

Armagh Diocesan Advisers in Religious Education

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To RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS 4th April 2025

Dear Principal and colleagues in our Religious Education Community,

A reminder that this year our Annual Religious Education Teacher Community Gathering will meet on Wednesday 18th June in St John the Baptist College, Drumcree, Portadown. Please copy this to your school Principal's email for me.

These Annual Gatherings have proved to be very successful in helping to meet the personal, spiritual and professional needs of teachers of Religious Education in our Archdiocese.

They also provide an opportunity for RE teachers and HODs to build networks for support and to exchange ideas and resources. Being part of this community helps build a strong sense of support, belonging and identity. I ask Principals to release RE Staff to be present for this important day. I thank school management for their commitment and leadership in service and faith.

I provide a working lunch with sandwiches fruit etc. I ask you let me know numbers attending by email or form in early June. decoloughlin@yahoo.co.uk

I wish to say a sincere thanks to you all for all your hard work this past year. You all inspire me. I hope my monthly and weekly bits and pieces help you stay focussed and add to your own faith development and through you touch the young people you serve.

God bless you for this.

Fr Declan O'Loughlin Post Primary Religious Education Adviser.

Archdiocese of Armagh.



ANNUAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMUNITY DAY 2025

Wednesday JUNE 18th
St John the Baptist College
Portadown.

Our Annual Community Day Programme

- 9.30 am Arrival & registration (Declan) + Opening Taize Prayer
10. 10 am **Our Faith Journey** Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly
11. 10 am Coffee break
11. 30 am **Drawing on Celtic and Patrician Spirituality in a secular age.** Martina & Elaine
- 12.30 pm Lunch break (Light lunch provided)
1. 30 pm Sharing of teaching resources. This a a key item in our day.
(Please bring along 16copies of one resource you used and found good)
Charity and outreach Approaches Paschal Canavan & Students. St Ciarans
2. 15 pm **Updates on Texts , Exam Boards, Discussion and sharing**

I am inviting some former speakers to join us as guests to meet and chat with our RE Community

Let me know numbers from your school to help with catering.

Email decoloughlin@yahoo.co.uk

My deep appreciation and gratitude go to Mrs Noella Murray, Principal St John the Baptist College, Ms Charlotte Conway for hosting our gathering and their warm welcome and support always.