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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

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LETTER FROM CARDINAL:

It certainly does not take long for us to forget our summer holidays! I myself will certainly remember my visit to Tanzania with the group from St John's, Portobello, involving 4 senior citizens, including myself, 4 youth from the parish and 5 teachers all involved in both parish linkage and school linkages between Legho in the Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania and Portobello and associated schools in our Archdiocese.

Also there has been the 'Long Walk for Peace' from Faslane to the Scottish Parliament. Again, this was an opportunity for those concerned to make their views known about the possibility of the renewal of the Trident Nuclear System. The Scottish Bishops received considerable support in their own Easter statement on this issue – particularly from Cardinal Renato Martino, the President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, who has stated: "The statement issued by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland constitutes a service and a reason to hope in a more peaceful world".

There is also, of course, increasing interest in our environment – note the talk to be given on Friday 10 November 2006 at Lauriston Jesuit Centre by Mrs Mary Colwell, Producer at the BBC Natural History Unit: 'On Thin Ice – The Churches and the Environment'.

The task of ongoing consultation in our Archdiocese as to the way ahead for the future has not been in any way neglected. My own final report to the Archdiocese on the responses to the Phase 1 consultation is enclosed with this Archdiocesan Newsletter – along with, on page 8, some further background information.

1. PERSONNEL:

(1) Youth Office Appointment:

Mrs Lynn Gemmell has been appointed Youth Co-ordinator of our Archdiocese, with effect from Monday 3rd October 2006. For her work as Youth Co-ordinator she will be employed for one day per week, likely Wednesday, and has agreed an initial contract of 2 years.

This arrangement is different from what was originally planned for the Youth Office.

However Lynn is only too willing to use the skills and experiences she has of working with Youth to give us the basis of re-establishing the services of the Archdiocesan Youth Office.

Lynn will be supported in her work by a Youth Worker (yet to be appointed), and Elizabeth Lavery the current Youth Office Administration Assistant. In addition to the office staff, Lynn will be further supported by members of the Youth Commission and other advisors with varying years of experience of working within a diocesan Youth Ministry.

She will, of course, rely on a great deal of help at parish level and information is contained elsewhere in this newsletter regarding events organised.

(2) Welcome to Deacon James and Mrs Carole Griffin:

Deacon Jim Griffin and his wife Carole, have recently moved from the Diocese of Northampton to Edinburgh. Jim is a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Northampton and was ordained deacon in June 1999 by Bishop Leo McCartie, specifically for diocesan work, having undertaken various roles in the diocese, particularly having been involved as school governor, a tutor and spiritual director to a number of permanent deacons, and having been chairman of the Diocesan Youth Service for 15 years. I welcomed Jim and his wife, Carole, to our Archdiocese where I am sure he will be of valued help in various ways.

(3) Post of Finance Assistant:

Mrs Erna Nelson, who currently holds this post, will be leaving for personal reasons on

27 October 2006. We wish her well and thank her most sincerely for her valued work with us.

A suitable Finance Assistant is being sought to replace her. The post is full time (35 hours, 5 day week) based at Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. For an application pack please contact Mr Robert Belderbos, Vice Chancellor, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (Robert.belderbos@staned.org.uk) – closing date 31 October 2006.

(4) Ordination to Priesthood:

I congratulate most warmly **Brother Aelred Jones OCR** on his ordination to the priesthood at Sancta Maria Abbey, Nunraw on Sunday 1 October 2006. Obviously, Father Aelred still continues as a monk of Nunraw – and mindful of our own need for vocations to the priesthood, we also pray that there be an increase in vocations to religious life as lived by our Cistercian brothers at Nunraw.

(5) Deaths:

Monsignor Jackie Tweedie died peacefully on Monday 15 May 2006 and was buried one week later from St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk on Monday 22 May 2006. He came from Grangemouth, was ordained in our Cathedral in 1949, served St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh for over 21 years, then St Mary Magdalene's as parish priest for 2 years after which he served for 23 years in St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk until his retirement in 1997. His service still continued in his care for the sick in the area and he died peacefully, remembered by many, in Nazareth House, Lasswade. May God grant him eternal rest.

