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*'Leading with Faith
in the Future'*

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WELCOME

Welcome to the L.E.A.F. Project.
The Leadership, Education and Formation Project is a new initiative from the Presentation Brothers and the Presentation Family.

OUR MISSION

To educate, form and mentor leaders, especially young people, who will serve out of a faith-based and Christian vision.

- **Facilitate leadership** education and mentoring for individuals and groups within our Presentation Family and beyond.
- **Provide faith** formation opportunities, with a particular thrust towards developing lay leaders in Church and society.
- **Support and co-ordinate** the education of young Presentation Brothers and young lay leaders in West Africa.

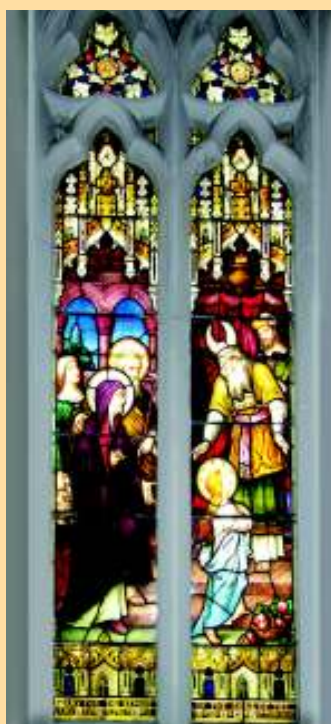
"A team is not a group of people who work together."

A team is a group of people who trust each other".

Simon Sinek
'Find Your Why'.



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Our Place - Mount St. Joseph

Mount St. Joseph, Blarney Street, Cork has been home to the Presentation Brothers for over 125 years. Originally built as a Novitiate (House of Studies) for student Brothers, it is now the Generalate (Headquarters) of the Congregation. Mount St. Joseph houses a living community of Brothers and Staff. Located here are the Congregation Leadership Team, the Mission Development Office, the Congregation Archives and the new L.E.A.F. Project Office. The 'Mount' is a place of welcome, hospitality and prayer for the Presentation Family, the wider community of Cork and visitors from abroad.

A sacred space... an invitation A rhythm of prayer

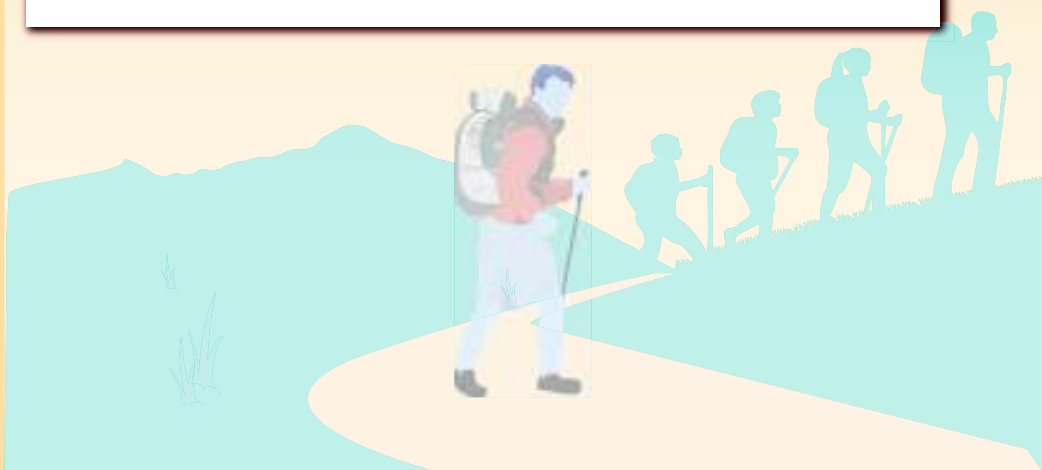
The Presentation Brothers Community pray the **Morning Prayer of the Church at 9.15am** and **Evening Prayer at 5.30pm (Monday to Friday) (September to May inclusive)**

This prayer takes about 20 minutes and all are welcome to join the Community Prayer at these times. *(Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church consist of psalms, scripture readings and intercessions. You are welcome to come along and experience this prayer. Prayer books are provided and no previous experience of this type of prayer is necessary!)*

Entrance by Chapel Door. Parking available on Chapel side of house.

A prayer for the end of the day - Take some time out!

