

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.



Getting to know Catherine McAuley

On Saturday April 25th, a symposium on the spirituality of Catherine McAuley was held by the Mercy Sisters in the Iortas Centre in Castleblayney.

Sr. Sheila Carney spoke about **Catherine's Call** and **Integrated Spirituality** and Sr. Cáitlín Coneeley explored **Catherine as Enabler**.

Respondents were Sr. Bonnie Brennan, Sr. Aine Barnes and Ms. Mary English gave a presentation on the ways in which Catherine's spirit informs the daily life of her School.

The new C.D. of Catherine's letters, "Your Ever Affectionate M.C. McAuley", was launched at the Symposium, and all participants - Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Associates, Teachers and our CEIST representatives, Ned Prendergast, Lloyd Bracken and Margaret Farrell all left Castleblayney with the sense of having deepened their friendship with a very special woman.

A delightfully human, affectionate woman, a compassionate, persistent, servant of the poor and neglected; an astute businesswoman; and an unpretentious humorous friend.



Presentation and Mercy Educational Projects

We highlighted on our website recently various Educational Projects from Presentation and Mercy Schools.

The Global Education Experience (G.E.E.) involves the experience of sending students and teachers out to other Presentation schools in the 'Third World'.

St. Joseph's Secondary School, Navan went on an educational trip to Zambia and met their Mercy connection.



Young Social Innovators 2009

The Young Social Innovators Showcase for 2009 takes place in the RDS on Wednesday 6th May. We send best wishes to all of the 33 CEIST schools which will be represented there by 92 projects.

The participation of so many CEIST schools in the Young Social Innovators is wonderful testimony to their commitment to addressing issues of justice in our world today, and to their determination to work towards improving the lives of others, both in our local communities and in the wider world.

The work involved in undertaking projects could not happen without the dedication of teachers and the enthusiasm of students.

Well done to all who participated in the Speakouts and good luck to those who will be present in the RDS.



Eastertide Resources

The CEIST Faith Development Team has put together some resources to help you celebrate Eastertide.

These resources aim to help teacher and student alike to journey further into Eastertide together and draw from its catechetical richness through prayer, meditation and story.

We hope you enjoy them.



Nano Nagle's Lasting legacy of Hope

This month marks the death of the Presentation Sisters' remarkable founder 225 years ago.

Nano Nagle, who died on 26th April 1784, founded a Gospel based education system and created a permanent legacy of hope in Ireland and around the world.

Click [here](#) to view recent Irish Independent article titled **Nano Nagle - remains an influential educator**.



Presentation Thuries Open New Sports Hall

Presentation Secondary School, Thurles, recently held the official opening of their new sports complex.

The Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Hanafin, who is a past pupil of the school, cut the tape on the magnificent new Sr. Fidelis Sports hall.



Holy Rosary College Win All-Ireland Title!

Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew, recently won the battle of CEIST Schools by defeating St. Mary's, Mallow in a thrilling All-Ireland Junior Ladies final.

The final scoreline was **Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew 5-13 to St. Mary's, Mallow 4-12**.

It took extra time to separate two superb teams and great credit must also go to St. Mary's for contributing to such a fantastic final.



Pres Athenry 2nd in All-Ireland Siansa Gael Linn

Presentation College, Athenry, Galway, achieved 2nd place in the All-Ireland Siansa Gael Linn Final last Sunday 26th April.

Siansa Gael Linn is an annual competition for traditional music groups, which promotes traditional music among the younger generation.

The final took place in the University of Limerick Concert Hall and was recorded live by Radio na Gaeltachta, [click here](#) to listen to the concert.

The [RTE Website](#) contains further information on the event.



Calasactius College Sporting Achievements

Calasactius College have been very successful on the sporting fields recently winning titles in Basketball, Rugby, Gaelic Football and reaching final in Soccer!



CEIST Schools Contest Innovation Awards Final!

CEIST offers congratulations to Presentation Secondary School, Galway and Mercy College, Sligo who have both achieved success in reaching the Regional Finals of the RDS Student Innovation Awards.

All participating students completed a 10 week Company Programme sponsored by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ireland.



Visit of President to St. Leo's College, Carlow

St. Leo's College, Carlow welcomed the President to their school on Monday 27th April.

President Mary McAleese launched the schools celebration to mark 170 years of Mercy education in Carlow.

St. Leo's College opened its doors to students on 1st May 1839.



News from Mercy College in Sligo

Mercy College, Sligo kindly shared with us their school news for April.

The school publish a newsletter every two weeks on their [website](#) and also on local paper "The Sligo Champion".

A Transition Year newsletter is also published at intervals throughout the year to keep parents and students informed on all opportunities available to Transition Year.



Mercy Convent, Roscommon Win Historic Double

Méan Scoil Muire gan Smál, Roscommon completed a historic sports double recently by winning All-Ireland Senior 'A' Schools Titles in both Gaelic Football and Soccer.

CEIST congratulates the all girls school who must be really proud of their remarkable achievement.

Watch our website for further details.



St. Leo's College Reflect on Catholic Schools Week

As a Catholic School for girls under the trusteeship of CEIST in the Mercy tradition, [St. Leo's College](#), Carlow is delighted to find itself in a time of celebration this 2009.

Catherine McAuley, founder of the Mercy congregation recognised the lack of educational opportunities for the Catholic girls of her day.



Challenge to Change 2008 - 2009

This year marks the 225th Anniversary of the death of Nano Nagle.

On Thursday 14th May 2009, the Presentation Education Office for the South-East Province will hold their sixth annual Challenge to Change seminar at the Springhill Court Hotel in Kilkenny.

Challenge to Change is a development education project initiated by Presentation Education Office for Presentation Schools.



Catch Me If You Can

Sorachá O'Rourke of Presentation College Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway, has imagined a chilling letter to Barack Obama from his greatest enemy, global warming.



INVITATION

Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9, in association with **Open Heart House** request the pleasure of your company at the Official Opening of an exhibition of Oil Paintings by Denis C. Hurley in aid of Open Heart House.

Location: Marino
Institute of Education

Date: Saturday May 9th
2009

Time: 12pm - 6pm
(lunch and light refreshments at 2pm)

CEIST NEWSLETTER

The 2nd Edition of our CEIST Newsletter is almost complete and will be distributed to all CEIST Schools and members of CEIST community by the middle of May.

It will also be available for download on the website.

Website and Members Area

We have commenced re-development work on our Public website and Private Members Area.

The new website and members area are due to go live on the 1st September 2009 and we have many new features planned for both sites.

It is hoped the re-developments will result in a richly interactive and engaging experience for our audience.

CEIST Educational Conference 2009

Our Fourth Annual Education Conference will be held in the [Clayton Hotel](#), Ballybrit, Galway on October 1st and 2nd 2009.

The keynote speaker is Rev Timothy Radcliffe, OP internationally renowned author and speaker, member of the Dominican priory at Blackfriars, Oxford.

He is the former Master of the Order of Preachers and the only member of the English Province to have held that office since the founding of the Dominicans in 1216.

We are presently making arrangements for the conference and will add conference agenda detailing workshops and other speakers, etc, to the website once finalised.