A friend of Monsignor Tweedie was the late **Canon William Anthony**, who also died peacefully in Nazareth House, Lasswade and was buried on Monday 4 September 2006 from Sacred Heart, Grangemouth. Ordained in 1948, Canon Anthony served as curate in various parishes before being appointed parish priest successively in Duns, Larbert and Sacred Heart, Grangemouth. After his initial retirement in Polmont in 1991, he spent some 10 years in Nazareth House before his quiet and peaceful death. May God grant him eternal rest.

Having recently suffered the death of **Father Bart Timoney OFM**, the Franciscan community at Craigmillar, ask the support of your prayers, following on the death of **Father George Brown OFM**, who died on 29 August 2006 and was buried on 5 September 2006. May God grant him eternal rest.

2. ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH SERVICE:

I have indicated above the appointment of Mrs Lynn Gemmell as Youth Co-ordinator for our Archdiocese.

Prior to her appointment, a survey was conducted from our Youth Office under the direction of Mrs Elizabeth Lavery, to try and ascertain the strength of support for young people in the parishes of our Archdiocese. The results of this survey have been made available to Lynn and the following will be taking place over the next few months as she continues to ascertain the needs of the Archdiocese and plans for the future.

Three diocesan events are already in our diary:

1. Celebration of Franciscanism, Youth and Vocation in Life – **Friday 17 November 2006 at 12 noon** in St Margaret's Chapel at Gillis Centre (with representative senior young people from the secondary schools in our Archdiocese);
2. Christ the King Youth Mass – **Sunday 26 November 2006 – 3.00 pm** at Gillis Centre;
3. Ash Wednesday Youth Gathering **Wednesday 21 February 2007** with service at Gillis Centre at 7.00 pm; followed by meeting with young people, directed by local youth contacts throughout the Archdiocese to this gathering.

I would ask you to give Lynn every support as she begins this very necessary and valuable apostolate in our Archdiocese and confidently looks to the future with the help of her own support group soon to be appointed.

3. FURTHER EDUCATION/STUDY/TALKS:

(1) Study Day – Father Hugh White:

A Study Day with Father Hugh on 'The Old Testament and the Lectionary' has been organised for **Saturday 28 October 2006** at Gillis Centre from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm. The cost for the day will be £3.00 – please bring a packed lunch.

The Study Day will be followed by two talks in various locations throughout the Archdiocese to help prepare us to read, understand and pray the Sunday readings, **especially for those who exercise the Ministry of Reader at Sunday Mass** but all who wish to deepen their understanding of the Word of God are most welcome.

Further information can be obtained from our Pastoral Development Office at Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB or John.Lindsay@staned.org.uk.

(2) Affirmations: Catholic Education: 'Celebrating and Supporting Catholic Education in the East of Scotland' – a partnership of Glasgow University Faculty of Education and the RE Office of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh.

Two further sessions in the ongoing programme take place before Christmas

Wednesday 1 November 2006: Gillis Centre from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm:

'Solution-focused Approaches to Mentoring' – a new approach to the role of the mentor in a Catholic school, working with both student and probationer teachers.

Thursday 30 November 2006: Gillis Centre from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm:

'An Introduction to Catholic Leadership' – an opportunity to sample the acclaimed programme in Catholic Leadership offered by the Faculty for the development of the next generation of leaders in Catholic schools.

Cost per session is £20. Please register in advance, if possible with Mrs Joyce McLeod at the RE Office, Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1BB (tel: 0131-623 8912; fax: 0131-623 8947; email: joyce.mcleod@staned.org.uk).

Next year's Post Graduate Chaplaincy Course:

Applications are now being taken for this course. Further information may be obtained from Mrs Joyce McLeod or Sister Anne Marie McLaughlin at the RE Office. Details as above.

(3) Autumn Adult Education Courses in Broxburn

Studies on the Sacraments and the Creed of the Councils of Nicea and Constantinople will take place in the Canon Hoban Hall, Broxburn this autumn. Both courses will try to establish a clearer understanding of the Church as divinely inspired – which develops both doctrinally and institutionally as it encounters changing historical and cultural circumstances.

