



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JUNE 2023

Please note:

This correspondence must be delivered at EVERY COUNCIL MEETING.

This correspondence can be divided and given to relevant Officers in the Council. If the Officer role is vacant then the Grand Knight will read out that part of this correspondence.



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The Supreme Knight

Supreme Knights Bulletin June 2023

Brothers on the 20th of May I called an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors and Provincial Grand Knights. The purpose of this meeting was to try and address the situation that we are facing with our dwindling membership. I believe we are at a critical point in the Order's history. We are down to 2400 members of which over 400 are golden jubilarians. We must act now.

Congratulations to our Apostolates Committee on a successful campaign for 10,000,000 prayers for 10,000,000 lives. Great collaboration with S.P.U.C. Also, the May Rosary was a great success but could have been better supported.

We are asking all councils to buy a ticket for the 200 club we only have the Grand National Draw and dues as a source of income.

Watch out in Spirituality and Welfare for a tour of the Relic of St.Columba we will be starting at Alysford on the 18th June.

June is a very busy month and I hope to see you all at the mass for deceased Brothers on the 10th June in Liverpool.

May St Columba protect you all and keep you safe.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Henry Welsh', on a light-colored rectangular background.

Henry Welsh
Supreme Knight



Audit, Finance and Governance

Brothers, for the attention of All Councils and Provinces.

Head Office dues for the year (1st April 2023) is set by Supreme Council at £60.00 per annum. Invoices for the coming year have been sent to all councils, if you have any issues, please see the information that has come with your invoice.

In the case of SNA (Special Needs Allowance) Please see Welfare & Spirituality for application. Should there be an SNA request for a grant, and Head Office dues have not been paid then the grant will be rejected. Please use the current Forms as older will be ignored.

All Councils & Provinces must submit form FA5.

Please Brothers help us to help you in the coming year by submitting the required Forms. Mentioning dues, thank you to those already submitted but Councils are asked to send list of Brothers to Head Office so we can get the correct invoice amount to you asap.

URGENT CBF Repayments

Council/Provinces Benevolent Investments in Head Office.

As stated, and approved at Supreme Council 2022, Investments of Benevolent Funds from Councils and Provinces will be returned asap. Those who still owe Head Office dues will not be refunded until account is cleared. Please Brothers, if your Council is one of these send your Bank details to Head Office.

Widows Grants

We have issued a cheque of £250 to each widow that we had received their information. These were posted on week commencing 22nd May. The grant to widows is a one-off and came from the Order's Central Benevolent fund.

Banking Issues

We have for some considerable length of time been discussing banking issues of Councils and Provinces;

- Bank closing accounts—no movement in account
- Signatures of cheques, this concerns us all both- Council and Provinces have not acted on the wisdom of the advice we give on a regular basis about adding more than 2 signatures to accounts, 3 or indeed 4 where any 2 can sign.
- Head Office is not responsible for any of either Council or Province banking issues, but please remember that you all need to be responsible.

May I thank you all for your ongoing assistance to head office staff, particularly during this changeover period. Please keep your phone calls to a minimum, emails preferred.

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Knights of St Columba,

Curial Offices, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow G1 4JY.

Fraternally,

Bertie

Bertie Grogan KSG, IPSK

Audit, Finance & Govern

Faith, Family, Fraternity



Membership & Development

June 2023 Membership Bulletin

Dear Brothers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

Since returning from a very productive Board of Directors meeting in Glasgow, we had a great membership discussion after my report to my Brother Directors, in fact it was the best debate I've had since joining the Board in 2019. What was apparent, was the lack of 'a Membership Action Plan' to which I sought further advice from the SK and IPSK as I'd never heard of one! This is due to the last one being written in 2009 and I only joined the order in 2013! So with further grateful assistance from PSK Brother John Doran KSG, I've had a good read of his brilliant plan which he wrote for the Order. Whilst reluctant to refer too much to a report written 14 years ago, it was a great insight to what the Order felt at the time, especially in relation to Membership. I had a wry smile when I read the 'crisis' of falling below 5,000 Brothers! How I'd love that problem now, to now be at 2,500 Brothers!