Notice your breathing. Become aware of the love with which God looks upon you. **Ask for honest insight.**
review your day with God. Stay where something stands out.
give thanks to God for all that was good.
Ask for forgiveness and healing where you need it.
Look to the next day and plan it with God.



Reflecting on Leadership

Conference at Emmaus Retreat Centre, Dublin, July 2019



Presentation Brother's "Leadership & Formators Conference" at Erasmus Retreat Centre, Dublin, July 2019

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Presentation Brothers Leaders and Formators Conference took place in July at the Emmaus Retreat and Conference Centre, Dublin. The Conference arose out of a call from the Brothers Chapter to focus on the preparation of future leaders. It was a wonderful experience for all those present. Here is a selection of comments from participants:

The LEAF Conference was full of new insights and amazing eye-openers about so many of the things that I mostly take for granted. It was a guide to living radically and to live out my life by practicing servant leadership and true brotherhood. It was an awe inspiring experience in leadership and community life. It showed us how to take our Congregation to new horizons in the future.

Br. Simon Fernandes

The LEAF Conference gave me a better perspective on living life. At a personal level, I am committed to practicing the fruits of the Conference and the benefits are phenomenol! I continue to share the practices from the Conference with many others in my ministry and in working with people from many different ways of life.

Br. Joseph Mukasa

I would have a thousand and one positive comments as far as the LEAF Conference at Emmaus is concerned. All our activities started with appreciating the presence of God in ourselves and others. It was experiential learning at its best! The planning and organisation were superb and I learned so much that I can apply to situations in which I find myself called to give leadership or to organise events. The conference urged us to reflect on the power of gratitude and I am very grateful for the experience of this conference.

Br. Solomon Kuuso-Yir

My experience at the recent LEAF Conference in Ireland has been of enormous benefit to me, my staff and students. The Miracle Morning Practice and the use of clear and effective communication strategies has helped me fuel my ENERGY BUS every day with positive energy! This has made my work as a school principal easier and more enjoyable. I really want to thank the organisers of the Conference for a wonderful experience.

Br. James Debuo-Der

"The greatest contribution of a leader is to make other leaders".

Simon Sinek *"Find Your Why"*



Br. James Debou-Der implements the Miracle Morning practice with staff and students at Presentation Junior High School, Hain, UWR, Ghana.



The Miracle Morning book by Hal Elrod that is changing peoples mornings, worldwide!

New Brother

Simon Fernandes First Profession



(Above) Hey Brother! Young people from the Presentation Family celebrate with Br. Simon Fernandes on his First Profession of Vows at Mount St. Joseph, 15th August, 2019.

(Top right) Maynooth student Simon here with his mother Zehra, brother Sean and cousin Fiona. Congratulations Simon.

(Right) Band of Brothers! With Simon at his First Profession Ceremony
LtoR: Br. Raj, Br. Raymond (Province Leader), Simon, Br. Barry (Novice Director), Br. Theiva, Br. Martin.



Preslink: Mentoring is the key

The Preslink Group in PBC Cork continues its great work in raising the awareness of students about developing world issues and in linking with our Presentation Family in Ghana and Nigeria.

The key to the success of Preslink is the quality of mentoring by staff members in PBC and the generous support of the wider school community of staff, students and parents. It is really a wonderful example of education in the Edmund Rice spirit!

Preslink students will be 'bag-packing' in Bishopstown Shopping Centre to raise funds for schools in Africa on two Sundays before Christmas (December 8th and 15th).

The now classic Preslink Christmas Concert will take place in the school on the night of Sunday, December 15th. The concert has established itself as an annual feature of the Christmas calendar in Cork, with wonderful choirs, young student performers and other artists. Tickets €10 euro available from school office (021 4272743). Please support this great cause!

Pizza Break During Preslink First Year Sleepover Event at PBC Cork.

L to R: Ronan O'Mahony; Cathy Hennessy;
Siobhan McGrath; Therese Kenneally;
Aelín O'Donoghue; Gailbhe O'Regan;
Br. John Dorgbadzi; Sharon Gillane;
Br. Francis Agoah (Congregation Leader
– Presentation Brothers).
Missing from photo:
Enda O'Regan and Liam Lynch



Preslink 2019/2020

Some of the
4th Year Student Committee
with Bros John, Francis
and Martin.



