

CEIST will be the new trustee body for the voluntary secondary schools of the Daughters of Charity, the Presentation Sisters, the Sisters of the Christian Retreat, the Sisters of Mercy and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.



CEIST Conference - Principals & Deputy Principals

The first Conference for Principals and Deputy Principals of CEIST took place recently in Athlone.

Many thanks to all who attended for your active participation which ensured the success of the conference. Many thanks also to all of our speakers for their insightful presentations and workshops, most of which are available on the website.



Chairperson of CEIST Board Announced

The Project Board of CEIST has announced the appointment of Mr. Jack O' Brien as Chairperson Designate of the CEIST Board of Directors. Mr. O' Brien, who is a former Assistant Secretary at the Department of Education and Science, will play a central role in the appointment of a Chief Executive for the new organisation.



This could be YOUR school!

In each edition we hope to highlight information from CEIST schools.

In this edition we link to the website of **St. Leo's College, Carlow**

To be sure your school is included, **send details of recent news item links to [Noel Keating](#)**



Pope Benedict XVI Visit to Turkey

Pope Benedict recently completed a successful visit to Turkey. On his final day he called for [freedom of worship](#).

The Vatican website contains a copy of the addresses he made while visiting Turkey.



Peer Presentations at CEIST Conference

At the recent CEIST Conference for Principals and Deputies, five current Principals and Deputies were asked to make brief presentations outlining how their school had engaged with the struggle to live out the CEIST Core Values. Their presentations are now available on the CEIST webpage.



Vatican 11 Forty Years On - Book Review

This collection of papers edited by Dermot Lane and Brendan Leahy reflects on the 40th Anniversary of Vatican II. It contains some of its content, historical and theological perspectives and how it can be applied to the twenty-first century especially to religious education.



The Sound of Knowledge Being Born

*"Being wrong is a lot funnier than being right.
The right type of laughter - laughter at what the mistake reveals about our situation rather than laughter aimed at a person who dares to be human - is enormously liberating.
In fact, laughter is the sound that knowledge makes when it is born."*

-David Weinberger (Cluetrain Manifesto)



Why Not Register Your Staff

We hope that this eNewsletter will become available to a wide audience. The staff of CEIST schools are, of course, a key group and we would wish to make it available to all staff. From the end of January 2007, visitors to the website will be able to subscribe to receive a copy of each eNewsletter and to view archived editions online.

In the meantime, **would a member of your staff be willing to gather the e-mail addresses of interested staff** and forward them, with the name of the school and the town, to [Noel Keating](#)? If you can forward any e-mail addresses please do so - it will help to advertise the eNews.

Please feel free also to forward your copy of the eNewsletter to a colleague or friend. Thank You!



This is the first edition of the CEIST eNewsletter. We hope you enjoy it.

We would like to wish all in the CEIST community a **Very Happy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas.**

The CEIST Project Board and Project Team wish to thank all of our Principals, Deputy Principals and Staff for their commitment to the pastoral care and development of each student.

If you would like to suggest a news item or recommend a useful link for future editions or comment on this edition, please email info@ceist.ie