The findings of 2009 were, in a nutshell:

- Improve the image of the Order
- Freshen up the paperwork we use
- Have a recognisable image
- Improve our Youth work
- Get cracking on National Projects
- Improve Media and Social Media
- Improve the website
- Enhance our spiritual works
- Lessen the stale meetings but remain to our ritual and history



Of course, there was much more, but this just goes to show what the feeling were in 2009. Now for those who know me, I'm a fiercely loyal member of this Order and will always defend it, despite its failings, to which there are many. With that said, all the above points have been worked on with the current Supreme Directors (and their predecessors) and I wish to personally thank Brother Brian Henry for laying such fabulous foundations for this department. Seeing the BOD work so hard, remember we're volunteers too, to see us still decline is a bitter pill to swallow. Cancelled pilgrimages, cancelled youth retreats, poor turnout at national events, low turnout in national youth competitions... I could go on but we all wish to remain positive and not let our heads drop and crack on, we must do for the sake our Order's future.

The BOD once again will discuss this in the last meeting in July before Supreme Council. I'll of course keep you up to date with any developments.

I'm delighted to be visiting Province 29 (Westminster North) in early June for a Membership Mass led by the Auxiliary Bishop from Westminster, Bishop John Sherrington. I hope to have few moments of his time to chew the fat directly with him and see what we can do moving forward. I look forward to meeting the Brothers and families in Palmers Green and will report any progress in the next bulletin.

I hope to meet many of you who will be in Liverpool for our Deceased Brothers Mass on 10 June. My wife is due our child just 9 days after so hopefully I can make it over! I'd love to hear any membership ideas you may have and will be pleased to take them on if it'll work nationally!

Please do let me know what's going on in your area so we can share the news and all learn from it – membership@ksc.org.uk

Best of luck in your efforts to recruit & retain.

Danny Ó hEarchaí
Supreme Director for Membership & Development



Spirituality & Welfare

Remembering of Deceased

Biennial Memorial Mass 2023.

When: The date is **10th June 2023** the time is **15:00**,

Where: The metropolitan cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool

Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ

The intention is for 'The Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba family'. The Order is a family so it is only fitting that we remember not only our brothers but family members who have been called from this life.

Please try and join us for this Mass, remembering that one day this Mass will be for you and me, and I'm sure like me you will want your brothers to come together to pray for you.

The Mass will be live streamed for the benefit of our brothers and family members who are unable to join us in person. The link is

I have been told that this mass will also cover your Sunday obligation although I sure like me you will also be attending your normal Mass on the Sunday.

The mass will be live streamed for those who are unable to travel

<https://www.youtube.com/live/NEKDwgvD9yo?feature=share>

Some Parking is available for those who have difficulty walking, this is on a first come first served basis, no pre-booking available.

Parking is available in the University car park opposite at a cost.



Relic Tour of the Relics of St Columba, St Margarete and St Andrew.

Dates for the Relic Tour

I have asked the Regional Directors to organise the tour within their region, each region will have the relic for 15 days, before it is moved onto the next region, it is not as long as I would have liked but that is out of our hand, we are grateful for the opportunity to bring these relics to our brothers and fellow Catholics.

Region 8	18th June to 1st July
Region 4	2th July to 17th July
Region 7	18th July to 1st August
Region 6	2nd August to 16th August
Region 5	17th August to 30th August
Region 3	31st August to 14th September
Region 2	15th September to 29th September
Region 1	30th September to 18th October
	<u>Supreme Council - 19th to 21st October</u>

Can all Provincial Grand Knights contact their regional director and give them every assistance, it making this a prayerful and unifying experience for all.