PBC 6th Year Mentors help with Preslink First Year Sleepover Event at PBC.

Pictured with
Mr. Liam Lynch (Chaplain);
Br. Francis; Br. John
and Br. Martin.



Voices From a New Generation

Eve of Presentation Day Celebration At Nano Nagle Place

The Presentation Family gathered in Cork on November 20th for an Eve of Presentation Day Celebration.

'Voices From A New Generation' involved prayer, reflection, music and testimonies. The centre piece was a panel discussion where a number of young people shared about their faith journeys.

Thanks to Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh who were the hosts this year and to the CSN Trad Group who provided wonderful music on the night. Young people shared about their experience of the Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, their involvement in Edmund Rice Action, training to be Ministers of the Eucharist, what it is like for a young person to try to live faith in today's culture etc. The gathering was a real moment of inspiration and hope. Special thanks to Anne Cleary and her helpers for organising such a special event.



Above: Joseph Twomey sings "Mo Ghile Mear" accompanied by the Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh Trad Group at the Nano Nagle Place Presentation Day Celebrations.

Above: Brenda Moriarity (Principal, Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh) speaking at "Voices from a New Generation" Presentation Day Celebration at Nano Nagle Place.



Above: Voices from a New Generation: Young people speak about their faith at the Presentation Day Celebration at Nano Nagle Place, Cork.

Tutti Fratelli Conference – Rome

Br. Martin was invited to deliver some talks reflecting on leadership at an international conference of Religious Brothers held in Rome in September. The 'Tutti Fratelli' Conference took place at the De La Salle General House in the Eternal City. Participants came from fourteen Congregations and over thirty countries. The working languages of the conference were Spanish, French and English.

It was a wonderful experience of Brotherhood and reflecting on leadership and mission in the context of the world of today and the direction in which Pope Francis is leading the Church.



Brothers from 14 different Congregations and over 30 countries at the 'Tutti Fratelli' Conference in Rome in September.

Right:

Br. Valerius Sandow; Br. Francis Sebo and Br. Raphael Mario Toodle represent the Presentation Brothers at the Tutti Fratelli Conference in Rome.



Far Right:

Br. Martin presented a number of talks on leadership at the Rome Tutti Fratelli Conference. The three working languages of the conference were Spanish, French and English. Powerpoints had to be prepared in all three languages.



The Presentation Family: An Encounter with Bishop Fintan Gavin

Edmund Rice Centre, Mardyke House, Cork

Tuesday, 14 January @ 5pm.

Greeting - Interview - Prayer - Music - Refreshments

New Bishop of Cork & Ross,
Dr. Fintan Gavin
celebrated Presentation Day this year
with the Brothers Community in Maiville.
It was a wonderful occasion!

Now he is coming to meet more of our Family!

Come to the Mardyke House on January 14th. The Presentation Family will welcome Bishop Fintan and give him a sense of our presence and ministries in Cork with young people.

Running from 5pm to 6.15pm approx., it promises to be a great opportunity to meet our new Bishop and network with others in Presentation schools, communities and ministries.

We thank Bishop Fintan for being so available to us and wish him every blessing in his ministry among us.

All Welcome!

"For you I am a bishop; but with you I am a Christian." St. Augustine.



Presentation Sisters Anne O'Leary, Patricia O'Shea and Margaret Humphries congratulate Bishop Fintan Gavin following his Ordination in Cork on Sunday, 30th June, 2019

The L.E.A.F. Project:

Supporting School Communities

Br. Martin recently spoke to Leaving Cert students in Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh and delivered the homily at a Presentation Day Mass for Coláiste Chríost Rí and Bunscoil Chríost Rí.

Br. Martin also delivered a module on 'Fostering Student Leadership Through Service' to the C.L.E.O. M.Ed. Group. It is truly amazing the wonderful work that C.L.E.O has accomplished in the service of Catholic education over the years.



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L.E.A.F. Networking

Br. Martin now works with the leadership/formation groups of two other Religious Congregations in facilitating community and team development. He was also invited recently to deliver a module to the Religious Formation Ministry Programme at Loreto House, Dublin.

A View From Afar

Trinity Scholar and L.E.A.F. Steering Committee Member Writes From Auckland

Fiachra Kelleher, who graduated from PBC Cork in 2016 recently received one of the most sought after undergraduate scholarships in Europe, being named a Trinity Scholar for English. Congratulations to Fiachra and we wish him well in his exchange programme year at the University of Auckland.



