

Presentation Brothers

L.E.A.F. PROJECT NEWSLETTER



Fresh Leaves: A New Season for the L.E.A.F. Project

The L.E.A.F. Project is an initiative which began in 2019 by the Presentation Brothers in Mardyke House Cork. The Brothers began this project with the desire of helping young adults increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith and to develop young faith leaders for the future.

L.E.A.F. stands for Leadership, Education And Formation. This project has been growing and expanding, especially in the past two years. There are some new exciting updates and initiatives stemming from the L.E.A.F. Project which we are delighted to share with you in this newsletter.



New Discernment and Formation Community

In recent times, the Brothers of Mardyke House have recognised a need for young people who desire to discern their vocation and grow in formation of their faith. Many young people with this desire do not know where to begin or where to go to for advice.

Due to this demand, this September the L.E.A.F. Project has embarked on a new initiative by offering a dedicated academic year to young men, to live with the Brothers in community and discern their vocation whilst also growing in formation of their Catholic Faith. Two young men have joined the community at Mardyke House this September.

If you would be interested in joining this young adult community, please contact:

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Meet the Team: Community and Staff



Andrew Lim Sheng Ru

Andrew Lim Sheng Ru is a member of the new young adult discernment and formation community in Mardyke House. Andrew is from Singapore but moved to Cork 6 years ago to pursue studies in Medicine. Andrew currently works as a junior doctor in a local hospital in Cork.



Br. Antony Sahayampillai

Br. Antony Sahayampillai joined the Presentation Brothers in 2021 and moved to Cork last year. He is originally from Sri Lanka. In the coming year he will be studying at the Cork College of FET Douglas Street Campus, in preparation for going to university in Maynooth next year. He made first profession of vows in St. Finbarr's South Church on June 1st 2024.



Br. Ben Cusack

Br. Ben Cusack is a Christian Brother, originally from Waterford. He has worked in Cork for over 40 years and is much involved in the local community and schools. Two years ago he was awarded the "Cork Person of the Month" award for a youth club he runs with a team of helpers in Coláiste Éamann Rís, Deerpark. The Presentation Brothers are delighted to have Br. Ben as a part of their community in Mardyke House.



Dorota Gliwa

Dorota Gliwa is the house keeper of Mardyke House and has worked for the Presentation Brothers for 18 years. She is originally from Poland but now lives in Cork. Dorota is married to Daniel and has two children. Dorota is currently completing a healthcare assistant course and has studied previously with the Cork College of Commerce. Dorota also works part-time in the Presentation Brothers community in Maiville as a care assistant.



Br. Martin Kenneally

Br. Martin Kenneally is a Cork man and has been director of the L.E.A.F. Project since its beginning. He has served in various educational and leadership roles with the Presentation Brothers. He has a great interest in the faith formation of young people.



Miriam Dunne

Miriam Dunne has recently joined the Mardyke House Community, working alongside Br. Martin to support the L.E.A.F. Project. Miriam is enthusiastic and excited to help expand the L.E.A.F. Project and reach more young people. Miriam has been involved with the Presentation Brothers over the past two years whilst she worked as a chaplain in University College Cork.



Rory Phayer

Rory Phayer is a member of the new young adult discernment and formation community. Rory is from Ballinascarty, Cork and is currently in his second year of studying Architectural Technology in Munster Technological University, Cork.



Br. Rupert O'Sullivan

Br Rupert O'Sullivan is from Allihies in the Beara Peninsula. He has served in various educational and leadership roles in the Presentation Brothers. He spent ten years serving as a Brother in Ghana, West Africa.



Br. Simon Fernandes

Br. Simon Fernandes is originally from Pakistan. He came to Ireland 7 years ago and is now an Irish citizen. He completed a degree in Theology and Arts in St. Patricks College Maynooth and has worked in chaplaincy and pastoral care in Coláiste Spioraid Naoimh, Bishopstown. This year he is in his second year of the Professional Masters of Education course (PME) in UCC. He is now based in St. Aloysius Secondary School Cork.

Br. Antony Makes His First Profession of Vows

On the first of June 2024, Br. Antony professed his first vows during a Mass celebrated by Bishop Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross, in the historic St. Finbarr's South Church.

The ceremony was attended by a large congregation of friends, including young people from the Diocese and members of the Tamil community in Ireland. Members of the choir from the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Anne sang at the Mass. We wish Antony well as he continues his journey towards final profession. Our prayers go with him.



Br. Antony with guests at his first profession of vows



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Meet our new community dog!

Eddie joined the Brothers in August. He came from the Carlow/Kilkenny border and is named after Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Presentation Brothers and the Christian Brothers (he was even born on the feast day of Bl. Edmund Rice, May 5th). He is a wonderful, uplifting addition to the community!



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