I would encourage all brothers to come together and pray in Unity when the relics visit your area.

It also gives us the opportunity to encourage other Catholic men to join us, to work for the future endeavors of your Council, Province and the Order.

All 3 saints should be an inspiration to us all, to follow their example, one thing that is constant through all three is their unfailing love of God.

Who were these saints?

St Columba or Colm-cille in (Irish Gaelic) meaning Dove (7 December 521 – 9 June 597 AD)

Columba was born in Gartan district, County Donegal, Ireland to parents Fedlimid and Eithne of the Cenel Conaill, he is believed to be grandson of the Niall, High King of 5th century, on his father's side and on his mother's side from Cathair Mór a former King of Leinster.

As was the tradition in Irish aristocratic society, Columba was given to foster parents to be educated. In Columba's case his foster parent was a priest by the name of Cruithnechan who also baptised him into the church.

Columba's early career involved him being trained in poetry and the bardic tradition under a Christian bard named Gemman, he studied at a series of monastic schools most notably under Finnian of Moville and Finnian of Clonard.



While he was studying at Clonard alongside other notable Irish saints like Kenneth and Comgall Columba was ordained as a priest by Bishop Ethen in 551. He is known as one of the 'Twelve Apostles of Ireland' During his early career Columba established a number of monastic foundation most notably in Derry (545), Durrow (553) and Kells (554).

The story is told of St. Columba being an early day plagiarist, by copying manuscript of which became known as 'The Cathach of St Columba, Columba's intention of keeping the manuscript was challenged by St Finnian the Abbot and on appeal to Diarmait the Chief of the southern Uí Néill, the ruling was given in favour of Finnian with the famous words 'to every cow belongs her calf.

At the age of around 42 Columba, along with what were known as 12 decuples, set sail from Derry and headed towards Dalriada in Scotland not as a missionary but as an act of self-imposed penance for a bloody mess he had caused at home.

King Conall, a cousin of Columba, granted the Island of Iona, as the place where the exiled Columba could settle and found his monastic community.

*Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear when thou art near,
O King of night and day?
More safe am I within thy hand
than if a host should round me stand.*

St. Columba

It was from Iona that Columba went out to convert most of pagan Scotland and northern England to Christianity, he was fearless in his work, as the prayer above tells us his faith in God would keep him safe.

The monks of Iona produced countless elaborate carvings, manuscripts and Celtic crosses. Perhaps their greatest work was the exquisite Book of Kells, which dates from 800 AD, history tells us that when the Vikings raided, many of the monks were slaughtered and their works destroyed.

St Columba's feast day is celebrated on the 9th June

St. Margarete (of Scotland) Circa 1045 – 16 November 1093

St Margarete was born in Hungary an English princess and a Scottish Queen.

She married Malcolm III of Scotland.

She was a very pious Christian, it is reported that she had a civilising influence on her husband, doing this by reading narratives from the bible

Queen Margaret is depicted as a strong, pure, noble character, who had very great influence over her husband, and through him over Scottish history, especially in its ecclesiastical aspects.

Amongst her many charitable works she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth, for pilgrims to St Andrews in Fife. attending to charitable works, serving orphans and the poor every day before she ate and washing the feet of the poor in imitation of Christ. She rose at midnight every night to attend the liturgy. She successfully invited the Benedictine Order to establish a monastery in Dunfermline, Fife in 1072.



She used a cave on the banks of the Tower

Burn in Dunfermline as a place of devotion and prayer. (St. Margaret's Cave), It is still open to the public. Among other deeds, Margaret also instigated the restoration of Iona Abbey. She is also known to have interceded for the release of fellow English exiles who had been forced into serfdom by the Norman conquest of England.

Margaret was as pious privately as she was publicly. She spent much of her time in prayer, devotional reading, and ecclesiastical embroidery. This apparently had considerable effect on the more uncouth Malcolm, who was illiterate: he so admired her piety that he had her books decorated in gold and silver. One of these, a pocket gospel book with portraits of the Evangelists, is in the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

Margarete died in Edenborough Castle on 16th November 1093 at around the age of 46.