The Sacraments in the Scriptures: will seek to help Catholics understand the rooted-ness of our sacramental life in Sacred Scripture and will form a series of themed bible studies. To be held on:

Tuesdays – 24, 31 October & 7, 14 November 2006 at 7.15 pm:

Week One - Baptism and Confirmation;
 Week Two - Eucharist;
 Week Three - Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick;
 Week Four - Marriage and Holy Orders

The Development of the Creed: will look at some of the historical developments (and controversies) leading up to 325 and 381, while aiming at helping people to get a grasp of the richness of meaning encapsulated. To be held on:

Thursdays – 26 October & 2, 9, 16 November 2006 at 7.15 pm:

Week One - God: Father and Creator;
 Week Two - God: Son and Saviour;
 Week Three - God: Spirit and Sanctifier;
 Week Four - The Destiny of the People of God.

For further information contact **Father Basil Clark** on (01506) 852040.

(4) Talks on Old Testament:

Two Tuesday evening talks are to be led by Father Kevin Murray, assistant priest in St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk on: 'The Old Testament and the Lectionary'. These will be held on Tuesday 7 November 2006 and Tuesday 21 November 2006 in Christ the King, Grangemouth – and will also be presented in other venues. For further information please contact the Pastoral Development Office on 0131-623 8914.

4. LITURGY COMMISSION – MUSIC NEWS:

Information has been received as follows:

MUSIC DAY: The music day on 30 September attracted 55 parish musicians, who enjoyed mingling with their colleagues from other areas and learning new music. Thanks are to be extended to the group of people who last autumn volunteered to help organise Archdiocesan music, and whose efforts showed in the successful running of Saturday's event. Thanks also to guest leaders Maureen Bruce and Roy McGillivray for sharing their expertise.

FEED-BACK: The Music Advisory Group's aim is to help parish musicians produce the music that they themselves want to have in their own parishes. The Group therefore welcomes comments, whether favourable or not, on past events, and suggestions for the future. Please contact Evelyn (see below).

FORTH IN PRAISE MUSIC: Two new publications are now available. *A Selection of Mass Music* contains Mass parts by Maeve Logan (Livingston) and Kathleen Dyne (Edinburgh) together with some popular plainsong Mass chants arranged by Evelyn Stell. *Heart, Soul and Harmony* by Vince Woods (Peebles) contains songs and interludes for church instrumental groups and includes a CD. Contact Evelyn for full list of Forth in Praise music books, with prices.

ENQUIRIES: To have your name added to the Music Newsletter mailing and/or email lists, or for any other enquiry, please contact Dr Evelyn Stell, 01506 510366, stell@scotsorgan.org.uk.

5. ECUMENISM:

A Day of Ecumenical Reflection takes place in St Catharine's Convent, Edinburgh on **Saturday 25 November 2006 from 10.00 am until 5.00 pm**. This day will be hosted by the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission. The format of the day will involve presentations, including led prayer and worship by a number of groups including Focolare, the Iona Community, members of the Charismatic Movement and the Taize Group.

Intending participants should bring a packed lunch and the suggested donation is £5.00. Further details can be had from Paddy Ferry on 0131-554 8216 (work) or 0131-317 1387 (home).

Sincere thanks: Thanks are extended to those who supported the recent Ecumenical Irish Night held at St Kentigern's Hall in Edinburgh. £400 was raised to help support the work of the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission.

6. HERITAGE AND ARTS GROUP:

Along with this mailing of the Archdiocesan Newsletter, there is also the next edition of the Newsletter of the **Heritage and Arts Newsletter** of our Archdiocese. I am sure that, as always, you will be happy to study the various interesting items, including of course 'Getting in Touch' with the work of the Heritage and Arts Group which fulfils a very valued role in our Archdiocese.

A **proposed handbook** is being prepared by the members of the Heritage and Arts Group. Perhaps you might know the names of artists and composers who might be offered commissions for work in our Archdiocese – these would be included in the proposed handbook.

