

# THE CORRESPONDENT

Your monthly newsletter from the Conference of Religious Secretariat



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## *A Word from the President of COR*

Greetings to you all

I imagine that the Summer and holidays seem a long time ago, as the responsibilities and tasks of our community life and ministry continue to focus our time and energy.

It has been a busy time for us in COR as we have continued on the journey of restructuring the secretariat to improve the service we hope to provide to religious life in England and Wales. I am this month able to share with members the successful outcome of the appointment process to recruit a new General Secretary, following James Boner leaving in August. I am pleased to share with you that Valerie Nazareth will be joining us from 3rd December, working 3.5 days a week.

Valerie was introduced to us by one of our members and she has an impressive cv with a background which includes being head of legal services at the BBC. Valerie is very committed to the Catholic Church and has recently spent some months living with a Religious Community in Rwanda.

Valerie will bring her experience and many skills to the role and she is keen to get to know the members and to listen and learn from them what they would find helpful from COR. She has excellent legal and media knowledge and will be able to provide advice and support to Congregations from within the CoR office.

Valerie will complete the new COR team and will work close with Bernadette Kehoe and Ravina Saluja in the office based in Ealing. She will be attending the General Meeting on 2nd November and many of you will have the opportunity to meet her then.

It is of course impossible for the three members of staff in the COR office to deal with every matter that concerns religious today. Our hope as an Executive is that the team that has been created will be able to serve as an instrument to help Religious in England and Wales to create spaces where we can come together, and through sharing of ideas and resources find ways to better respond to the challenges that face us. To be able to achieve this we need to be able to network with others who share our concerns and interests.

Our office aspires to be at the service of religious life in England and Wales and in the new year will be looking to bring religious together for training in communications and to identify areas of common concern. So please look out in the coming months to find out how you and those known to you might participate in our efforts to serve you, the church and our Society better.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Smyth



## GENERAL MEETING – 2nd NOVEMBER 2018

We are now fully booked for the General Meeting.

We look forward to seeing those who have booked on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Anyone who still wishes to be attend will be informed and put on a waiting list.

Mass will be taking place at 15.45 for those that would like to stay on. Directions to the Notre Dame University Campus can be found on the link <https://london.nd.edu/contact/>

## FOSSIL FUELS

The Passionists of England and Wales, St Joseph's Province, has committed to full divestment from fossil fuels by 2021, and has already begun this process. They are available to share their experience, in order to help any other Religious in the UK who would like to investigate making such a commitment, and the practical implications.

If you are interested, please do contact them at their Provincial Office: [office@passionists-uk.org](mailto:office@passionists-uk.org) or via Fr Martin Newell CP on [martinnewellocp@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martinnewellocp@yahoo.co.uk) Tel: 0121 772 7933.

## ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR RELIGIOUS

The aims of the Association are to help Senior Religious to face positively the challenges and adjustments which come with age and to support and encourage them to use their experience and expertise in the service of the church and Society.

Also, to facilitate mutual support and friendship among senior religious.

New members are warmly welcomed.

For further information contact Sr Anne Hogan. email: [ahogan@wanadoo.fr](mailto:ahogan@wanadoo.fr)

## 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.

## WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/RETREATS

### THE BRIERY

The forthcoming Retreats will take place in Advent at The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, LS28 9BW .

**1st December**, "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit" led by Canon Timothy Swinglehurst.

*At Confirmation we receive the wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit. During the day we will reflect on the meaning of these special gifts and how they help us live like Christ and serve the Church and the world around us.*

**7th or 8th December**, "What the Teachers Say" led by Fr Dennis Cassidy.

*This Advent Retreat day will explore the teachings of various schools of Spirituality.*

**14th-16th December**, "The Ever-Coming God" led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, C.C.Sp.

*Shafts of Light Refracted through the Prism of Love. Insights and Intuitions from Fr Daniel O'Leary to help us get the most out of Advent.*

For further information and to receive a booking form for any of the above please contact the Administrators by email [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com) or call 01943 607287.

## **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)

## **ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST**

Please save the date for Saint Oscar Romero National Thanksgiving Mass **on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 at 12.30** in St George's Cathedral. For further information please visit the website: [www.romerotruster.org.uk](http://www.romerotruster.org.uk).

## **RETREAT FOR RELIGIOUS IN RECOVERY – January 2019**

*Please save the date for the third national annual retreat for **Priests, Deacons and Religious Brothers in Recovery from Alcohol and other Addictions**, called "**Together in Recovery**", which 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)

## **ST MARY'S MONASTERY , KINNOULL , RETREATS**

Please find attached Retreat Programme from St Mary's Monastery. For further information please visit [www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk](http://www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk)

## NATIONAL COURSE FOR OVERSEAS CLERGY 2019

This course is designed for those religious and diocesan clergy who have arrived in the last three years, to help them deal with essential confusions and answer necessary questions in a safe and intellectually honest environment. It will be held in Chigwell, Essex, **from 30<sup>th</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

For enquires please contact: Richard Owens on 01704 533708. For bookings please contact Monique Cohen on [pa@missio.org.uk](mailto:pa@missio.org.uk) **You need to book by the end of September 2018.**

### 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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## **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/>

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY**

The Little Company of Mary (LCM) is an International Congregation of Religious women, founded by the Venerable Mary Potter in Nottingham, England in 1877. They invite applications for a Director for the Heritage Centre in Nottingham. The role is required to ensure the provision of a unique, innovative and interactive service that honours the legacy of Mary Potter and the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary.

For Further information please visit the Website [www.lcmsisters.org.uk](http://www.lcmsisters.org.uk) or e-mail at [lcm.ef@btinternet.com](mailto:lcm.ef@btinternet.com)

**Applications closing date 17 December 2018 at 5.00 pm**

**Interviews: Week commencing Monday 28 January 2019**

## **SOCIETY FUNDRAISER FOR MEDICAL MISSION SISTERS**

The Society Fundraiser supports the mission of the Medical Mission Sisters by securing broad international support for this community's healing ministries on five continents.

Please find attached information and how to apply

**Closing date Nov 15, 2018**

**PROPERTIES AVAILABLE for RETREATS,  
REST etc.**

### **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).

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<b>COR General Meeting (Notradame-London)</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018</b>
<b>COR Annual General Meeting (Hayes Conference Centre - Swanwick)</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019</b>

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