

CEIST is the 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.

### Feature

#### Retreats

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Click on the 'More' link for an account of the retreat from our faith development team.

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### CEIST News



#### School Annual Budget

We are very grateful to our Boards of Management, Finance Sub-Committees and School Secretaries for all the work involved in preparing and presenting the annual budget that is due on the 31st March annually.

There are a number of school budgets for the 2010-2011 academic year still outstanding and the Trustees would be grateful to receive these so as to allow the Boards of Management to fulfill their financial obligations under the Articles of Management for Catholic Secondary Schools.

We are very appreciative of your assistance and co-operation!

#### CEIST Prayers for Chairs



#### Resources

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The CEIST "Prayer for Chairs" booklet was launched on the day and two booklets were given to each of our Chairpersons.

It proved to be an enjoyable and beneficial day for all who attended. The seminar was greatly enhanced by the presence of our guest speaker, Fr. Michael Drumm, Chairperson of the Catholic Schools Partnership and Mr. Michael Bond, motivational speaker.

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### News from CEIST Schools



#### News from Coláiste Muire, Ennis

Coláiste Muire, Ennis has kindly shared with us their recent news and events within the school.

The students have been involved in Transition Year Drama (won two awards), Fairtrade, Young Social Innovators Speak Out Forum, An Cumann Scoildramaíochta, just to name a few!

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#### School Feature of the Month - Presentation Secondary School Thurles

We run a monthly school profile on the CEIST website, which we use to share with our audience any recent news, events, achievements, best practice, etc, from our schools.

This month's feature came from Presentation Secondary School, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, who very kindly contributed to an excellent school feature.

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#### Major GAA Ladies Football Titles for CEIST Schools!

There have been a number of outstanding wins for CEIST schools recently on the GAA fields.

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#### CEIST Schools Co-Operative Purchasing Program ("CS-COP") Workshops

The CEIST Schools Co-Operative Purchasing Program ("CS-COP"), which has been setup to take advantage of economies of scale benefits for CEIST schools will commence a roll out of workshops outlining the program from May 6th 2010.

**Workshop 1:** Glen Royal Hotel, Maynooth on May 6th.

**Workshop 2:** Carlton, Castleroy Park Hotel Limerick on May 11th.

**Workshop 3:** Clayton Hotel Ballybrit Co Galway on May 12th.

Further workshops will be posted on the CEIST website in due course.

#### Emmaus Retreat Centre

6th May – Style & Confidence Clinic for Women – 1 Day workshop

13th May – Public Speaking and Presentation Skills – 1 Day workshop

15th & 16th May – A Down to Earth Introduction to Dreams – 2 Day Residential or Non Residential Workshop

19th May – Stress & Time Management – 1 Day Workshop

22nd May – EARTHS FUTURE – BE THE CHANGE – 1 Day Symposium

23rd to 28th May – A 5 Day Retreat with Bishop Brendan Comiskey

29th & 30th May – An Introduction to the Enneagram – 2 Day Residential or Non Residential Workshop

Full details on all of these programmes can be found on the following web site [www.emmauscentre.ie](http://www.emmauscentre.ie)

#### Sacred Music Concert

Click [here](#) to view an interesting link about a sacred music concert coming up on the 6th May in Kilcock Parish church.

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## GLENDALOUGH 2010 - A Pilgrim Journey

Wednesday 28th April 2010



“Is chugatsa suas, a Dhia, a chuirim siúl mo chos,  
Glac mo lámh, labhairt mo bhéil agus mianta mo chroí,  
Agus go néirí siad leat féin, leis an Mac agus leis an Spíorad Naomh. Amen”

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The Retreat was led by Fr. Michael Rodgers assisted by Sr Breda Ahearne C.P. and was a very special introduction to Holy Week for all those who took part.

The group, which consisted of participants from all four Provinces, met on Sunday evening and

gathered outside the Tearmann Centre in glorious spring sunshine!

All were welcomed by Ned Prendergast on behalf of CEIST and. each member of the group was given a journal in which to record their spiritual journey as pilgrims over the course of their two days in Glendalough. Each was also given a pilgrim staff, both to assist with the journeying, and to mark the fact that we were setting off together on Pilgrimage.

Fr. Michael Rodgers then welcomed us all to the Tearmann Centre, reminding us of the ancient tradition of Pilgrimage to this holy place. He invited us to join together on a journey into our inner being; a journey which would include times of solitude, of finding ourselves, but also times of sharing in community.