She was Canonised by Pope Innocent IV in 1250. Her feast day is 10th June

St Andrew Apostle and Martyr.

He was born between 5 AD and 10 AD in the Middle East where Palestine is now, specifically in Bethsaida, a village on the Sea of Galilee.

He was the elder brother of Saint Peter, and was called by Jesus to become a "fisher of men". Much as we are when we are recruiting new members, in order to maintain our Order for future generations. He was baptised by John the Baptist.

A key figure in the story of Jesus, Andrew is involved in many of the major moments of Christ's life including the last supper.

As a dedicated follower of Jesus, Andrew preached about Christ around the Black Sea and through Greece.

It was in Greece that he was told to stop spreading the teachings by the governor Aegeas as he still believed in the Roman gods. When he refused, Andrew was sentenced to death by crucifixion in the city of Patras.

It is believed that St Andrew refused to be crucified as Jesus was, it was reported that he was crucified on a cross in the shape of an X, hence St Andrew Cross.

Relics are kept St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh

St Andrew's Feast Day is celebrated on November 30

Please make every effort to join us and bring your friends and families in venerating the relics when it visits your region.

Let's all have literature available on joining the Order with you and encourage others to share in our future. Don't miss this opportunity.



Please remember in your prayers.

29/04/2023	Roy Worsley	43 3	34
16/03/2023	Michael Fathers	51 8	27
13/05/2023	Peter Summers	48 7	12
15/05/2023	Peter Warrington		27
24/05/2023	Eddie Alcock		10
26/04/2023	Isabel Skelton	63 6	3
30/04/2023	Margaret McCracken	57 7	8

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen

Sean Mulligan

Supreme Director for Spirituality & Welfare



Daily Mass Scheme for June 2023

DAY	DATE	COUNCIL NAME	CO No.
Thursday	1st June	Ilkeston	315
Friday	2nd June	Newark	333
Saturday	3rd June	Grays	81
Sunday	4th June	Ilford	82
Monday	5th June	Forest Gate	111
Tuesday	6th June	Walthamstow	137
Wednesday	7th June	Challoner Essex	173
Thursday	8th June	South End on Sea	192
Friday	9th June	Romford	224
Saturday	10th June	Colchester	270
Sunday	11th June	Dagenham	291
Monday	12th June	Chelmsford	302
Tuesday	13th June	Upminster	397
Wednesday	14th June	Chingford	401
Thursday	15th June	Stratford	426
Friday	16th June	Castle Point	428
Saturday	17th June	Raleigh	456
Sunday	18th June	Basildon	937
Monday	19th June	Newbury Park	983
Tuesday	20th June	London North	106



Daily Mass Scheme (Continued)

DAY	DATE	COUNCIL NAME	CO No.
Wednesday	21st June	Brendesbury	240
Thursday	22nd June	Acton	252
Friday	23rd June	Ealing	396
Saturday	24th June	Willesden Green	404
Sunday	25th June	Chiswick	488
Monday	26th June	Hoxton Square	637
Tuesday	27th June	Islington	964
Wednesday	28th June	Honerton	968
Thursday	29th June	Dartford	108
Friday	30th June	Peckham	117



Media

Columba Magazine

Your next edition of Columba Magazine, which is the 1st Bi-Annual Columba Magazine will be with you this week, if you have not already received it!!

Closing date for submissions are

June Editions - 1st May

December Editions - 1st November

All articles for each edition must be sent to columba.magazine@ksc.org.uk or by post to Brother Sean Smith, 29 Fernside Avenue, Poole, Dorset BH14 0PN. Articles sent to media@ksc.org.uk and headoffice@ksc.org.uk may not be published or can be lost and not published. Whilst we will make every effort to ensure that as many articles are published, please assist the Media Committee by having articles sent to the correct email address and on time.

