going to have to gather a significant amount of data about Religious Congregations, in a very short time, to be ready to make submissions for IICSA. We really need to call upon a team of volunteers who would be prepared to give a couple of days a week to contact each religious congregation in England and Wales, to ensure our information is correct and up to date. While it sounds a simple matter to undertake, experience has proven that it requires a significant amount of time and energy to ensure the data we will have to submit will be accurate. By working together and sharing the load we will save all our congregations their precious resources.

## *A Festive Word from the General Secretary*

As I sit to write my first message as General Secretary, I am conscious how full the past year has been for me. This time in 2017 I was travelling around the beautiful temples of South India with my family, before heading to Goa (where my family come from) for a Christmas gathering of the clan. It was a very special start to 2018. This year, although marked by the sadness of the death of my father, has nonetheless been full of blessings, including lots of travel and many new experiences and has brought me here to CoR. I know I have much to be thankful for.



My first week or two here have been spent settling in, getting to know people and understanding a bit more about how things work and what the main issues are.

I would like to thank you all very much for warm welcome I have received. I feel very supported by all your prayers and blessings, which are much appreciated.

With my best wishes for peace and joy this Christmas,

*Valerie Nazareth*

### **NETWORK GROUP FOR ANTI-TRAFFICKING**

An open invitation is being extended to Religious -not only leaders, to attend a meeting in January - being held both in London and Manchester in January.

Please see flyer attached for further details.

### **MEDIA TRAINING DAYS**

Media Training session January 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> to be held at the CoR office in Ealing and on January 25<sup>th</sup> in Manchester.

Please find attached Flyer for further information.

## NEW LEADERS AND TEAMS

Please could you inform us if there is any change of leadership or contact details in your congregations, so that we can update our database.

Please email [admin@corew.org](mailto:admin@corew.org)

## PROTOCOL FOR ADVERTS IN THE CORRESPONDENT

The CORrespondent is a key means of the Secretariat communicating with the membership of CoR and we're working on a redesign to make it a more vibrant and topical newsletter. We will be including 'news' content from our redesigned website to highlight our strongest articles as well as some of the items which have been shared widely on social media.

The CORrespondent has been in the same format for a very long time with advertisements being repeated month after month. It is time for a review and we also intend to introduce a protocol for adverts.

In future, items will be posted for a maximum of three consecutive months. At that point they will be taken off to allow for fresh content and to prevent ongoing repetition. It is a necessary step to address the current problem of things feeling stale. We have to put the 'news' back into newsletter! We appreciate your understanding. If there are circumstances that require you to repeat the advert, contact us directly for this to be considered.

We are conscious that some members would like their item to be visible perennially, eg., therapists offering services, so to that end we are simultaneously working to update our Directory of Resources so that the Secretariat can easily promote and publicise services that members might wish to avail of. We will promote the Directory online (through social media) and in forthcoming meetings so that people regard it as a valuable resource to avail of.

## CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

### COR SPONSORING FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE

**DIVESTMENT** Conference : this is for religious to find out more about how Catholic institutions are responding to the urgent call on climate change to be held on **Thursday 14 February** at Mount Street Jesuit Centre in London.

Please see Flyer attached for further details

### CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH CHINA

Please see attached flyer for the 2019 Final AGM with Mass for Thanksgiving on **2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at 10.00 am - 4pm**

For Booking : [www.cecagmfinal2019.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.cecagmfinal2019.eventbrite.co.uk)

For Enquiries please call 020 8202 2555

Email: [cec.uk@btconnect.com](mailto:cec.uk@btconnect.com)

Website : [www.cecchina.co.uk](http://www.cecchina.co.uk)

## RETREATS

### RETREAT FOR RELIGIOUS IN RECOVERY – JAN 2019

The third national annual retreat for Priests, Deacons and Religious Brothers in Recovery from Alcohol and other Addictions, called “Together in Recovery”, will be held at Oscott College from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This will be led by Fr Mark Stelzer, a priest in recovery, from the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts, USA. Oscott is centrally placed in Sutton Coldfield and holding this retreat in a seminary (the students will be away on parish placements) is an affirmation that the church values very much those who are in recovery.