The opening of our retreat was followed by an evening meal during which the group members introduced themselves to each other and very quickly became a comfortable community, finding they were, indeed, already linked to each other through their connections with CEIST.

Monday began with morning prayer and meditation led by Fr. Michael and Sr. Breda. The focus of the prayer was the Gospel reading of the day – the anointing at Bethany - and we were invited to participate in an anointing ritual during which we blessed each other in the name of the Trinity.

The weather had taken a turn for the worse but, nonetheless, our company of Pilgrims, undeterred by the heavy rain and led by Fr. Michael, set out to walk together in this sacred place, beginning by visiting the Pilgrim Cross on the road leading into Glendalough, following in the footsteps of so many generations of Pilgrims throughout the ages.



We then walked the path of the Glendalough Labyrinth with its twists and turns as we each reflected on the paths of our own lives.

This prayerful experience was followed by a walk, past the Monastic city along the Green Road to the Upper Lake, following the route of the Stations of the Cross.

While we walked as a group this was a time of quiet as we were each drawn into the beauty and wonder of this valley; of the stones and trees we met along the way, of the spirit of this

sacred place where so many have walked and lived in solitude and prayer.

During the afternoon there was time for quiet personal reflection followed by an extended celebration of the Eucharist which explored images of the Cosmic Christ and of fire burning in our hearts, and which, through the simplicity of its celebration, drew us into the presence of Christ as He celebrated His Last Supper with his Apostles.

The day ended with another very pleasant meal as community.



On our final morning we awoke to find this valley of Glendalough covered in snow!

We met for prayer and meditation and this introduction to the day was followed by another walk – once again braving the elements, this time those of wind and snow!

Our walk took us around the Monastic City, into the Cathedral of Kevin, to Kevin's Cross, past the Round Tower and across the fields to the Teampall na mBan.

It took us through the centuries of prayer that have made this a Sacred Place, connecting us with countless Pilgrim journeys and lives of faith.



Our journey ended with reflection time during which each pilgrim wrote a letter to themselves from this place and this space. These letters will be sent to each participant in a month's time.

Our retreat concluded with a visit to The Hermitage where we were welcomed by Sr. Kathleen; led in a Circle Dance by Sr. Breda, and prayed together once again before sharing a light lunch before our departure.

This wonderful opportunity to take “time out” after a busy term was enjoyed by all. It was a time of pilgrimage, of journeying from solitude to community.

While each participant had opportunity for “soul time” we also grew, not just as the group of those participating, but as a CEIST community, rooted in faith and entrusted with the mission of carrying the Gospel message back to our own school communities.

During those two days at the beginning of Holy Week we were all inspired by the message of the Paschal mystery; and encouraged by the knowledge that in this current difficult time there is the promise of Resurrection; of a new Springtime for our Church, and of great hope for the future of our CEIST schools.

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After registration and coffee, CEIST CEO, Anne Kelleher welcomed all attendees and started the day with an opening prayer.



Pictured above a section of the attendees at the Trustee Support day.

We then were treated to an insightful speech from our distinguished guest speaker, Fr. Michael Drumm, Chairperson of Catholic Schools Partnership.

At the end of his speech, Fr. Michael officially launched the CEIST "Prayers for Chairs" booklet, which we hope will be of benefit to our Chairpersons.

The Directors of each of the CEIST departments, Mike Higgins (Finance), Ned Prendergast (Faith Development), Michael Lane (School Support) and Information and Communication Systems Manager, John Woods, gave a short presentation on the workings of each department.

In the afternoon we had an open forum for our Chairpersons which produced an informative and lively discussion on educational topics.

The day finished off with a motivational speech from Michael Bond and CEIST CEO, Anne Kelleher gave a closing speech in which she thanked all of our chairpersons for giving up of their valuable time to attend the support day.

It proved to be quite an enjoyable and beneficial day for all who attended.





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## Coláiste Muire, Ennis Recent News and Achievements

Tuesday 27th April 2010

### Transition Year Drama Festival – All Ireland Finals

Congratulations to the Transition Year class in Coláiste Muire, Ennis who won two awards at the All Ireland Finals of the TY Drama Festival in the Briery Gap Macroom on Saturday 27th February with their play, "An Triail".

The students won the "Best Irish Language Award" and a "Best Set Award" for the laundry set.

### Fair Trade Fortnight

The Rowan Tree restaurant held a coffee morning on Tuesday 2nd March to promote Fair Trade tea, coffee and chocolate.

Proceeds from this event are going towards the Haiti Relief Fund. Students from Coláiste Muire Fair Trade committee participated.

