

Ar aghaidh le chéile

There have been a number of recent developments in the unfolding of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan; **Forward Together, *Ar aghaidh le chéile***.

Diocesan Pastoral Council

This Bishop has commissioned a Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). This council has been in formation over the last year and has been busy with the Diocesan Synodal journey as well as the implementation the pastoral plan. The DPC members include clergy, religious and lay men and women from around the Diocese, committed to helping Bishop Alan bring the Diocesan plan to fruition.

The members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council are: Michelle Uí Churráin (Stranorlar Parish), Chair; Joe Conroy (Ballintra Parish) Vice-chair; Fr. Stephen Gorman, Secretary; Máire Ní Bhroin (Pároiste Gort a' Choirce) Prayer Leader; Sr. Benedetta (Divine Mercy Centre, Letterkenny); Fr. Michael Carney; Fr. Danny McBrearty; Ann Mc Dwyer (Glenties Parish); Fr. Michael Mc Keever. Fr Niall Coll has been a member of the DPC and we will miss his presence and contribution but wish him every blessing as he moves to pastures new.

Director of Pastoral Renewal

The Diocesan Pastoral Council are delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Brian O'Driscoll as Director of Pastoral Renewal in the Diocese of Raphoe. Brian will be based in the Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny and his role will be focussed on the implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan together with Bishop Alan and the DPC. We are very much looking forward to bringing the plan to life throughout all the parishes in the diocese. Having Brian on board brings us another step forward on our journey. Go soirbhí Dia a shaothar!

Parish Pastoral Council Formation

The process of forming – and re-forming – Parish Pastoral Councils is underway, led by Jim Deeds. Parishes from five of the six deaneries have been invited to take part in the process beginning with three information sessions. The sixth deanery will begin the work in January. The response to the sessions has been very positive. The goal is to help us build vibrant, prayerful communities where the joy of the Gospel is experienced by everyone.

Bíodh Íosa inár gCroí-se agus téimis ar aghaidh le chéile.