



# SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

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## Launch of Towards Peace spiritual support service

Towards Peace is a new pastoral initiative of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, the Conference of Religious of Ireland and the Irish Missionary Union. This service offers spiritual support to those whose faith has been damaged by abuse and who wish to continue their search for meaning and for God. Those who seek this support are invited to contact the Towards Peace coordinator Sister Mary Whyte on 00 353 (0) 1 5053028. An opportunity to talk to a trained spiritual companion will be offered to help the person in her/his search.



Towards Peace is one of three key Catholic Church agencies in Ireland dedicated to assisting survivors of abuse. The other two are the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church, and Towards Healing, the telephone counselling referral service. Towards Peace was launched in May in Cork and the initiative will be rolled out across the remainder of the country in the coming months. For more information please see [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie).

## NEWS SNIPPETS

- Pope Francis has appointed Father Kevin Doran as Bishop of Elphin in succession to Bishop Christopher Jones.
- A conference on 'Marriage and Family at the Heart of the Parish', hosted by the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family, will take place in Dublin on Saturday 14 June. See [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie) for more information.
- Read Trócaire's blog to see how your support has reached over 300,000 survivors in the Philippines since Typhoon Haiyan. Scan this QR code on your smartphone or see [www.trocaire.org/blogs/6-months-after-haiyan](http://www.trocaire.org/blogs/6-months-after-haiyan).



## World Communications Day 2014

World Communications Day will be celebrated on Sunday 1 June 2014 on the theme 'Communication at the Service of an Authentic Culture of Encounter'. In the June issue of *Intercom Magazine* Archbishop Eamon Martin reflects on this year's papal message and the challenges of communicating the gospel in 2014. He says: "People are still hungry for good news; they want hope and the hope that the gospel provides can still feed people who hunger for purpose and fulfilment in life". Read the article and Archbishop



Eamon's 10 principles to guide our presence in the digital highways on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie).

## ICMA Summer School 2014

The 45th Irish Church Music Association Summer School will take place in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth from Thursday 3 – Sunday 6 July 2014 on the theme 'The Joy of the Gospel'. The Guest Director will be David Saint, Director of Music and Organist at Saint Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, and a Professor in Birmingham City University. The Summer School provides musicians from around the country and beyond with an opportunity to sing and pray together, learning the best music of past and present. For booking form please see [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie).



**Pope Francis' Tweet of the Month:** Let us read the Gospel, a small section each day. This way we will learn what is most essential in our lives: love and mercy. *Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex*

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