On Friday 5th March the school celebrated Fair Trade fortnight by hosting a "Fair Trade Day". Fair Trade products were on sale and also available to purchase. Junior Cert students attended a presentation on Fair Trade.



Young Social Innovators Speak Out Forum

Over 800 young people participated in the final Speak Out in this year's series of 12 regional events, in the Bailey Allen Hall, NUI Galway on 23rd March.

Coláiste Muire was represented by Jessie Anderson, Stephanie Barrett, Emily Cahill and Aine Shannon.

### Young Social Innovators Showcase

Coláiste Muire's SAD (Stop Adolescent Depression) project is one of 60 social projects (from 217) now short listed for the Showcase in Croke Park on May 5th.

### An Cumann Scoildramaíochta



Pictured above Coláiste Muire with "An Triail" which qualified for the All Ireland final in Mullingar.

### Bord Gáis Energy Capture the Power Schools' Photography Competition 2010

Well done to Leanne Casey, TY student who came 2nd in the 16 – 19 year old category and is to attend the photography exhibition and awards ceremony in Dublin Zoo on Tuesday 27th April.

### Japan – Europe High School Student Exchange Programme 2010.

As one of the efforts to promote youth exchanges and enhance mutual understanding between Japan and Europe, the Government of Japan offers a Japan – Europe High School Exchange Programme.

Well done to Deborah O'Reilly, 4th year student who has been selected to participate in the "short programme" which will take place from 20th June to 25th July.

As a participant she will attend Japanese high school classes, tour in Japanese provinces and stay in Japanese ordinary households.

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The opening marked a milestone in the history of the school, which has undergone a spectacular physical transformation as a result of the 4 million refurbishment scheme. The development includes roof replacement, new heating system, new wiring and plumbing, a new science laboratory and relocated art room.

The Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport, accompanied by her mother Nora Brady, who was a past pupil of the school, said Presentation Clonmel, was a welcoming school, a school that meant inclusivity for all and praised the unique dynamic of the school.



Pictured above Presentation Secondary School Traditional group (Teachers & Students).

Minister Hanafin said "this is a fantastic investment for young women in the Clonmel area and the additional rooms and upgraded facilities will serve generations of young women as they start out their lifelong education experience". The Minister said the Principal Anne Breen and her staff had much to be proud of "and while enhanced facilities are always pleasant, what really matters is what is in the heart of the school - a school which is welcoming and inclusive, as Pres here in Clonmel is.



Pictured above Niamh Healy (President of Student Council) with Minister Hanafin.

She said the school had so much to be proud of academically and the school was very much steeped in culture and sport. "The school has embraced the spirit of the Percent for Art Works scheme and having the artist in residence has enhanced your school in a way that is unique and exciting. We all want to live long healthier lives and being an active participant in sport and leisure pursuits is a key feature of the school, and I was delighted to hear about your students being represented in the All Ireland Basketball series" she said.

The Minister, who was welcomed to the school by Principal Anne Breen and Deputy-Principal Michael O'Loughlin and a Presentation guard of honour, said that such a refurbishment does not happen without a lot of commitment by a great many people.

She paid tribute to all who fundraised through events such as sponsored walks, bag packing and fashion shows. It was down to the thriving community partnership that existed in the town. "The whole school community from the students, staff, parents and wider business community has helped to deliver these high standard facilities. I want to wish Anne Breen and the rest of the staff along with the board of management best wishes for the future and I know the students sitting State exams will achieve their potential after the positive learning experience they have had in Pres in Clonmel" said the former Pres Thurlus pupil.

Pictured above are Mrs. Rebecca Dromey (Chairperson of the Board of Management), Sr. Marie Stella (Presentation Community Clonmel) and Niamh Healy (President of Student Council).

She urged the pupils to believe in their potential and talent and to embrace every opportunity presented to them in school, which would enable them to meet every challenge they faced in the future. "The only place for the young people to be in for the next few years is in education and when we get through these difficult economic times we will see the benefits of that education" she said.

Anne Kelleher, CEO of CEIST, also paid tribute to whole school community for their outstanding new facilities and their ongoing work in the school for the students. She was delighted to acknowledge the efforts of the school in developing the new facilities. Anne Kelleher also acknowledged the great work of the Presentation Sisters and the vision that they had brought to education.



Pictured above Mrs. Mona Hanafin, (Minister's mother) and Mrs. Rebecca Dromey (Chairperson of the Board of Management)

School Principal Anne Breen said the day was one of celebration of our four year journey in the life of the Presentation Secondary School, Clonmel. That journey started when they realised the roof of the school was collapsing and an emergency application was made to deal with the roof. At that stage the Department suggested a complete refurbishment.

