

## Dom Mark Patrick Hederman



**Dom Mark Patrick Hederman, OSB**, Abbot of Glenstal Abbey, is a Benedictine monk, teacher, lecturer and writer and one of Ireland's leading intellectuals. Many people regard him as the most enlightened and imaginative church man in the land and the most insightful commentator on a range of crucial issues at a time of deep crisis in Ireland.

Born in Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, he is a former pupil, academic dean and headmaster of the school at Glenstal. He studied philosophy and theology in France and earned a doctorate from UCD in the philosophy of education. He has lectured in philosophy and literature outside Ireland, most notably in the United States and Nigeria.

Dom Mark Patrick is author of a formidable array of best-selling books covering a broad range of interests including art. These books offer his unique perspective on modern life and the Irish Church and make a significant contribution to our understanding of contemporary issues in faith, spirituality and psychology. Ten of these books have been written since the new millennium and his latest volume, *Dancing with Dinosaurs, A Spirituality for the Twenty-First Century*, explores the dinosaur nature of all long-standing institutions, especially the Church.

Mark Patrick is a great believer in the workings of the Holy Spirit, not only for the promptings of his own life, but more significantly for so much of what is happening in church and world today. In a talk entitled: *Catholic Education and the Deathly Hallows* he will bring a focus to our Annual Conference on where the Holy Spirit may be leading us in Catholic Education today.

## Cilian Fennell



Recognised as one of Ireland's leading communication advisors, media trainers and keynote speakers, Cilian specialises in media training, working with top television and radio presenters, businesspeople and political leaders.

Cilian is a powerful keynote speaker and regularly speaks on Storytelling and Business Narrative, Leadership and The Hero's Journey at conferences, seminars and in-house corporate events in Ireland and internationally.

He uses narrative and storytelling when working with clients to formulate a communications strategy, giving media training and speaking at conferences. Cilian's authentic, knowledgeable and highly insightful approach to his work has made him one of Ireland's most sought after and inspiring media trainers.

A native Irish speaker, originally from Connemara in the west of Ireland, he has worked as Head of Programmes for TG4 (Ireland's Irish-language television station). He has also produced some of the top-rated domestic programmes, including The Dunphy Show, Saturday Night with Miriam, Rip Off Republic, Boom, The Time of our Lives, Where's My Job Gone and Test the Nation.

He also produced the world's longest-running chat show, the Late Late Show, in the last four years it was presented by Gay Byrne. It was here that Cilian's interest in stories was sparked; he recognised the power and value of stories, and how they create such a strong connection with audiences. Cilian became an avid student of narrative, story, religions and mythology. This study has taken him to the mythological sites of Ireland, Egypt and Greece. He has also travelled in the Far East and India.

Cilian has a first-class honour BSc in Marine Zoology from the National University of Ireland, Galway, where he studied marine life, evolution and migration. His special talent for relating to human stories can be attributed to further study in communications, psychology, mythology and world religions.

Keeping with the water theme, outside the world of work, Cilian enjoys fishing, sailing and journeying on his barge.

