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Welcome... *The Maximilian* is a monthly newsletter from the Education Commission to all categories of governors in our schools, highlighting changes in legislation and other news which will be of help to governing bodies.

Canonisation of Oscar Romero & New Diocesan Shrine



On 14th October 2018, St Oscar Romero was canonised in Rome, alongside Pope St Paul VI. Archbishop Peter Smith issued a decree officially designating the "Romero Space" in St George's Cathedral a Diocesan Shrine.

Those wishing to mark Romero's Canonisation are welcome to attend a National Mass of Thanksgiving which will take place in St George's Cathedral on Saturday 3rd November at 12.30pm. Archbishop Peter Smith will be the Principal Celebrant.

All are welcome to the mass, (individuals, families, parishes, schools) and to visit the shrine.

Let us savour the magnificent prayer, commonly attributed to St Oscar Romero, pronounced for the first time by Cardinal John Dearden but composed by Bishop Ken Untener.

The Romero Prayer

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water the seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an

opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the Worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Amen

Canonisation of New Saints

The names and brief biographies of the new saints were presented to the Pope and to the thousands of people in St Peter's Square on Sunday 14 October 2018, by the Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, Cardinal Giovanni Becciu.

Francesco Spinelli

St Francesco Spinelli was born in Milan on April 14, 1853. After completing his priestly formation, he was ordained a priest in 1875. He started a community of young women in Rome who consecrated their lives to Eucharistic adoration. After meeting St. Catherine Comensoli, he founded the Institute of the Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. St Francesco Spinelli fulfilled the role of both Founder and Superior. He died peacefully on February 6, 1913. Pope St John Paul II declared him Blessed in 1992.

Vincenzo Romano

St Vincenzo Romano was born in Torre del Greco, near Naples, on June 3, 1751. In 1775 he was ordained a priest. His ministry was characterized by his special attention to those most in need, and his commitment to educating children and young people. On June 15, 1794, the town of Torre del Greco was almost completely destroyed by a violent eruption of Mount Vesuvius. St Vincenzo Romano spearheaded both the material and spiritual rebirth of the community. He died on December 20, 1831. Pope St Paul VI declared him Blessed in 1963.

Maria Catherine Kasper

St Maria Catherine Kasper was born on 26 May 1820 in Dernbach, Germany. A strong and extrovert child, she spent her adolescence working in the fields and even breaking stones for the construction of roads. In this context she chose to found an Institute of Sisters at the service of the humblest social classes. In 1848 she opened the House of the "Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ", where the poor of the country were welcomed. The Congregation spread rapidly, even outside Germany and Europe, reaching the Americas and, later, India. She died of a heart attack on February 2, 1898. Pope St Paul VI proclaimed her Blessed in 1978.

Nazaria Ignazia of Saint Teresa of Jesus

St Nazaria Ignazia of Saint Teresa of Jesus March Mesa was born in Madrid on January 10, 1889. Her family moved to Mexico where she met the Sisters of the Abandoned Elders and entered the Institute in 1908. After making her first vows in 1911, she was sent to Bolivia.

As she became aware of the increasingly problematic social situation there, Nazaria founded the Congregation of the Missionary Crusaders of the Church to serve the poor and assist women. Her life was in grave danger both in Bolivia and in Spain during the civil war from 1936 to 1939. In 1942 she travelled from Spain to Buenos Aires, but her health deteriorated. She died on July 6, 1943. She was beatified in 1992, by Pope St John Paul II.

Nuncio Sulprizio

St Nuncio Sulprizio was born on April 13, 1817 in Pescosansonesco, in the province of Pescara, Italy. Orphaned of both parents at the age of six, he was cared for by his maternal grandmother, who taught him to seek Jesus present in the Eucharist and to invoke the Blessed Virgin. When his grandmother died Nuncio was entrusted to an uncle, with whom he worked as a blacksmith. Hard work and ill-treatment caused him to contract bone tuberculosis. He moved to Naples and was admitted to the Hospital for Incurable Diseases. There he was able to receive his long-desired First Communion.

The disease degenerated quickly and he died on May 5, 1836.

Nuncio was just nineteen years old. It was Pope Leo XIII who decreed his heroic virtues in 1890, and proposed him as a model for young people. On December 1, 1963, Pope St Paul VI proclaimed him Blessed.

Foundation Governor Appeal

Role and Responsibilities

Foundation Governors are committed to supporting education in a Catholic context. They are appointed by the Archdiocese of Southwark to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school, academy, college and help to deliver outstanding spiritual, moral and learning outcomes for children and young people.

Foundation Governors must be:

- practising Catholics in good standing with the Church
- over 18

Safeguarding

As a requirement of the appointment process all governors will be required to consent to the carrying out of any appropriate checks, including Disclosure and Barring Service checks (previously Criminal Records Bureau Checks), in respect of eligibility/suitability to be appointed as a school governor. Commitment

The average Foundation Governor role will take a minimum of 10 hours per month (this can vary depending on the school calendar or by events, such as an Ofsted inspection). This commitment includes the minimum requirement of attending governor meetings and where necessary serving on a committee e.g. finance, resources etc.

Applicants must ensure they have the time, skills and experience necessary to fulfil their obligations as a Foundation Governor for a term of 4 years.