Anne Breen paid tribute all involved in the project at both design and construction stage. She praised tribute to all those involved in fund raising and to local industries who gave generously despite the difficult economic conditions.

The Principal paid tribute to the Presentation Community in Ireland and in Clonmel who offered the use of the boarding school building and for their patience in having their front lawn turned into a building site. The occasion also saw the unveiling of the Percent for Art Works, a project funded by the government in conjunction with the refurbishment project.

The art work involved three commissioned artists, Des Dillon, Donna McNamara and Dorin Sauras who participated in the work. The project involved a mix of commissioned pieces and student workshops. The interaction of the girls with the artists and the resultant finished pieces are a joy to behold.

The official blessing was performed by Fr. Billy Meehan, our school chaplain and Michael O'Loughlin, Deputy-Principal acted as M.C. for the day.



## Presentation Secondary School Thurles

Presentation Secondary School Thurles are our Profiled School for April, 2010.

The Presentation Congregation was founded by Nano Nagle in 1775 in Cork. Since 1817 the Presentation Sisters have been involved in education in Thurles, where they have dedicated themselves to serving the community by providing primary and secondary education in the town. The Boarding school was established in 1914. The present Secondary School was built in 1970 and currently holds over 600 students.

Presentation Secondary School Thurles is a Voluntary Catholic Secondary School for girls, operating under the Trusteeship of CEIST. It supports the Religious and Educational Philosophy of its Foundress, Nano Nagle.

They have kindly shared with us news and events within the school. Click [here](#) to view our school page with mission statement and school history for Presentation Secondary School Thurles.



### A GLIMPSE OF SCHOOL LIFE IN PRESENTATION SECONDARY THURLES!

While it would be impossible to enumerate all of the activities at our school, the following highlights may give a flavour of life here at Pres Thurles.

### Opening of New School Extension

Presentation Secondary School Thurles officially opened the new school extension on the 26th March, 2010. The Minister for Arts, Culture and Tourism, Mary Hanafin, who is a past pupil of the school performed the official opening and the building was blessed by Archbishop of Cashel, Dr. Dermot Clifford.

The Deputy Principal, Ms. Mary Lannigan Ryan, acted as MC for the proceedings and School Principal, Ms. Marie Collins, gave the opening address for the ceremony, which can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

Ms. Anne Kelleher CEO CEIST was a guest of honour, also in attendance were School Support Co-Ordinator, Damien Kennedy and Faith Development Co-Ordinator, Margaret Farrell.

### Photos from the Ceremony



### Annual Fashion Show

Our second annual Fashion Show in aid of the School Development Fund took place on February 25th. It proved to be an entertaining and fun-filled night for lovers of fashion. Models from the Hoiman-Lee Model Agency in Limerick took to the ramp while student and teacher models also made their modelling debuts.



Make-over candidates were in the capable hands of a stylist, hairdresser and make-up artist.

Celebrities on the night were Mr. Liam Sheedy, Manager of the Tipperary hurling team, accompanied by local hurling stars, Brendan Maher and Pdraig Maher.

Mr. Sheedy was interviewed by a Parents Council member and we are grateful to him and to the players for taking time out from their busy training schedule to make guest appearances.

Past pupil, Michelle Skehan of All-Ireland Talent Show fame also gave of her time to perform one of her own songs. Pres. Players and the exciting tap-dancing duo, Sorcha and Jessica, entertained the audience with their efforts.

Transition Years Kate and Stacey showcased their wonderful design creations on the catwalk, helped by Etaon.

The input of the participating hair salons, boutiques and shops and of our Parents Council helped to make the night a resounding success.

The level of student participation and staff commitment to the event is also indicative of the strength of our school community.

### Sports News



On the sporting front, our Senior Camogie team emerged as winners of the All-Ireland Senior C Camogie Colleges Final on March 6th.

The girls produced a dream performance beating Banagher College by 3-19 to 1-1.

Their athleticism and level of skill won the admiration of both sets of supporters in Toomevara.

Our Junior Camogie team have also won an All-Ireland final.

The team pictured on right came out on top in its semi-final encounter with St. Macdara's Templeogue by 8-16 to one point.

The Juniors went on to play St. Grennan's College, Thomastown in the final on March 20th and won handsomely.

Our Intermediate team won the Munster championship defeating Hospital, SMI Newcastlewest, Youghal and Roscrea along the way.



