



*Pilgrim Brothers
with the compassionate Christ
in an evolving world*

Presentation Brothers Congregation Chapter 2017

Plan for the Anglo-Irish Province

2018 - 2023

Implementing Chapter 2018 Calls / Directives

Introduction:

Dear Brothers,



The Plan for the Anglo-Irish Province (2018-2023) has been drafted and redrafted by the Province Leadership Team in consultation with the Brothers of the Province and also with the Congregational Leadership Team.

This Plan is based on the Draft Strategic Plan (2012-2017), our recent guiding light in the Province. At the 2017 Congregation Chapter, a number of Directives were identified for the Congregation to be implemented by the different units.

Areas identified after consultation with the Brothers of the Anglo-Irish Province

- Mission and Identity
- Community
 - Care of the Elderly
- Leadership
- Care of People Made Poor
- Care of the Earth

Additional areas assumed by the Province Leadership Team

- Vocations
- Safeguarding
- Presentation Family
- Finance

This Plan is a living document that will be evolving during the coming years. The Province Leadership Team welcomes feedback, recommendations and suggestions about its implementation in our daily lives.

May Jesus with Mary of the Presentation and Blessed Edmund continue to guide and protect us in our efforts to promote the Kingdom of God through “forming Christ in the young”.

Raymond Dwyer FPM
Province Leader

PLAN for the Anglo-Irish Province 2018 – 2023

Identity and Mission

“The Chapter affirms that, as Brothers, we wish to witness to an authentic understanding of the role as men and as disciples in today’s world and Church.” (Chapter Statement 2017)

The Province Leadership Team (PLT) of the Anglo-Irish Province, as followers of Jesus Christ under the patronage of Mary of the Presentation and inspired by the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, adopts the Chapter example and encourages the Brothers of the Province to bear witness by being authentic to our Mission to ‘form Christ in the young’.

The thrust of the Anglo-Irish Province has always had a strong focus on developing the Christian faith of young people. The ministry of the Brothers has changed from the tradition of being teachers / administrators in schools to being innovators in spreading the Gospel through Presentation Brothers Youth Ministry (PBYM). PBYM began on 07 August 2013. It is now the core ministry for the Anglo-Irish Province.

Our Identity has changed over the years from being Brothers of one nationality within the Province to being Brothers of different nationalities – we are now a multi-national / multi-cultural Province. We are ‘men living in community together, sharing faith’ (Chapter Statement 2017) and ‘...the gifts we have received from the Father through the Holy Spirit...in good times and bad...we aspire to be men of prayer...(As vowed religious), we fully dedicate ourselves to the service of God and of our neighbour...We accept the Gospel as the supreme norm and condition of our lives...a journey in faith and an adventure in hope...The Blessed Virgin Mary helps us to deepen that faith and strengthen that hope...the Patron of our Institute and the inspiration of our Presentation way of life’. (Cons. 4, 5, 7)

Action Plan:

We will:

- Transform Mardyke House into the PBYM Centre.
- Renovate Mardyke House.
- Have a Community of at least two Brothers residing at Mardyke House and involved with Youth Ministry.
- Appoint an additional full-time person in Youth Ministry.
- Continue with the Advisory Board while regularly recruiting new members.
- Review PBYM annually through an independent body.



Community



"I have come that you may have life, life to the full." (Jn10:10)

"We affirm our understanding of community as one of moving from 'men living together' to 'men living in community together', sharing faith." (Chapter Statement 2017)

As a Province, we are committed to the above statement. We are encouraging our Brothers to embrace this ideal.

Action Plan:

We will:

- Encourage each member of the Province to advance the above in his Community Living.
- Encourage each Brother to embrace positive mindsets and beliefs so that new life and energy can come forth.
- Promote the practice of quality time together among the Brothers, encouraging generative conversations which will open us to the power of the Spirit among us.

- Commit to 'listening with our hearts' to all Brothers residing in the Province.
- Embrace the 'new' within our Communities viz. the multi-cultural dimension of our Province.

Care of the Elderly

We will:

- Upgrade the facilities at Maiville.
- Review the Care Pathway Guidance Plan.
- Appoint an additional Province Healthcare Coordinator.
- Appoint an additional Care Assistant at Maiville.
- Review the overall situation regarding the Brothers in Dartford including the feasibility of 6 The Brent as a Community House.