If you have been a regular contributor to the Magazine, we ask that you continue to submit pieces to the Magazine on a regular basis for inclusion.

KSC Email System

We carry on with this exercise. If you are an Officer in a Council or Province, please do contact me on 07786 003737 as soon as you can to get your email address.

If you have been given an email address and need help with using OneDrive to upload files to. OneDrive is your cloud based storage system that lets you keep all your KSC files on a secure storage area. This means that they will not take up space on your home computer.

If you are a new Officer in your Province or Council, or even if you have just switched roles, please do check with me whether there is already an email address for the role in your Council so that we can get it transferred securely to you.

KSC Website 2022 Version

We are continuing to work hard on the KSC website.

If there is anything you or your Council or Province has done, or even is about to start on, please think about putting it on the KSC website!!



We are building this website to showcase what we do as an Order, to show how active we still are in the Catholic Community, locally and Nationally.

In the words from the song in “Annie” (the 2014 version, sorry!!), this is your opportunity, don’t waste it!

Please do send anything you would like to see on the website to admin@ksc.org.uk and copy in media@ksc.org.uk

Knight’s News

This is the new name of eColumba and will not be with you all at the beginning of the month. It is full of events that are coming up in all areas of the KSC.

Again, this is an opportunity for you all to advertise forthcoming events!! Send them to knightsnews@ksc.org.uk.

Please note that the eColumba email address will shortly be shut down. Those currently on the distribution list for eColumba will be transferred to the new Knights News email address. If you want to subscribe to Knight’s News then please do get in touch using the new email address.

Media Training Seminar

There will be a Media Training Seminar for anyone who wishes to join us on Monday 12th June at 7:30pm.

At this seminar we will show you how to use Microsoft Teams and the ins and out of Microsoft Outlook for the internal email system.

Details will be sent to anyone interested. If you would like to join us for this training seminar please contact us at media@ksc.org.uk.

Sincerely & Fraternally

Sean Smith, Supreme Director for Media



Action & Social

200 Club – We are now at 135 members. I have done an email address to all councils and provinces to recruit more members. This brings in funds for the order as a whole but also encourages brothers to engage with the chance of winning something for themselves. We need to bring this up to the full 200 members as it is running at break-even at present. With this in mind the board of directors have asked that all councils take at least 1 number to bring the 200 club up to a full amount, maybe get it up to a 300 club for the benefit of the order.

The order has been running at a loss due to the lack of numbers being taken. We have taken the decision that until it becomes more feasible we are reducing the number of prizes down from 4 to 3. So from March Draw we are having a £50 top prize and 2 £25 prizes. This is until we can get the club running at its maximum.

Golf Day – The Golf day has been arranged for July 11th, to be held at Garstang Golf centre. We have interest from around 14 people so it will be going ahead, please contact apostolates@ksc.org.uk to add your name. The cost is £163 per person sharing a room it includes Accommodation for two nights including Dinner, Breakfast and 18holes per day. Also included would be tea and coffee on arrival.

New National Action Project 2024/25 – We are now in the process of taking bids for the new national action project for 2024/25. The closing date for submissions is going to be June 2023, with the best going forward to supreme 2023 for nominations. As of yet we have had only 1 submission from the order.

Charles Ferro Trophy – The Forms have now gone out to the councils please make sure to have them back by the beginning of June to allow the judges to peruse them. All councils are invited to enter no matter how small, show how much action your council brings to your area. Time is running out for entries.

May Rosaries – We had all the dates for the rosary in the month of May covered by different councils and provinces. Which will be held on a Monday night at 7pm. Please could you promote this event in your region to make it good with great participation. I am thankful for all who participated and hope you all continue to support the Rosary going forward.