Application

Interested parties should contact stephenbryan@rcaos.org.uk to request additional information regarding vacancies in our schools and academies

Church School Governance Training Programme (CSGTP)

The Hope Church School Governance Training Programme (CSGTP) is aimed at Governors and Trustees (Directors) in both church schools and schools with a distinctively Christian ethos, providing support for Governors and Trustees (Directors) committed to working on school improvement. The programme has been very specifically designed to raise awareness of the changing expectations of Governing Boards and meeting today's challenges in the education sector, whilst still holding on to the mission and vision of a church school. The programme has been developed by experts and professionals with a background in church school leadership, governance and inspection.

This is an online programme with interactive discussions between participants and tutors. Participants will be enrolled on an online module, with a minimum expected engagement of 12 hours (1 hour per week). The module will be collaborative and interactive and each participant will have access to a personal tutor as well as the ability to share with and learn from a group of other members. A Reflective Journal will be submitted at the end of the module in order to receive a Certificate of Completion.

Audience:

- Governors and trustees (directors) working in church schools
- Governors working in other designated schools

Dates:

January - April 2019 (online)

Provider:

Liverpool Hope University

Special Offer:

Cost (as per the attached flyer, further reductions available in the table below):

Full Cost: £250

Price Sliding Scale - applies to groups from one governing body, MAT or Diocese

No: Price

1 £250 (£199 Early Bird extended to 1st Nov)

2+ £175 (30% discount)

5+ £150 (40% discount)

10+ £125 (50% discount)

[Please click here for flyer and registration form](#)

Apprenticeships

The Government Economic Service Degree Apprenticeship Programme (GES-DAP) will be delivered in partnership with the University of Kent and will be open to candidates with GCSE maths at grade B (6) or above and 96 UCAS points – equivalent to CCC at A-level or MMM/DD BTEC Diploma/Certificate.

The programme is open to eligible young people aged 17 and over. The application process will open in December 2018. For more information on the programme and how to apply visit [the gov.uk website](#).

[Please click here for further details](#)

Crisis Fund

Archbishop Peter Smith accepted an offer to launch the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) (CCS) Crisis Fund in the Diocese of Southwark in 2016. The fund is accessible to all Parish Priests and Headteachers of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Southwark who have a child or family in immediate need. The application form is simple and CCS aims to respond within 24 hours. Schools are encouraged to consider The Crisis Fund as a charity they support.

Contact details tel: 020 8969 5305

Email: info@ccsconnected.org.uk

www.ccsconnected.org.uk

The Crisis Fund is an effective and imaginative way of helping people in immediate need and has delivered all seven Corporal Works of Mercy, which are:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty

- Clothe the naked
- Harbour the harbourless
- Help the sick
- Help the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Education Commission organises annual events in aid of The Crisis Fund. This year they are:

Primary Advent Service 4th December 2018
 Good Samaritan Mass 1st May 2019

EpiPen® Shortages

There is currently a world wide shortage of EpiPens® (more properly known as adrenaline auto injectors). To cope with this, certain batches of the auto-injectors may be used after the expiry date. Note that the date extensions only apply to EpiPen® 0.3mg auto injectors.

Find the batch numbers that the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) have extended here on the website of Mylan, the distributor of EpiPens® in the UK: www.epipen.co.uk

If you require additional information or have any questions, you can contact Mylan Customer Services on 01707 853 100.

Sutton Trust- Improving Social Mobility- Pathways Programmes

Students applying to Pathways must meet the following criteria:

- In Year 12 at the start of this academic year (Except for Pathways to Medicine at Imperial College London, where you must be in Year 11)
- Attending a state-funded, non-fee-paying school in the UK. You must also have never attended a fee-paying school
- Living within a reasonable commuting distance of the university that you are applying to. This usually means a maximum of an hour's travel to the university. If you are unsure about whether this applies to you, please email us at applications@suttontrust.com

We also assess applications on the following criteria. The more of these you meet, the more chance your application has of being accepted.

- Whether you have achieved at least 5 9/6 (or A*/B) grades at GCSE or equivalent, with at least two 9/7 (A*/A) grades.
- Whether you are the first generation in your family to attend university
- Whether you were eligible for Free School Meals whilst you were at school
- Whether you attend a school or college with a below-average A-Level point score and/or a low rate of progression to Higher Education
- Whether you live in a neighbourhood with a low rate of progression to higher education and/or a high level of socio-economic deprivation

Appointments of Headteachers, Deputy Heads, Heads of RE and Chaplains

Please contact the Education Commission, who should be part of the shortlisting and interviewing process, as these positions preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school in relation to the appointment of staff.

[Please click here to visit the CES website](#)

CES Application Forms, Policies & Procedures

Disiplinary policy & procedures
Grievance policy & procedures
Sickness policy & procedures
Appraisal policy & procedures
Capability policy & produres

The CES has updated its policies, procedures and application forms. They are GDPR compliant. Please ensure that the policies adopted by your governing board are GDPR compliant.

[Please click here to visit the CES website.](#)

Bespoke Training

The Education Commission is offering bespoke training to governing bodies. Please contact yvonneepale@rcaos.org.uk for further information on any training required.