Leadership



"If I then, the Lord and Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

(John 13:14)

"Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

(Mt. 20)

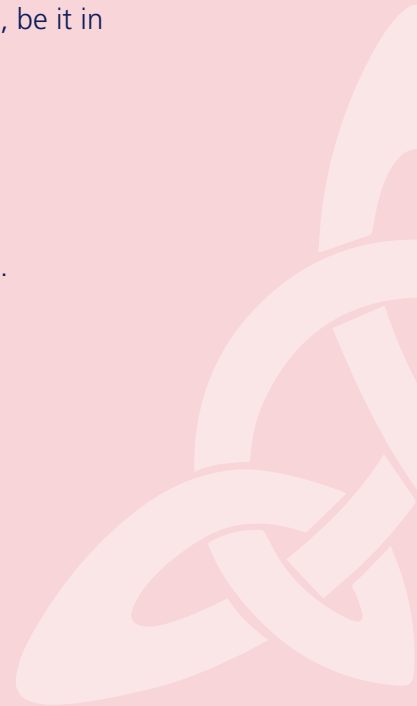
Our Leadership within the Anglo-Irish Province is one that inspires tenderness and compassion. We desire to follow the example of Jesus, embracing servant leadership.



Action Plan:

We will:

- Encourage Leadership within the Province believing that it is shared, based on 'we are all in this together'.
- Give the example to others to step forward and take on roles in Leadership, be it in community or in individual lives.
- Commit to being listeners...with 'open mind, open heart and open will'.
- Explore the need for different forms of Leadership within our Communities.
- Make Province appointments in accordance with the Constitutions.



Care of People made Poor



"...the Church has made an option for the poor which is understood as a 'special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity, to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness'."

(Evangelii Gaudium 198)

"Each Brother is an open letter from Christ...a message written, not with ink but in the Spirit of the Living God, with a human heart to carry it."

(Blessed Edmund Rice)

"Whatever you do to the least of these my brothers, you do to me"

(Mt. 25)

We will continue to endorse the commitment made in the 2011 Chapter towards Advocacy and encourage the Brothers in our Province to become similarly proactive at every opportunity.

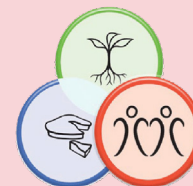
Action Plan:

We will:

- Identify a collaborative project to be adopted by the Brothers of the Province.
- Continue to support the House of Mercy, Gravesend.
- Be mindful when letting property that we insure we are dealing with needy families.



Care of the Earth



"...St. Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness."

(Laudato Si 12)

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, visible and invisible- all things were created through him and for him."

(Col.1)

We wholeheartedly accept and support

- the common belief in the spirituality and sacredness of Mother Earth;
- the realisation that the Earth is our responsibility now and into the future.

Action Plan:

We will:

- Raise awareness within the Province
 - to show respect for the sacredness of the Earth;
 - to protect the Earth with the Environment in all situations of daily living.
- Be proactive in encouraging sustainable energy solutions relating to our Communities.
- Support the Ego-Spirituality Retreats in Glór na hAbhann.



Other activities lead by the Province Leadership Team

1. Vocation Ministry

- Supporting the role of the Vocations Director.
- Encouraging the Brothers to continue to pray for vocations.
- Recommending that the Vocations Team continues and that new members are appointed when necessary.

2. Child Safeguarding

- The PLT continues with the services of Mr Phil Mortell and Ms Eileen Campling as our Designated Liaison Officers in Ireland and the United Kingdom, respectively.
- The PLT will organise a Safeguarding Training Day (in January 2020) for Community Reps and those involved in our ministries.

- Until further notice the Province Leader is responsible for the Garda Vetting of all concerned.
- The Province Leader collaborates (in Ireland) with the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (NBSCCCI), Tusla and An Garda Síochána and (in the United Kingdom) with Law Enforcement in all matters relating to Safeguarding.

3. Presentation Family

CLT Update, 19 February 2018:

"Presentation Family:

Our intention is to set up a commission to see how the Presentation family can be developed in all units of the Congregation. After a number of meetings on this, however, we have decided that we would seek the wisdom of all of you on this matter before we proceed with the setting up of the commission. We will, therefore, lead a discussion on this during our visitations of communities in May, June & July 2018. In the meantime, we welcome ideas and suggestions on this matter from some or all of you."



4. Finance

CLT Update, 19 February 2018:

“Stewardship: Congregation Resources/Stewardship Committee:

At the April 2017 Chapter, the stewardship commission presented their plan for the future stewardship of our Congregation’s resources to Chapter delegates recommending that the delegates mandate the CLT “to implement the plan for the future stewardship of resources”. This, the delegates did. We have therefore, started the process of implementing this plan. We are seeking legal and professional advice and will soon be in a position to inform you of further developments.”



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