### Transition Year Drama Festival

Meanwhile, Transition Year students travelled to the Briary Gap Theatre in Macroom on Saturday 27th February to participate in the All-Ireland Transition Year Drama Festival Finals. Presentation Thurles was one of eighteen schools to qualify for the finals. Forty seven schools from all over Ireland had competed in regional heats.



The girls were delighted to be placed third in the finals with their staging of an extract from 'Godspell'.

Emily Matthews received a Special Adjudicator's Award for her performance.

These and the many other activities in which our school is involved help to create what is an especially vibrant school community.

Click [here](#) to view the school website.

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## Major GAA Achievements for CEIST Schools

Monday 26th April 2010

CEIST schools have taken a number of All-Ireland Ladies Football titles recently, with big wins for St. Leo's College Carlow, Mount St. Michael Claremorris and Mercy Heights Skibbereen.

### Tesco All-Ireland Post Primary Schools SAFC Ladies Football Final

St. Leo's College Carlow were crowned All-Ireland champions for the second time in four seasons at Longford's Pearse Park. It was a dramatic final with thirteen year old Lauren Dwyer kicking the winning point two minutes into injury time to settle a great win for the school.

St Leo's beat Loreto Grammar School, Omagh (Tyrone) in the final on a scoreline 3-7 to 2-9.

It was sweet revenge for St. Leo's as they had lost out to Loreto in the previous year's junior decider.



Deirdre O'Sullivan, St Leo's, in action against Claire Gallagher, Loreto GS, in the All-Ireland Final. (picture courtesy of Irish Times).

### Tesco All-Ireland Post Primary Schools SBFC Ladies Football Final

Mount St. Michael, Claremorris, Co. Mayo (pictured below) were another CEIST school in the winning habit capturing the All-Ireland SBFC for the first time with a comfortable seven points victory against St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon at the same Pearse Park in Longford.



Click [here](#) to view match report from the Western People Newspaper.

### Tesco All-Ireland Post Primary Schools SCFC Ladies Football Final

In the All-Ireland SCFC Final two CEIST schools, Mercy Heights, Skibbereen, Co. Cork and Scoil Mhuire, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, battled it out for the title.

Mercy Heights, Skibbereen, Co. Cork eventually winning by all accounts a very exciting decider on a final scoreline of 6-11 to 4-14.

CEIST would like to congratulate all involved within the schools on their noteworthy achievements.



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Pictured is some of the cast of the wizard of oz and musical director Una McGinty.



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Pictured on left are Kate Lyons, Caitriona Foley, Ciara Newell & Carol McCarthy with Coach Fantastic, Joe Shields. Between them, the girls have won 33 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze medals in All-Ireland Finals in their time in Calasanctius College.

### All-Ireland Title Wins

The U16 girls from Oranmore beat another CEIST school, Mercy Heights, Skibbereen on a scoreline 54 to 39.

The U16A boys competing in their first ever final defeated St. Aidan's from Cork by 64 to 33.

Finally, the U19A girls faced Colaiste Iosagain Dublin in their showdown, this game was a repeat of the U19 Cup semi-final and Calsanctius were again victorious winning by 76 to 59.



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## St Joseph's Castlebar Artistic Talent!

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There were great celebrations in St Joseph's Secondary School in Castlebar recently, when the school hosted an art exhibition featuring work from over 60 past pupils, all of whom attended Art College after leaving Castlebar and have since forged careers for themselves in the world of art and design.

On Friday March 19, the exhibition was officially opened by past pupil Vicky Burke, class of 1999, who is currently starring in RTE's Fair City as Kylie. The exhibits varied from 3D fashion costumes, ceramics, fine art and prints, textiles, jewellery, graphics, film/digital media design, interior design, animation and photography.



Pictured above at the art exhibition were Vicky

Burke with the Art and Design past pupils of St Joseph's Castlebar, with their art teacher Ann Geary and Sr Mairead and Aine Bean Uí Mhorain, School Principal.

One of the past pupils is a designer for Burberry, London. Another is a designer for Vivienne Westwood in London.

Many pieces were sold on the night, while pieces were also commissioned. New friendships were made and many old ones renewed.

The exhibition was very well attended, with representatives from the Arts Council, the Linenhall Arts Centre and Mayo County Council, as well as local artists, politicians, family and friends. During the cheese and wine reception, many commented on the diversity, originality and talent that came from St Joseph's.

The exhibition will be re-exhibited in the main corridors of Mayo General Hospital from mid-April until the end of May.