40 Hr Adoration for the 55th Anniversary of the Abortion Act – we held the 40 hr adoration from St Thomas Moore in Middlesborough. I am glad to say it was a resounding success from both a knight's view and that of the various charities and parishes who took part. Could I thank Bro Seam Smith for his unwavering support during the days running the zoom and setting everything up. Also, can I thank all councils who, even in the middle of the night gave their support by say the rosary for us.

Other Items – We as the committee was aware had run out of "Keep Christ in Christmas" at head office and was tasked to revamp the design and cost out reprinting the new design. We have a quote from a company to print the stickers on an A4 sheet with 48 stickers per sheet at a cost of 34p per sheet. Now we have been informed that during the moving of head office we have found a box of the



old stickers, which may last this year or not as the case maybe. Can we get some stickers printed to make sure we have enough to last and follow on for the next couple of years.

We also looked at making Christmas cards for the order but due to the complexity and cost we have not finalised looking at some companies. Some can print the cards but we would have to send to another company to fold and package the cards with envelopes other are to cost prohibitive. We are trying to keep the cost below £4.50 manufacturing to sell at £5.00 a pack to brothers starting at supreme.

Current National Action Project.

Brothers I am hoping you are all hard at work raising funds for the current NAP. As you are all aware we are going through a severe economic crisis both nationally at in our homes. The “Let the Children live” charity is asking we don’t forget them as they are finding their funds drying up and the cost of living costs are hitting hard into their reserves and need our help badly. To be positive and outline what a council is doing for the current NAP.

The council took a pledge last year, to agree that each brother in our council should contribute £10 to buy a school pack for a child in need.

They have 17 brothers in Council and not all are able to financially support the NAP therefore as we are “our brother’s keeper”, other brothers are delighted to contribute extra to cover those that cannot pay their share by maintaining the contribution ratio of 17.

If this or similar pleas are replicated across the Order of 2500 brothers, this could realise around £90,000. Just a guess.

I hope you are all looking forward to your holidays and don’t forget those in need.

Fraternally

Brother Stephen McMillan
Supreme Director for Action & Social



Youth & Young People

Youth and Young People are the future of the Church, and our Order has a responsibility to work and demonstrate to them by example that the Gospel teaches the only true path to follow. With the secular attack on our beliefs, it is our duty to assist the young to grow in the likeness of Christ, in wisdom and grace.

Congratulations to the Provinces and their Councils who entered the **Easter Photography Competition and the Easter Scene Painting Competition**. Results I have to report have been affected by the delay in moving Head Office into the Cathedral Offices. Please bare with us. The aim is to have both results out to you before you even see the June 2023 Bulletin. With the cooperation of Head Office you will hopefully receive your Certificates, Payments and the Young Peoples entries back very quickly.

Please promote the Prayer and the Essay Competitions. The more Council/Provinces entering will mean more Young People are participating.

Youth Committee Met and discussed various topics. The Group has been charged with looking at radically changing the submission dates of the current Youth Competitions. The changes will be reflected in the publication of the next Cycle of the Youth Competitions for the year 2023-2024. The Group were made privy to a Youth Report that shows some important ways for the Order to introduce new products both Financial and Promotional. It also implores each of us on better promotion and sale of the Grand National Draw, so that we can maximise this important fundraising avenue of the Order. We will definitely meet again with invited members in June 2023.

All our WPGK's and their Provincial Action and Youth OR Youth Officers are invited to join the Youth and Young People Committee, initially virtually. We hope to welcome each Provinces PGK and his Provincial/Council Action and Youth OR Youth Officer to the Youth and Young People's Committee. It does not matter that you are already a member of a Supreme Committee. This is not a tall order and will require each WPGK and his Provincial/Council Action and Youth OR Youth Officer's Participation. Please think out of the box and ensure your Province is present and engaged.