The cost will be £250, and those religious who are interested can obtain more information by emailing either Fr Tony Norton [tony.norton@sacredheart-coventry.org](mailto:tony.norton@sacredheart-coventry.org) or Fr Paul Whieldon [whieldon007@gmail.com](mailto:whieldon007@gmail.com)

### A RETREAT WITH A DIFFERENCE

A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at Hinsley Hall, the Diocese of Leeds Pastoral Centre, **from Sunday 21 July 2019 (6pm) – Saturday 27 July 2019 (2pm)**. The theme is God’s Plan for the Fullness of Time, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church’s teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop: [keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk); 07879 953953; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ

### CELTIC SPIRIT

Looking for a special way to mark your Jubilee Year or your Sabbatical Renewal Time?  
Join in on a unique 10-day Celtic Retreat/Pilgrimage Experience from **July 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**  
Facilitated by Hilary Musgrave and Monica Brown  
For further information & bookings please visit:  
[www.celticspiritpilgrimage.com](http://www.celticspiritpilgrimage.com)  
Phone: +353 51 347333 Email: [celticpilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:celticpilgrimage@gmail.com)

### ST AUGUSTINE’S PRIORY RETREATS

St Augustine’s Priory, House of Prayer in Wales is offering **3 Contemplative Retreats led by Fr Anton Altnoeder SJ** and Team in 2019.

**20<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**20<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

These retreats, with individual daily guidance, are for those seeking an **Introduction to the Contemplative Way of Praying and Living and to the Jesus Prayer, in the way of Fr Franz Jalics SJ.**

For further information and booking for these and all their Retreats please email: [enquiries@houseofprayer.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@houseofprayer.org.uk) or ring 01494 514223.

## **GUIDED RETREATS**

Sister Ann Turner Cenacle Sister now living in Brixton London; has a wide experience in England /Ireland of Directed/ Guided Retreats, Spiritual Direction, Supervision and Facilitation of Communities and Groups.

Sr. Ann has recently ended her mandate of Leadership in her Province and has previous Formation experience. For more information **please contact Sr Ann on [ann.trnr@gmail.com](mailto:ann.trnr@gmail.com)**

## **ENCOUNTERING CHRIST – Malta May 2019**

The retreat will be held at **Mount Saint Joseph**, a Jesuit Spirituality Centre in Malta. Surrounded by gardens and rolling countryside, the Centre offers a haven of peace and quiet.

**For bookings and enquiries please email [info@mtsjoseph.org](mailto:info@mtsjoseph.org)**

Or call on +356 2276 0000 . <http://www.mtsjoseph.org/>

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Band 6 Roman Catholic Chaplain**

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated Roman Catholic Priest in good standing with his local Ordinary or religious Superior to join the chaplaincy team across the five acute hospitals which comprise the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust - one of the largest Trusts in the country.

You will join a patient-focussed team of chaplains and volunteers responding to the religious, spiritual, cultural, and pastoral needs of our patients, visitors, and staff. We are looking for someone who is eager to work in a diverse and demanding setting of a Trust that values innovation and research in the context of providing care that is Kind, Expert, Collaborative, and Aspirational.

You will be a Roman Catholic Priest, either secular or religious, with at least five years of pastoral experience. Experience working in healthcare chaplaincy or a related field will be welcomed but is not a requirement. You will work 37.5 hours per week over five days, and join two other Priests in providing a 24/7 on-call service. Sunday working is expected, for which a regular day off in lieu during the week will be agreed with your Roman Catholic colleagues and the Head of Service.

You will have the support of your local Ordinary or religious Superior in seeking to undertake this ministry.

To arrange an informal visit to discuss this opportunity, **please contact the Revd. Fr Giles Pinnock**, Head of Spiritual & Pastoral Care and Roman Catholic Chaplain, [giles.pinnock@nhs.net](mailto:giles.pinnock@nhs.net).

## PAX CHRISTI

The British section of Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace and a membership organisation, is seeking a Director to be responsible for developing, implementing and coordinating the work of Pax Christi and taking forward its strategic plan to 2022 and beyond.

**Start Date Feb 2019.** For further information on how to apply please visit <http://paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/work-for-us/>

## AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS



### NATIONAL OFFICE for VOCATION

You will find a great deal of information about NoV on their website: [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) We have added their Newsletter to our website; you will find it on the front page, under Members.



### INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SUPERIORS GENERAL

The UISG website has information on upcoming events, including Seminars and Webinars. Further News can be found on their website: [www.internationalunionsuperiorsgeneral.org](http://www.internationalunionsuperiorsgeneral.org) There is also a link on our own website, on the front page under Members.



The combined website for USG and UISG is [www.vidimusdominum.org](http://www.vidimusdominum.org) This presents items of interest regarding religious life worldwide. The site is presented in four languages, but the content varies in each language section.



### THE MEDAILLE TRUST

The Medaille Trust Magazine can be found on our website under MORE/Anti-trafficking. Please do draw it to the attention of your congregations, friends and colleagues – either on the website, or by printing it off and passing it round.



**THE RETREAT ASSOCIATION's** latest newsletter can be viewed on [www.retreats.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.retreats.org.uk/newsletter) . As well as reports from Founding Members and staff, the latest edition includes all their latest news



## NATIONAL JUSTICE and PEACE NETWORK

NJPN is a network of people working at the grassroots for a more just and peaceful world, in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching. It includes diocesan J&P bodies, parish groups, religious orders, national Catholic and ecumenical agencies, families and individuals.

“Come and join us and help us to support you!

Membership is open to all who share our aims and values. We only ask £12 a year but welcome any extra you can give.”

Download a membership form from the website or contact the Administrator: [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk) Tel. 020 7901 4864.



## Refugee Crisis – Ways to Help:

Catholic Bishops' Conference: Refugee Crisis – Open Your Hearts:  
If you are an individual wishing to host, please sign up here:

<http://www.paih.org/host-a-refugee/>

For more details on how you can help refugees, please do look at the NJPN bulletin: [www.justice-and-peace.org.uk](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk) Also see Housing Justice: [www.housingjustice.org.uk](http://www.housingjustice.org.uk) (for London) and the No Accommodation Network: [www.naccom.org.uk](http://www.naccom.org.uk) (for outside London).



Information on all the work of **CARJ** can be found on their website: [www.carj.org.uk](http://www.carj.org.uk) – including details of a series of formal and informal events they are organizing, entitled “A Time for Reflection and Discernment”. There is also a page describing the work CARJ engages in, entitled “Join us in the Struggle for a more Just, more Equal, more Co-operative Society”, plus information on “Supporting Vulnerable Groups in a Changing World”.

For further information ring CARJ: 020 8802 8080 or [info@carj.org.uk](mailto:info@carj.org.uk)



## CORAB – Commission on Religion and Belief

Please do have a look at the CORAB website for background information, National Consultation and Contact. [www.corab.org.uk](http://www.corab.org.uk)



**VINCENTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP:** the VIP Justice Group e-newsletters can be found on [www.vip-gb.org](http://www.vip-gb.org) giving you the latest news from the VIP and Vincentian Family, and actions for the justice campaigns they are involved in.



**HOUSING JUSTICE:** their latest E-news is available at [www.housingjustice.org.uk](http://www.housingjustice.org.uk) Do have a look at their website.



## ST LUKE'S CENTRE

Information on all the services offered at St Luke's Centre can be found on: [www.stlukescentre.org.uk](http://www.stlukescentre.org.uk)

In particular you will see details of the **Emmaus Sabbatical Renewal Programme** – offering a *flexible* but structured sabbatical 'renewal' period in their self-catering "**Danesfield Cottage**" in the grounds of St Luke's Centre, Manchester (see under "**PROPERTIES AVAILABLE for RETREATS, REST**" etc).



## CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

This Centre, the CCSTP, acts as network and focal point through which like-minded groups within the Catholic community can more easily collaborate with one another. It brings together academics, charities, religious orders and social movements who are engaged in Catholic social thought and practice, and facilitates an ongoing conversation about how to think, talk and act in response to our rapidly changing context and the social thought of the Church.

The new CCSTP was launched last June, with a new website – [www.ccstp.org.uk](http://www.ccstp.org.uk)

There will be a place on this website where you can engage with content, such as blogs, videos and more – and you can find out about their latest news, events and projects.

