

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.



LENT 2009

The season of Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is an opportunity for us to grow in our awareness of God's presence in our lives.

We ask you Lord to be with us during this period of Lent, and to help us to remember and to respond to your call to return to you with all our hearts.

The CEIST Faith Development Team would like to share with you the following resources for Lent.

They include prayer services for Ash Wednesday, Reflections on the Stations of the Cross, Lenten Reflections for Staff and Praying the Stations of the Cross.



Marty Haugen Workshop Review

A very successful workshop for teachers and those involved in liturgical preparation was held in the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone on February 4th 2009.



School Budget Templates

Annual Budget 2009 - 2010

Further to our recent communication in relation to the above we have added the two F.S.S.U. budget templates (DEIS Schools and Non-DEIS Schools) to the CEIST website for your assistance, [click here](#) to access page for downloading templates.

The CEIST Finance Department is pleased to assist schools in the preparation of their budgets.



Coláiste Muire Reflection on Catholic Schools Week

Coláiste Muire, Ballymote, Sligo, kindly shared with us news and photos from their recent celebration of Catholic Schools Week.



Visit of Latvian President to School

The Presentation Secondary School, Sexton Street, Limerick was honoured by a visit from the President of Latvia, Mr. Valdis Zatlers who was accompanied by First Lady Lilita Zatlers, on November 4, 2008.



Coláiste Íosagáin Day

Coláiste Íosagáin in Portarlinton, Co. Laois celebrated their first "Coláiste Íosagáin Day" on the 12th January last.



Ard Scoil na nDéise Feast Day

Wednesday 11th February was the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes and patron of Ard Scoil na nDéise. To mark the occasion the whole school community - pupils, teachers, parents, Board of Management and Sisters of Mercy - attended Mass at noon in the Friary Church.



Other CEIST School News

Please click on the links below to view other recent news items from CEIST schools.

[Scoil Mhuire Ennistymon](#)

[Coláiste Bríde Clondalkin](#)

[Our Lady's Secondary School Templemore](#)

[St Mary's Secondary School Charleville](#)

[St Joseph's Secondary School Navan](#)

[Presentation Secondary School Athenry](#)



Mercy Mounthawk Project

Mercy Secondary School, Mounthawk, Tralee, Co. Kerry have been working on a project to raise funds for a school in Kenya.



School Girls in Silent March for Road Safety

450 Students and Staff of Mercy Heights Secondary School, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, took part in a silent march through the town centre, as part of the Young Social Innovators programme, to create greater awareness of casualties and road safety.

The march was reported extensively by the media and an article on the event by "The Southern Star" can be downloaded by [clicking here](#).



EMMANUEL 09

The Dublin Diocesan Commission for Sacred Music presents EMMANUEL 09 - celebrating liturgical music in our schools.

EMMANUEL is a project of the Dublin Diocesan Commission for Sacred Music and promotes the use of Sacred Music in Secondary Schools.

Over 40 schools and their choirs will participate in a spectacular evening of music from this programme. [Click Here](#) for more information and to book online.



Calling all Mini-Marathon Runners

Have you chosen your charity yet? Consider Open Heart House?

Open Heart House is a centre of warmth welcome and acceptance which actively embraces and supports people living with HIV and AIDS. It is the only voluntary agency of its kind in Ireland.

Currently there are in excess of 800 members of OHH, with a network of support involving up to 1,200 HIV+ people nationwide.

Open Heart House provides a range of support services to people living with and affected by the virus regardless of race, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender or disability status. The services offered include, health education, counselling, welfare information, art studio and computer classes.

Following the recent visit to Open Heart House, the Faith Development Team at CEIST view it as a wonderful example of faith in action.

For more information contact Paula at O.H.H @ 01 830500 or Antonya at CEIST ahanly@ceist.ie or [click here](#) to access the Open Heart House Website.

Don't Forget!

On Saturday April 25th 2009? A Symposium entitled 'Getting to know Catherine McAuley - Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy' is being held.

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.

School E-Mail Changes

If your school has recently changed E-Mail address, we would be grateful if you could forward the updated information to our [office](#).

This will help to ensure the continued flow of information between our schools and the CEIST Office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