Further, when a parish history is produced, perhaps linked to a jubilee or some other

celebration, **Canon John Urquhart** in Larbert would be very grateful to receive a copy for study by the group. In this way, various historical items will not be lost.

7. FUTURE EVENTS:

(1) Visit of Jean Vanier to Edinburgh:

Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche and Faith and Light, will be coming to Edinburgh in **March 2007**. The events include a public lecture at the Usher Hall, to be given by Jean, at the invitation of the organisers of the Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace. There will also be a non-residential 'Retreat in the City' open to all who can attend daily at Gillis Centre during the first weekend of March 2007.

Members of L'Arche and Faith and Light communities in Scotland have created 'Jean Vanier in Edinburgh 2007', a site devoted specifically to communicating details of Jean Vanier's forthcoming visit (<http://vanieredinburgh2007.freewebspace.com/>).

(2) Protecting Vulnerable Adults:

As you may know, the Scottish Executive has been working on a bill which was introduced to Parliament on 30 March 2006 – 'Adult Support & Protection (Scotland) Bill'. This followed the Scottish Law Commission 1997 'Report on Vulnerable Adults' which recommended new legislation.

A seminar has been organised by the 'Faith in Older People Project' of the Church of Scotland to take place at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lothian Road, Edinburgh on **Monday 30 October 2006** from 7.30 pm until 9.30 pm.

Speakers will be **Jean MacLellan**, who heads the Adult Support and Protection Unit within the Health Department of the Scottish Executive, which is responsible for policy in several aspects of community care policy; and **Barbara Steel**, the Provincial Officer for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults within the Scottish Episcopal Church. For further details please phone: 0131-337 1383.

Please also mark in your diary **Saturday 24 February 2007** when a full day on this subject will be organised by our own Archdiocesan Social Care Commission.

(3) Men's Breakfasts: St Mark's, Edinburgh:

An invitation is extended to join other Christian men in St Mark's Church Hall for breakfast from 7.50 am until 9.45 am on **Saturday 4 November 2006** to hear Mr David Wilson speaking on 'Care for the family'. Following on the breakfast there is a parish Mass at 10.00 am. For further details, please contact Mr Bob McNab on: 0131-443 1030.

(4) Theatre Event – Saturday 18 November 2006:

The 'Riding Lights Theatre Company' are presenting 'Pipe Dreams' in St Peter's Church Hall, Lutton Place, Edinburgh on **Saturday 18 November 2006** at 7.30 pm.

For further information, please contact Karen Docwra at: 0131-668 1538.

(5) Centenary of St Peter's Parish, Edinburgh:

The centenary will be celebrated on **Friday 25 May 2007**, with the Solemn Dedication of the church at 7.00 pm. A parish history (1907-2007), has just been published in preparation for the Centenary of the parish, with the author being Mr Michael Turnbull, a former parishioner of St Peter's Parish. With over 100 pages and numerous photographs (many in colour), it tells the story of St Peter's from the days of building and furnishing the church under Canon John Gray, the anti-Catholic riots of 1935, through the Second World War (with Canon Michael Bruce), the post-War developments under Mgr Patrick Quille, the challenges the parish faced after the Second Vatican Council under the leadership of Fr Walter Glancy, and the experience of building up organisations by the clergy who followed, with current parish priest, Fr Francis Kerr, ministering in a situation where the number of priests is reducing as never before. The book will be useful for Catholics in the Archdiocese working through the 'Together in Hope' process as it shows in considerable

detail how parish life has changed over the past 100 years. The book is available and from St Peter's, 77 Falcon Avenue, Edinburgh, EH10 4AN. Please write directly to the Parish Secretary, enclosing a cheque for £6.00, made out to St Peter's Parish (which includes postage and packing).

8. OTHER ITEMS TO NOTE:

(1) InnocentGreetings.Org:

I have been contacted by this non-profit organisation which aims to scout talented artistic children and young people who have Autism or Downs Syndrome and then to market and promote their design work, with 50% of all the profits going back to the children. The organization will be working very closely with the Downs Syndrome Association and the National Autistic Society. For further information please contact Veena James on: 0131-476 7020.