If you would like to write a blog for the page, or if you think your organisation could work well with the CCSTP, please do get in contact with Joseph Ewing on [joseph.ewing@cafod.org.uk](mailto:joseph.ewing@cafod.org.uk)

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REST etc.**

## ST. MARY'S MONASTERY – Redemptorist Centre for Spirituality, Peth, Scotland

This Centre is situated within its own extensive grounds, overlooking the ancient city of Perth, Scotland. Up to 36 people can be accommodated in en-suite rooms with step-free access throughout the building and free WiFi. It is available for retreats, sabbaticals, conferences, chapters, meetings and for times of recollection. Have a look at their website on [www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk](http://www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk) , and for further details ring 01738 624075 or email [info@kinnoullmonastery.co.za](mailto:info@kinnoullmonastery.co.za)

## COMBONI CENTRE FOR SPIRITUALITY & MISSION

The Comboni Centre, in Chiswick, is an oasis and sacred quiet space in West London, open to all. It is available for use by individuals, groups and schools for Day Retreats, Spiritual Support, Prayer and Youth Groups. For further information contact Sr Graca or Sr Natalia on 020 8994 1220 or email: [combonicentre16@gmail.com](mailto:combonicentre16@gmail.com) .

## **ST LUKE'S CENTRE: DANESFIELD COTTAGE**

As well as the place they host their **Sabbatical Renewal Programme**, St Luke's has developed **Danesfield Cottage** as a place for shorter periods of spiritual and personal renewal. It is offered to Clergy and Religious for days off, personal reflection time, rest and spiritual renewal throughout the year. It is totally independent from the Centre and their other ministry and offers a warm fully-furnished home.

For further details, please contact Fr Gerard Fieldhouse-Byrne on 0161 226 4563 or [gerardfbyrne@stlukescentre.org.uk](mailto:gerardfbyrne@stlukescentre.org.uk)



## **FATHER HUDSON'S CARE**

Fr Hudson's Care, the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, runs St Joseph's, a residential care home for older people, specialising in dementia. Based in Coleshill, with views over the Warwickshire countryside, St Joseph's is home to several dozen older people, including seven retired priests and religious. Mass is celebrated daily in the home's chapel. Bedrooms are available for long-term or respite care. To find out more or to arrange a visit, please call Sally on 01675 434500 or email [st.josephs@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:st.josephs@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

## **THE KAIROS CENTRE**

The Kairos Centre is now taking bookings for **2019**. If you are planning a Congregation Retreat or Chapter in 2019, then now is an ideal time to reserve the dates most suitable to your requirements. Most of 2019 is currently free. Their accommodation consists of 27 rooms (18 of which are en-suite) and 10 meeting rooms which have a capacity of 9 to 120 people. The Centre also has a large Chapel, and a more intimate Prayer Room, all situated in beautiful grounds next to Richmond Park (near to central London).

For further information, please contact them on: [bookings.kairos@psmg.org.uk](mailto:bookings.kairos@psmg.org.uk) or 020 8788 4188.

Their website is: [www.thekairoscentre.co.uk](http://www.thekairoscentre.co.uk)

## **PASTORAL CARE TRAINING, SPIRITUAL DIRECTION, PSYCHOTHERAPY etc.**

**Sr. Ann O'Sullivan** (Sr. of Christian Instruction) is a registered Creative Arts Therapist and an experienced Spiritual Director working in the area of Birmingham. Ann uses a variety of creative approaches to support one's personal/faith journey. Please contact Ann on 07752563520 and [anncatherineosullivan@gmail.com](mailto:anncatherineosullivan@gmail.com).

**Fr John Foley CSsR** - Psychotherapist - is registered with the British Psychoanalytic Council (BPC) and the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).

John offers Psychotherapy and Counselling around whatever is troubling you – whether it is anxiety, depression, repeating patterns of behaviour, addictions, problems in relationships and/or community, bereavement and loss, long-term emotional difficulties, or a lack of fulfilment or sense of meaning in life. John is also a very experienced Spiritual Director and group facilitator and offers ongoing support and accompaniment.

For further information and contact details: <https://www.john-foley.co.uk/therapy@john-foley.co.uk>.

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**COR Annual General Meeting  
(Hayes Conference Centre - Swanwick)**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
2019**

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