

CEIST is 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.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week commenced on Monday 26th January 2009.

The launch of Catholic Schools Week took place in the Emmaus Retreat and Conference Centre in Dublin.

The following personnel took part in the launch and share their experiences from the day.

Mercy International Association Appointment

CEIST would like to congratulate Sister Mary Reynolds on her appointment as Executive Director of Mercy International Association, effective from March 1, 2009.

Day of Reflection with Marty Haugen

CEIST are holding a day of reflection with Marty Haugen on February 4th 2009.

Click on 'More' link below for further details.

Financial Guidelines for CEIST Schools

The CEIST Finance Department have put together guidelines regarding the submission of School Accounts, School Insurance Renewals, and a new guide for Insurance, Safety and Security in the school.

If you have any news that you feel may be of interest to CEIST schools or wider CEIST community then please forward them to info@ceist.ie and we will make every effort to include them in our next issue.

We are planning to revamp our website and members area over the next couple of months and would welcome any suggestions or ideas.

If you would like to see a particular area/topic included or have any suggestions that you feel would improve the website or members area please email jwoods@ceist.ie

Nurturing the Teacher

Our Faith Development Team have put together a list of events which may be of interest to you.

Click on the 'More' link to view details.

Tralee Student Winners

Two Tralee Students from CEIST Schools were in the news recently for winning various awards.

Ciara Stein (13), a student at the Presentation Secondary School in Tralee was awarded second overall in the Junior Chemical, Physical and Mathematical Sciences category for her research into the impact of diabetes and low calorie diets on breathalyzer tests.

Diarmuid Casey who is a past pupil of Mercy Secondary School Mounthawk in Tralee, Co. Kerry was top of the class at University College Cork recently.

John O' Donohue - Anam Cara

Documentary on TG4 Wednesday 4th February at 9.30pm.

The Irish writer, poet, philosopher and former priest John O' Donohue believed in the importance of understanding the sacredness of landscape and the natural world. The author of Anam Cara and a number of other bestselling books on Celtic spirituality, philosophy and poetry, John O' Donohue articulates a vision of deep renewal rooted in ancient tradition and a holistic approach to the human experience of life and death.

Based on more than five years of filming John O' Donohue in his beloved native landscape of the Burren and Connemara in the west of Ireland, this documentary is a tribute to the life and work of one of Ireland's leading contemporary thinkers, following his untimely death in January 2008.

Getting to know Catherine McAuley

Are you free on Saturday April 25th 2009? If so you might be interested in organising yourself and a few of your colleagues to attend a Symposium entitled 'Getting to know Catherine McAuley - Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy'.

Posters and booking forms have been distributed to the schools and it would be great if you could pass these among your friends. The Iontas centre, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan is the venue. Only a limited number can be accommodated so book early!

[Click Here](#) to access full details on the event.

St Brigid's Day

St Brigid's Day falls on the first day of spring. It is a day associated with new growth, lengthening days and renewal.

St Brigid was a caring, compassionate woman with a strong faith. She is a wonderful role model for us as we strive to protect our environment and the gifts which God created for us.

Our Faith Development team have put together a prayer service for St Brigid's Day, which can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

St. Columba's College Stranorlar Reunion

St. Columba's College, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal held a reunion for classes from 1982-1987 recently.

Former pupils from these classes all gathered in Jackson's Hotel in Donegal for a night of fun and catching up on all the happenings over the past 21 years.

Post-Graduate Diploma

The Marino Institute of Education are commencing the Post-Graduate Diploma in Intercultural Education in March 2009.

For further information click [here](#) and/or visit the marino website www.mie.ie

Useful Web Site!

The Giveaway of the Day website is very useful as it offers free licensed software on a daily basis.

Each day one software title is made available for download for 24hrs and it is absolutely free!

It is always a registered and legal version of the software with no limitations, so definitely one site to bookmark.

[Click Here](#) to access the site.

Cause Celebre!

In an interview with Ryan Tubridy on RTE Radio 1 on Friday January 16th 2009, Mr. Eamon Gilmore leader of the Labour Party identified Nano Nagle as his working class hero from many thousands of others.

Click on link below to listen to RTE podcast of the interview.

Free domain registration for CEIST Schools!

Please note all CEIST schools can avail of free website domain registration for Ireland domains.

All Irish domains end in .ie and can be registered free if you are registered as a charity and all CEIST schools are registered under the CEIST charity number.

If your school has not got a website yet but plan to do so in the future it would be a good idea to snap up the domain name now before it gets taken, and especially when it is free to do so! If you would like assistance in setting up free domain reg please email me at jwoods@ceist.ie and I can sort out for you.

Once setup it is then automatically renewed each year by the IEDR who handle all .ie registrations and renewals. [Click Here](#) to check if your desired domain name is in use.