(2) Communication Tips:

A useful little leaflet has been sent to me from the Royal National Institute for the Deaf to help both those who are deaf or are hard of hearing to communicate better and those who are speaking to someone who is deaf. Leaflets are available with this Archdiocesan Newsletter or can be obtained from the Forth Valley Sensory Centre: (tel: (01324) 590888).

(3) People with sight problems:

A booklet has been produced by the Royal National Institute for the Blind entitled: 'How to Guide People with Sight Problems'. Copies of this booklet can be obtained by contacting the RNIB Customer Services on (0845) 702 3153, quoting code PR 12081.

9. PREPARATIONS FOR ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS:

(1) ALTERnativity:

ALTERnativity is a way of celebrating Christmas in a way that recognises that half God's children are starving. It is a meeting of friends and colleagues who share one another's unease about the commercialisation of Christmas. It aims to share with fun, yet in a caring authentic way and

with concern for the whole of God's world. It hopes to rediscover the value of the Magnificat, the simplicity and meaning of Incarnation, with the joy and peace offered in the coming of the Messiah, and to resist the excesses of consumerism. Through the liturgy and sharing it is hoped that those who attend can find ALTERnatives to the pressure people find at Christmas and can explore practical ways of simplicity in the celebration at a personal and global level, and environmentally.

This year's Archdiocesan ALTERnativity will be held on **Saturday, 9 December 2006** in St John the Baptist with Liturgy, Music and the sharing of a meal. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Chris Boles SJ., Episcopal Vicar for Justice & Peace. Times to be announced to parishes in the near future.

For further information please contact Margot Donoghue: Margot@donoghue13.fsnet.co.uk.

(2) Crib Figures:

The Justice and Peace group at St Mary's in Stirling is looking for some crib figures, 12" - 18" high, for the Catholic chaplain to Cornton Vale prison to use this Christmas. If anyone has some to pass on or can tell us where we might get some, would they please contact Paul Rimmer at 01786 474155 or by e-mail at paul.rimmer@tesco.net.

(3) 'Christmas begins with Christ' Campaign:

Dr Elizabeth Gardiner continues her 'Bring Christ back into Christmas' campaign unabated. Simple Christmas cards can be obtained from her at 50p each; plastic car/window stickers at 4 for £1; and mail stickers at £1 per sheet of 42. Please contact Dr Gardiner directly at 54 Sheppenhall Grove, Aston Heath, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 8DF.

The above three items should be a reminder to each one of us to begin our remote preparations for Advent and Christmas in the best possible ways.

10. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

(1) 'On Thin Ice – The Churches and the Environment':

An important lecture on this subject will be delivered in Lauriston Jesuit Centre on **Friday 10 November 2006 at 7.30 pm**. The lecturer will be Mrs Mary Colwell, senior producer at the BBC Natural History Unit and an expert in this particular field. Admission is free – but donations will be welcome.

RoadPeace:

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims is celebrated on the third Sunday of November each year – this year on **Sunday 19 November 2006**.

(2) Homelessness Sunday:

This will be celebrated on **Sunday 28 January 2007**. Further information can be obtained from Homelessness Sunday Partnership, 209 Old Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5QT.

(3) Church of the Immaculate Conception, Jedburgh:

The 150th Anniversary Mass of our church in Jedburgh will be celebrated on Friday 8 December 2006 at 4.00 pm, to be followed by high tea at 5.30 pm. All former priests, parishioners and anyone with links to the parish are welcome and it would be appreciated if you could let the parish office know if you wish to attend in order to establish numbers for catering: please contact Mrs Susan Cook, Parish Secretary on 018358 862426 or 01450 372037.

11. DATE FOR COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE:

It is intended that the next issue of the Archdiocesan Newsletter will be issued on **Friday 8 December 2006** – with the last date for material for inclusion in the Newsletter being **Friday 1 December 2006**.