The committee and myself will welcome any feedback about everything we are asking you to do. Are there any feedback from your Brothers, Schools, Parish Groups and other organisations? What feedback have you had Brothers? Please give any feedback from your area of the Country by email to : headoffice@ksc.org.uk and youth@ksc.org.uk

Facebook- KSC Youth and Young People

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/617421102214099>

Join the Youth and Young People Facebook page and visit it regularly to see various resources posted on there. Download and promote the appropriate resource that appeals to you to your Parish and your schools etc.



Facebook-Are there any feedback from your Brothers, Schools, Parish Groups and other organisations? What feedback have you had Brothers? Please give any feedback from your area of the Country by email to: headoffice@ksc.org.uk and youth@ksc.org.uk

Information from Provinces.

Keep the information coming and keep posting on the Youth Facebook page what your Parish, Schools and Parents permit in terms of pictures and informative articles of achievements and milestones.

NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2022 – 2023 ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND

Date Winning Provincial Entries to Arrive at Head Office.

Easter Scene Painting: Primary Grades 7 to 11 years of age. Closed

Easter Scene Painting: Secondary Grades 11 to 14 years of age. Closed

Easter Scene Painting: Senior Grades 14 to 18 years of age. Closed

Easter Photography Competition: Primary Grades 7 to 11 years of age. Closed

Easter Photography Competition: Secondary Grades 11 to 14 years of age. Closed

Easter Photography Competition: Senior Grades 14 to 18 years of age. Closed

Prayer Composition: Primary Grades 7 to 11 years of age. 31st May 2023

Prayer Composition: Secondary Grades 11 to 14 years of age. 31st May 2023

Prayer Composition: Senior Grades 14 to 18 years of age. 31st May 2023

Essay Writing: Secondary Grades 11 to 14 years of age. 31st May 2023

Essay Writing:Senior Grades 14 to18 years of age. 31st May 2023

***Note Head Office Submission dates above please.**

Please use the new 2022/2023 dates and Competition Rules and Detail Sheets.

NB: Please ensure you plan your collection dates with your participating Primary/Secondary schools, Colleges, Parishes and Youth Clubs etc. Kindly try and have a Council adjudication as well as a Provincial adjudication please. God Bless you all for all that you do.

Things to do

World Youth Day - 01-06 AUGUST LISBON 2023 <http://www.lisboa2023.org/>

This is a fantastic event that you, your Council or Province and your Parish Priest should consider sponsoring a Young Person/Group or even Taking a Group of Young People to. Can I implore you to please look on your Diocese's Website's Youth page or its Youth organisations page to see if they are taking any Young People. Please write and ask the Diocese Youth or Contact department about WYD. Some examples below of Archdiocese / Diocese programme for WYD.

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/world-youth-day-2023/>



<https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon/>

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/experience-the-adventure-of-a-lifetime-this-world-youth-day>

Promotion and visibility

- 1) Present your Council Certificates, Prizes at your Schools, if School entry.
- 2) Then invite the Young People to the Parish the School is affiliated to or go to the Young Persons own Parish if different and Present the Prizes again.
- 3) Consider presenting the Provincial Prizes at your Cathedral if your Dean of the Cathedral and especially your Archbishop are in support from the outset of the cycle of the Competitions.
- 4) If your Province or Council are successful at wining Supreme Prizes then the Director for Youth and Young People will make these Presentations at the Parish/Cathedral Mass. Exposure at our Cathedrals can only be Good.
- 5) If Provincial and Supreme prizes are made at the Cathedral, please ASK your Young Persons Parish Priest to call your winner up to the Alter at the next available mass the family attend. Let us maximise these Competitions and celebrate our Young People over and over again.

I was told by a respectable Brother that enough Presentations had already taken place when I asked to do the Supreme Presentations. I respectfully state that we cannot have enough presentations especially if our Province is failing and we need exposure to recruit new members to join our Order.

The Youth and Young People Supreme Committee wish you and your families well in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

Fraternally,

Michael Akinrele
Supreme Director for Youth and Young People.