Fiachra on beautiful Piha Beach on the scenic coast west of Auckland.

Here he writes about his view of Ireland from far away New Zealand.

I'm studying in Auckland as part of an exchange programme this year; I'm doing the third year of my English Studies degree here and will come back to Dublin for fourth year. Irish people who move abroad, either permanently or temporarily, tend to speak a lot about the impact living in a new culture had on their perception of Ireland. I'm no different: it's become much more important to me to improve my substandard Irish, see the Giant's Causeway and the Slieve League cliffs, and learn about the Tuatha Dé Danann.

I have also become more aware, however, that Ireland is not really the isolated island nation I had come to think of it as. New Zealand is remote - almost a four-hour flight to Australia - and actually quite vast. I still remember how surprised I was that it took so long to fly there, that anywhere could still be so far away, when the technology I've grown up with gives me instant access to its news and its rugby team.

There's a strain of Irish nationalism which, though it is much more benign and positive than many of the current nationalist movements around the world, still shares a central assumption with them: that a turn inwards is the only way we can come to know ourselves. The great Irish nationalists of the eighteenth and nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were, however, as much citizens of Europe and the world as they were Irish patriots: Wolfe Tone, Daniel O'Connell, Charles Stewart Parnell, Constance Markievicz, Roger Casement - all understood that trying to view Ireland independent of its international context was naïve and impossible. Even Hugh O'Neill and Rory O'Donnell understood this, long before New Zealand had been 'discovered' or the idea of an Irish nation really existed. Our Nobel Prize for Literature winners: Yeats, Beckett, Shaw, Heaney, all lived, worked and wrote outside Ireland for at least a decade of their careers. I think that we in Ireland are better than most at looking outwards - it's necessitated by the fact that we're a small, English-speaking nation that very few people know much about. Viewing Ireland in its wider context - its closeness to neighbours which only Europeans can understand - is a key part of being proud to be Irish.

P.B.S.T. Is Ten Years Old!

Happy 10th anniversary to P.B.S.T. (Presentation Brothers Schools Trust).

The Trust was established ten years ago to continue to develop Catholic education in the Presentation and Edmund Rice tradition. There is no doubt that much has been accomplished in these ten years and the Trust now faces the future with confidence. Congratulations and best wishes to Chair Colm Ó Corcora, C.E.O. Michael Sexton and to the members and directors of P.B.S.T. It is also fitting to recognize the great contribution of former Chair, Jack O'Sullivan, first C.E.O., Paul Scanlan and all those who previously served as members and directors.

Ad multos annos!