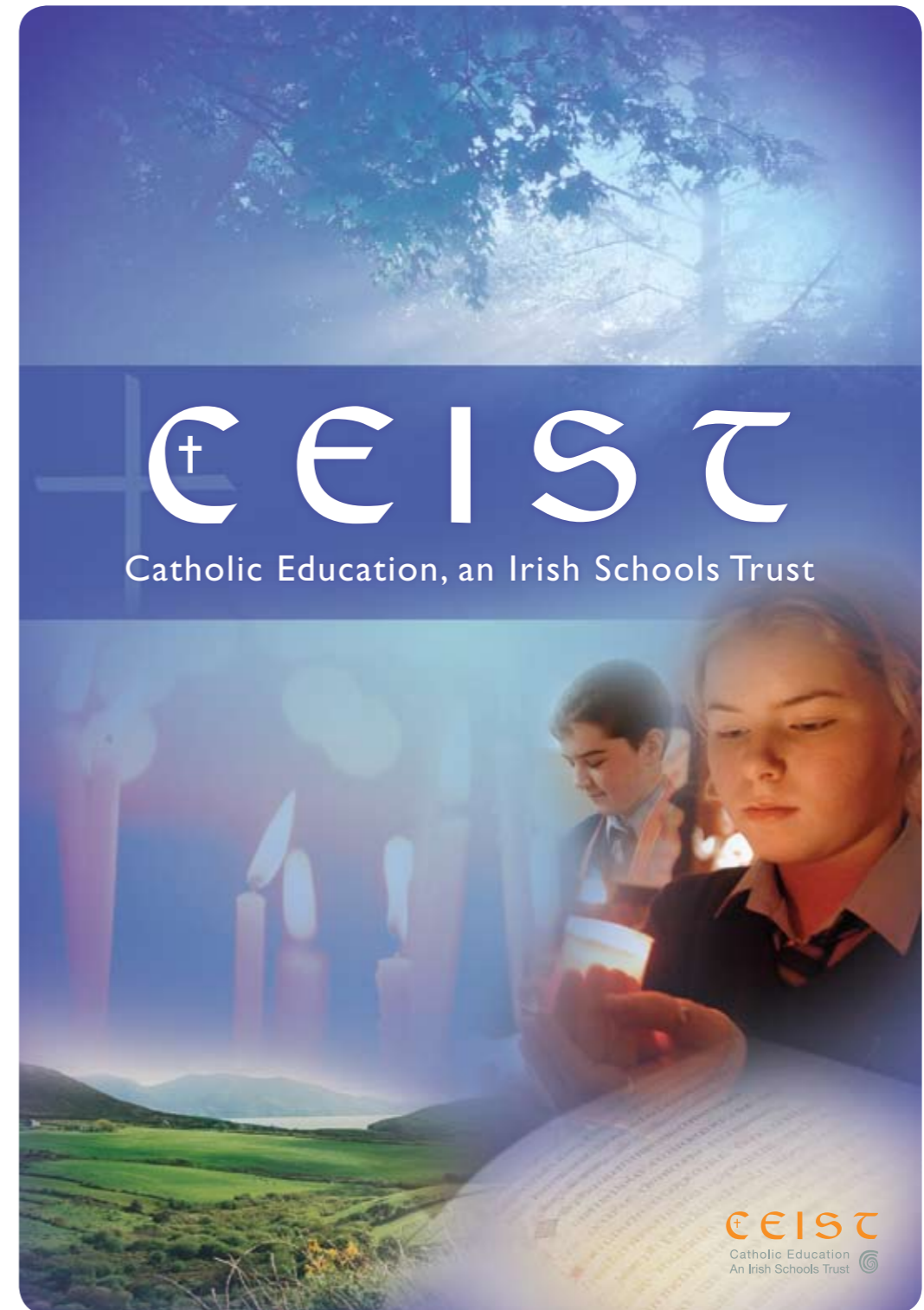


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# ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011



**“For Everything there is a Season”**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1**

## **CEIST Sixth Annual Education Conference 2011**

*Sheraton Athlone Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath  
Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 & Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011*

### **DAY 1: Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

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| 11.30 – 1.00 p.m. | Registration   |
| 1.00 p.m.         | Lunch  |
| 2.00 p.m.         | Welcome in Conference Hall:<br><b>CEIST Chief Executive Officer, Anne Kelleher</b>   |
|                   | <b>Opening Prayer &amp; Meán Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál Choir, Roscommon</b>  |
| 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.  | <b>Keynote Address: Dom Mark Patrick Hederman, OSB,<br/>Abbot of Glenstal Abbey - “Catholic Education and the Deathly Hallows”.</b>  |
| 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.  | Conference Workshops   |
|                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “The Catholic School as it says on the tin - current challenges”.<br/>John O’Roarke, Principal, Mercy Secondary School, Mounthawk.</li> <li>2. “Literacy &amp; Numeracy Strategies”. Department of Education &amp; Skills.</li> <li>3. “Healthy Resilience - From Me Out”. Paddy Hanna, Personal Development Consultant.</li> <li>4. “Shared Distance Learning - subjects being taught via innovative technology / fizzbooks instead of schoolbooks”. John O’Donovan, Principal, St. Joseph’s Secondary School, Ballybunion &amp; Richard Wang, IT Eireann, Tralee.</li> <li>5. “Employment Legislation - Best practice in relation to schools”.<br/>Allianz plc. &amp; Hugh Millar, Crowley Millar Solicitors.</li> </ol> |
| 4.30 p.m.         | Tea / Coffee   |
| 7.00 p.m.         | Sherry Reception / Social Gathering  |
| 7.30 p.m.         | Conference Dinner  |



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## **CEIST Sixth Annual Education Conference 2011**

### **DAY 2: Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**

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| 9.15 – 9.30 a.m.   | <b>Opening Prayer &amp; Ardscoil Mhuire Choir, Ballinasloe</b>  |
| 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.  | <b>Keynote Address: Mr. Cilian Fennell, Director,<br/>Stillwater Communications<br/>“On Myths &amp; Meaning”</b>  |
| 11.00 a.m.         | Tea / Coffee  |
| 11.30 – 12.30 p.m. | Conference Workshops  |
|                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “The Catholic School as it says on the tin - current challenges”.<br/>John O’Roarke, Principal, Mercy Secondary School, Mounthawk.</li> <li>2. “Impact of Inspections on Schools - WSE/MLL &amp; Incidental Inspections”. Department of Education &amp; Skills.</li> <li>3. “Healthy Resilience - From Me Out”. Paddy Hanna, Personal Development Consultant.</li> <li>4. “Shared Distance Learning - subjects being taught via innovative technology and fizzbooks instead of schoolbooks”. John O’Donovan, Principal, St. Joseph’s Secondary School, Ballybunion &amp; Richard Wang, IT Eireann, Tralee.</li> <li>5. “Employment Legislation - Best practice in relation to schools”.<br/>Allianz plc. &amp; Hugh Millar, Crowley Millar Solicitors.</li> </ol> |
| 12.30 p.m.         | <u>Conference Hall</u>  |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update from EDUCENA on Property Matters, Liam Bergin, CEO</li> <li>• Open Forum</li> </ul>   |
|                    | <b>Closing Prayer &amp; Mercy Secondary School Choir, Ballymahon</b>  |
| 1.30 p.m.          | Lunch   |