

Testimonials

“The students got so much from the Confirmation Retreat. They were given space to reflect, the day was engaging and fun and yet had a great impact. We have recommended Claire to the neighbouring parishes.”

Parish Pastoral Worker, Ballyroan, Dublin

“The retreat was a true highlight for each and every child that went. It will be one of the events that they look back on with great and fond memories. Once again, it brought religion and their faith to life and allowed them to discuss this in a reflective way.”

St. Attracta's National School, Dublin Principal

“Every experience has been excellent with Catholic School Retreats. The facilitator gave a beautiful presentation and was very accommodating. I would be delighted to recommend Catholic School Retreats after a very positive experience.”

St. Fiachra's Senior School, Beaumont, Deputy Principal, Dublin Oct. 2018

“Thaitin an lá go mór liom mar bhí an-spraoi agam. D'fhoghlaim mé go mbíonn Dia ann i gconaí dom, go mbíonn sé ag éisteacht liom agus gur féidir comhrá a bheith agam leis aon uair is maith liom. Bheinn ag iarradh dul ar lá spioradálta arís.”

Scolaire as Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada i mBaile Átha Cliath, Mí na Nollaig 2018

CATHOLIC SCHOOL RETREATS

Catholic School Retreats aim to teach, train and facilitate others so as to engage with children in a vibrant way. At the same time, it aims to deliver:

- A balanced, practical and yet, spiritual approach to Catholicism.
- Training for parishes and Diocese in Children's Ministry,
- Sacramental Preparation Classes and Staff Workshops.

It has arisen out of a desire to run fresh, fun and interactive Catholic School Retreats both for Primary and Secondary Schools.

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Meet the Director

Let me introduce myself: My name is Claire Devaney, Director of Catholic School Retreats. I am a qualified and registered teacher by Profession. I also hold qualifications in Theology, Catechetics, Applied Christian Spirituality and Education at Post-graduate level. In more recent years, I have worked as a Primary School Co-ordinator in the Ecumenical Field, writing and preparing Sacramental Preparation Resources. I have worked as the Children's Arena Co-ordinator for *The World Meeting of Families* for up to 2,500 children for the largest international family gathering held in Ireland.

For the past 15 years I have been involved in Youth Ministry both in Ireland and abroad. My approach and methodology, working within Children's and Youth Ministry, is one of discovery and inter-action. I am a firm believer in, and keen advocate of, facilitating a space for all people to ask the deeper questions in life and to allow people to be the narrator of their own journey of discovery. From my lived experience, (as a Children's Co-ordinator in both Catholic and Protestant environments), I have come to believe that our method and means of reaching children and young adults must change if we are to be successful in bringing the Gospel message to them.

Among my personal interests, in my spare time, is competing in Sporting Events and Triathlons.

Claire

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Mixed Secondary School Retreats & After-school Youth Ministry Programme

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