

22nd, 23rd and 24th June 2018

Liverpool Hope University

Message from Fr Pat Deegan

Spiritual Director to the Northern Catholic Conference

The theme of this year's Northern Catholic Conference is "*.....I am with you always; Yes, to the end of time.*" (Matthew 28:20) These words of Jesus spoken to His disciples just before His ascension into heaven forms part of what is known as the Great Commission. Having told them to go and make disciples of all the nations, to baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and to teach them to observe all the commands that He gave them, He then assured them that He would be spiritually with them in all their endeavours undertaken in His name. Nine days later on Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit descended upon those in the Upper Room in Jerusalem and the Mystical Body, the Church, was born. From that day to this, the mandate upon every Christian is to witness to and spread the Good News of the Gospel. Equipped with the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit through baptism, we are called to witness to the joy of the Gospel in an increasingly secular age. As ambassadors for Christ and His Church how about taking upon ourselves the task of inviting family members, friends, colleagues, fellow employees and parishioners to this year's NCC conference so that they may experience the depth and beauty of the Catholic faith through the inspiring talks, liturgies, worship music and fellowship so as to follow Christ more deeply.

"I am with you always,
YES, to the end of time."

(Matthew 28:20)

In preparation for the World Meeting of Families.....

One might ask: does the Gospel continue to be a joy for the world? And also: does the family continue to be good news for today's world? I am sure the answer is yes! And this "yes" is firmly based on God's plan. The love of God is His "yes" to all creation and at the heart of this latter is man. It is God's "yes" to the union between man and woman, in openness and service to life in all its phases; it is God's "yes" and His commitment to a humanity that is often wounded, mistreated and dominated by a lack of love. The family, therefore, is the "yes" of God as Love. Only starting from love can the family manifest, spread and regenerate God's love in the world. Without love, we cannot live as children of God, as couples, parents and brothers.

(Pope Francis 25th March 2017)

Speakers include:



Fr Pat Deegan is the Spiritual Director for the Northern Catholic Conference and is parish priest at Our Lady's & St Alphonsus in Moss Side, Manchester. Fr Pat holds a masters degree in counselling from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

Michelle Moran, together with her husband Peter, is a founder member of Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism. She has been engaged in evangelism and mission full time for the past 30 years and has had the privilege of working in numerous parishes throughout the country, where she has trained and equipped people for evangelisation

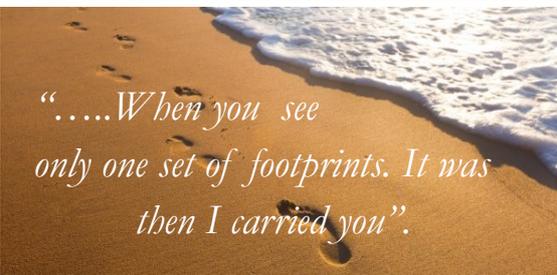


Gary Stephens is a full time Catholic Lay Evangelist with over 23 years practical and academic experience of evangelisation and catechesis. He was awarded a Degree of Bachelor of Divinity through the Maryvale Institute validated by the Holy See providing a comprehensive exposition and analysis of Christian doctrine through the study of the sacred Scriptures, the works of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the documents of the Magisterium.

Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy is a Spiritan or Holy Ghost Father originally from Manchester. A priest since 1980, he has extensive missionary experience, working with young adults, teaching theology and giving retreats. From 2006-2013 Fr. Eamonn lectured in Systematic Theology at Tangaza University College He has also been appointed as one of the Episcopal Vicar for Religious in his home Diocese of Salford.



The Right Reverend John Keenan (Bishop of Paisley) will celebrate Mass on Saturday 23rd June 2018



".....When you see only one set of footprints. It was then I carried you".



GREAT NEWS TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL!!!

Do you have a devotion to St Pio of Pietrelcina?
If so, for this weekend, we have the Mitt of St Pio.

Children and Youth Ministries

SATURDAY ONLY 10—4pm

The children's and youth ministry will be available on **Saturday in the Conference Centre** and will be run by a team of experienced volunteers. All of whom have been safely recruited.

An exciting day has been planned and these activities have been split into 3 streams in accordance with ages:

WEATHER PERMITTING, THERE WILL BE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH WITH THEM.

Younger Children: **Ages 3 – 5 years**
Children's Ministry: **School Years: 1 – 6**
Youth Ministry: **School Years: 7 – 11**

Feedback from last years Conference;

"Good speakers and great theme"

"Thoroughly enjoyed everything" "It gave me a spiritual boost."

"A beautiful weekend. I went home filled with the Holy Spirit, thank you."

"You enable people to grow in faith and to know how much God loves."

"I found it re-affirming, re-invigorating, inspiring and good to meet old friends."

"Loved the procession."

"The concert was hilarious."

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