

1 INTERNATIONAL YCW VISIT

We are delighted that 70 delegates to the International Council of YCW will be visiting the Centre on Sunday 2nd September 2012 to see the work of the Centre for Church and Industry which in itself was partly inspired by Joseph Cardijn and the movement. Delegates will visit some of the local attractions followed by a tour of the Centre, an address by the Director and Mass at 5.30pm in the historic Church of St Antony's led by Canon Anthony McBride with concelebrating priests from France, Italy and Spain.

The International Council on the theme "**School for Life**" has attracted delegates from across the world who are key leaders in the YCW and JOC movements. The visitors will hear of the inspiring work of the Centre in the world of work across the North West. Kevin Flanagan, the Director, said "We are delighted to welcome such an important gathering of young people and to share with them the vision for the Church's work in the economic arena. I still view YCW as one of the most important adult christian formation movements that the Church has to inspire and produce active Christian leaders in the community and in the workplace."

2 HELPING RESHAPE 21ST CENTURY CAPITALISM

18 September 2012

What is the Purpose of Business Today?

The Archbishop of Westminster will be holding an important conference dealing with the ethics of industry today. Leading Keynote Speakers from Industry and the General Secretary of the GMB Union, Paul Kenny, who is the President of the TUC, will address the gathering hosted by the Archbishop of Westminster.

The Director of the Centre who will be present at the meeting recently commented, "I believe this is an important debate at a critical time in the Life of the country and economy. I am delighted that the Bishops' Conference has taken this important step in encouraging a dialogue and we are pleased to be part of the thinking and reflection process that will follow the event. Mission to economic life has never been more important."

3 CSAN ROAD SHOW

13 October 2012

The Catholic Social Agency Network, a key consultative body for the Catholic Bishops' Conference on Welfare and Catholic Social Action across England and Wales, are holding their first Diocesan Road Show in Salford in partnership with Caritas Diocese of Salford and St Antony's Centre. The event '**Faith in People**' will be held on **Saturday 13th October 2012** at Holy Cross College, Bury from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Bishop Terence Brain, will be speaking about this important area of the Church's work with Helen O'Brien the Director of CSAN; presenting a picture of activity across the country and how the network is developing and the services it offers. Research into the impact of catholic social action will also be discussed alongside the opportunity to meet a number of agencies within the diocese and nationally who will form a "**marketplace**". Delegates will be given the opportunity to choose two workshops from a range of issues offering practical support and advice on how to become involved or how to develop parish or community projects to support the needs of local communities.

The Centre will be taking its **Reach Out Learning Bus** and is also host a stall outlining its work. The Centre will be leading on two workshops; one on engagement with Employment, working life and chaplaincy. Using the model of the Centre's initiative in Lancashire in partnership with the Hyndburn parishes (ACT Centre) will form the second workshop on Developing Community Projects.

At the July meeting of the CSAN Directors Forum, Kevin Flanagan, (Director of St Antony's), was elected as their Chair. Commenting on the event he said, "I see this as a key opportunity to celebrate and highlight the rich diversity of the church's engagement in the wider community and a great witness to our real concern and commitment to people and their needs."

4 HERITAGE WEEKEND - THE "TIN TABERNACLE"

On **Friday 7th September and Sunday 9th September**, St Antony's will be open for visitors to see the history of Trafford Park and to visit the historic tin tabernacle church of St Antony's. St Antony's is one of the few surviving tin tabernacles and is still in full operation after 111 years. The Church has a unique historic story and is a great witness to the church's commitment to people and the world of work. It is a gem in the story of mission development and has a unique place in the diocese. If you would like to visit, the Centre and Church will be open on **Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm** and on **Sunday from 10.00am to 2.00pm**.

5 CHAPLAINCY IN THE ECONOMY

27 September 2012

The Annual General meeting for GMIM will take place at St Antony's Centre on **Thursday 27th September** commencing with refreshments from **4.45pm with the AGM at 5.30pm**. For a copy of the invitation [click here](#) if you are reading this on our website

We will be launching the new GMIM website as a one-stop shop to obtain information about ecumenical chaplaincy to economic life across Greater Manchester. It also carries the important work of the Bolton Cohesion Project and the "Passion for Bolton" activities that have proved so popular over the past couple of years. www.gmim.org.uk will be the new site to showcase all the work.

6 GEPO – Manchester 2013

June 2013

We are delighted to announce that the European Pastoral Network for those engaged in the World of Work across many dioceses and Catholic Agencies in the European community are in discussions with the Centre to hold their bi-annual European conference in Manchester as the guests of St Antony's for Church and Industry. The 60 delegates and participants from all of the key European communities have been discussing the theme of "**Migration in Europe**" and its social and economic impact. This follows on from the previous conference in 2011 held in Portugal. Members of the Centre team will be attending the Executive meeting of GEPO in Luxembourg in September to finalise the arrangements and to present proposals for the Conference which is partly sponsored by the European Economic Community (EEC).

The Centre has played a key role within GEPO for over 8 years providing the representation for the world of work in the UK. The European partners are keen to see how the Centre has worked in developing ecumenical chaplaincies to economic life through the work with Greater Manchester Industrial Mission (GMIM) and its projects across the conurbation managed from the Centre.

7 CHALLENGE TO ACTION

October / November 2012

During the autumn and winter, the Centre will be running a short series of discussions and reflections on Catholic Social Thinking and its relevance to key social and economic issues of the time. The series will be led by the Director of the Centre which will provide lay people with the chance of sharing and reflecting on issues in their own areas. Drawing upon its experience in developing projects, training and Chaplaincy in economic life and industrial relations, the Director, with the aid of visiting speakers, will explore the challenge of mission to people and communities.

Attendance is free although donations are welcome. Refreshments and study notes will be provided. The four sessions will commence at St Antony's Centre on 4 and 18 October, and the 8 and 22 November 2012. No prior knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching is required and the course will introduce participants to basic principles of CST and their practical application in a community and work context. Please contact the Centre if you wish to participate in the course. Places will be limited and booking is essential.

Further information about these events can be obtained by contacting:

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