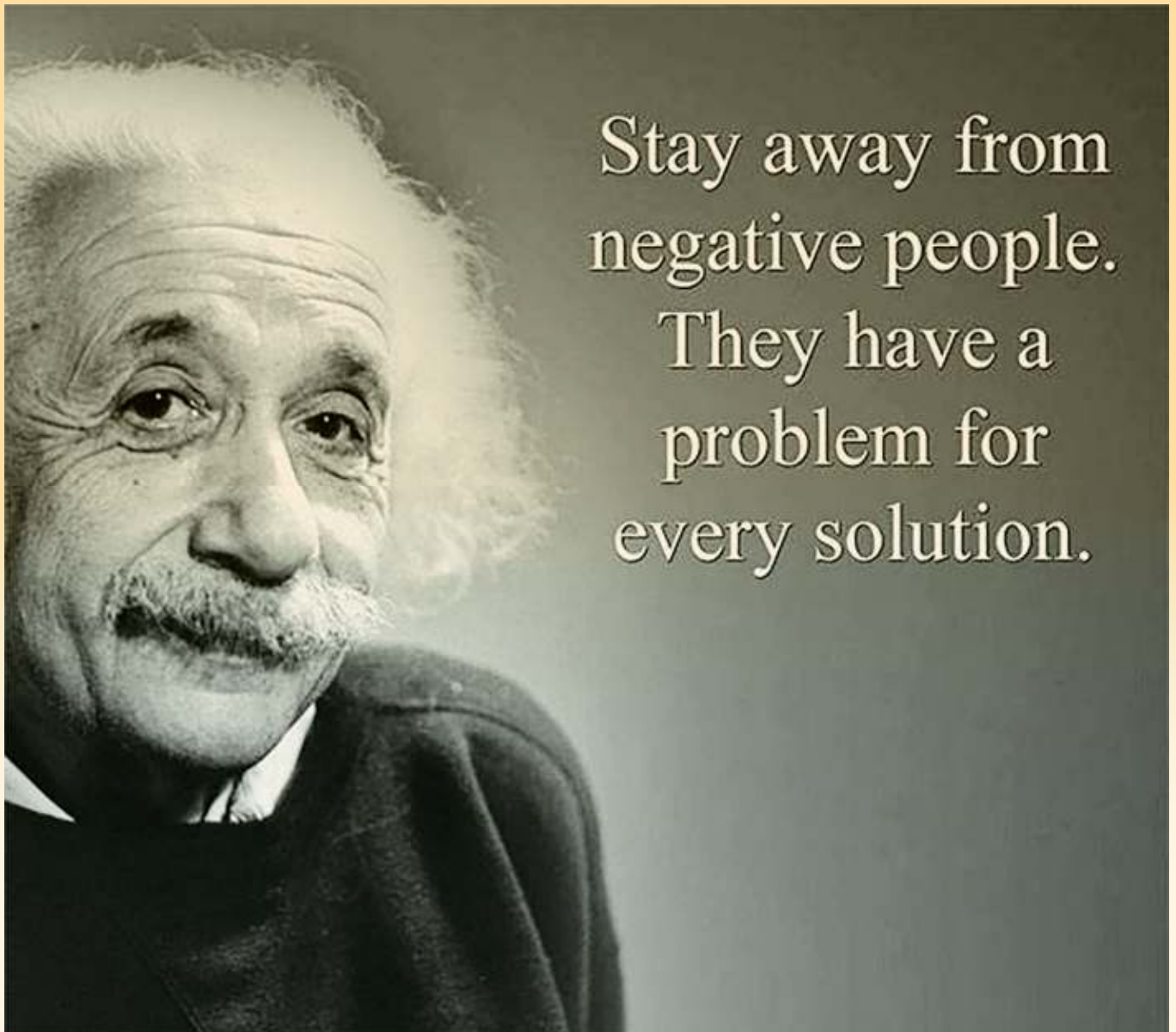
P.B.S.T. and the L.E.A.F. Project

The L.E.A.F. Project recently collaborated with PBST and Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh in organising the "Voices From A New Generation" Eve of Presentation Day Celebration at Nano Nagle Place.

Br. Martin spoke at a training seminar for Student Councils from P.B.S.T. Schools.

He was also invited to address a P.B.S.T. 10th Anniversary Celebration at Ennismore Retreat and Conference Centre, Cork on December 4th. The title of Br. Martin's address was:

'Should We Keep Faith In Catholic Schools In A Changing Ireland?'





Dates For Your Diary



Preslink Christmas Concert

Starting at 7.00pm in the College Theatre, P.B.C. on the Mardyke. Featuring "Cantate" Musical Director Elaine Kelly and other festive assortments. Mulled wine reception from 6.45pm. Tickets €10 available from P.B.C. School Office.



Christmas Eve Mass at Mount St. Joseph - 8pm

Join the Presentation Community at Mount St. Joseph for this year's Christmas Eve Mass. The Presentation Community and members of the L.E.A.F. Team look forward to welcoming you to a very special celebration of Christmas. All welcome!



Danny Crowley Christmas Morning Swim at Myrtleville

Danny Crowley was a young second year student in PBC Cork when he died after a long and brave battle with leukaemia in 2013. Since then his family and friends have organised this charity swim in aid of the Mercy Hospital Childrens Leukaemia Unit. **Please support this great cause.** Br. Martin will gratefully receive advance pledges for collection later. If you really have faith that he will do the swim on Christmas morning, you can send him a cheque now made out to "Mercy Hospital"!

Getting ready for
The Danny Crowley
Christmas Swim, 10.30am,
Christmas Morning,
Myrtleville. Raising much needed
funds in aid of Mercy Hospital
Childrens Leukaemia Unit.



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The Presentation Brothers are an international Catholic Congregation of Lay Religious. Our mission is Christian Formation especially of young people and in particular of those who suffer poverty and disadvantage.

*Pilgrim Brothers with the
Compassionate Christ
in an evolving world.*

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