

## Registration

Congress fee: €50/£43.50

Student rate: €30/£23.50 (student ID required)

Registration fee includes hot lunch

### Cheques/postal orders should be made payable to:

RE Congress, c/o Veritas Company

### Please complete and return to:

Patricia O'Sullivan - Veritas House, 7-8 Lower Abbey Street,  
Dublin 1. Tel. (01) 814 7556 | Before 16 September 2016

Name .....

Parish/school, etc. ....

Address .....

Tel. ....

Email .....

**Please select your workshop** by letter and number (i.e. A-1; B-2; etc.). Your workshop preference will be indicated on your ID badge.

### Saturday, 1 October 2016

#### 11:45-13:00

First Choice	A	<input type="text"/>
Second Choice	A	<input type="text"/>
Third Choice	A	<input type="text"/>

#### 14:15-15:30

First Choice	B	<input type="text"/>
Second Choice	B	<input type="text"/>
Third Choice	B	<input type="text"/>

#### 14:15 (Alternative afternoon activities)

Guided tour of the main chapel	<input type="text"/>
Guided tour of the biblical gardens	<input type="text"/>

Early registration will ensure allocation of workshop preferences.

### Cancellation Policy

No refunds will be given for any cancellation. However, if you are unable to attend yourself, you are welcome to send someone in your name. Please notify the organisers of any change. In the unlikely event that the Congress does not take place, we will refund your payment.

## Theme for RE Congress 2016

**Connect! Communicate! Celebrate!**  
**Ceangail! Cumarsáid! Ceiliúradh!**

The theme of this year's Congress is **Connect! Communicate! Celebrate!** The desire to connect, communicate and celebrate with others is part of being human. Today, we have many ways in which we can do this. Our world is such that we no longer only connect with those who live in close proximity to us.

Through the keynote presentation, the workshops, times of reflection and prayer, we will help Congress participants to be more confident in their ability to create hospitable spaces in schools and communities where young people can:

- connect with people who hold different beliefs and values;
- be more aware of the richness in diversity of religious beliefs and cultures;
- recognise, value and celebrate their individuality and uniqueness and that of others, in the awareness that we are all created in God's image;
- be able to share their values, beliefs and culture with mutual respect and love.

The Congress ends with Mass, the ultimate experience of connecting, communicating and celebrating.

We invite you to join with us as we reach out to one another to celebrate all that unites us, irrespective of our differences.

### Keynote Speaker: Patricia Kieran

Patricia Kieran teaches Christian Religious Education and Education about Religions and Beliefs to undergraduate and postgraduate pre-service teachers at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. She previously lectured in Theology and Religious Education at Newman College, University of Birmingham. With Anne Hession she is co-author of *Children, Catholicism and Education* (Veritas, 2005), and co-editor of *Exploring Theology* (Veritas, 2007) and *Exploring Religious Education* (Veritas, 2008).

With Thomas Grenham, Patricia has edited *New Educational Horizons in Contemporary Ireland: Trends and Challenges* (Peter Lang, 2012) and co-edited with Gareth Byrne *Towards Mutual Ground: Religious Pluralism in Educational Practice in Ireland* (Columba, 2013). Her latest book is on the topic of inter-belief dialogue in Ireland.

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1 October 2016  
St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare



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1 Deireadh Fómhair 2016  
Coláiste Phádraig, Maigh Nuad, Co. Chill Dara



## Congress Schedule

### Saturday, 1 October 2016

08:30	Registration Tea/coffee available in Pugin Hall
09:30	Official Congress Opening & Prayer in Renehan Hall
10:00	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Dialogue with Diversity: Supporting Inter-religious and Inter-cultural Learning from a Christian Perspective <b>Patricia Kieran</b>
11:15	Tea/coffee break in Pugin Hall
11:45	Workshops
13:00	Lunch in Pugin Hall
14:15	Workshops (or alternative afternoon activities)
15:30	Continuing the Conversation <b>Gerry O'Connell &amp; Panel</b>
16:15	Closing Mass <b>Fr Séamus O'Connell</b>



For further congress and workshop details see  
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#### KEY

**P** Primary   **PP** Post-Primary   **A** All

Please keep a record of your workshop choices

## Workshop Sessions

### 11:45-13:00

A1	Creative IT for Religious Education <b>Brendan O'Regan</b>	A
A2	Connecting with <i>Laudato Si'</i> (Encyclical by Pope Francis on Care for Our Common Home) <b>Patricia Lynott</b>	A
A3	Walking the Pilgrim Paths: Reconnecting Body, Mind & Spirit - An Approach for Schools <b>Maureen Kelly</b>	PP
A4	Sacred Spaces in Schools <b>Anne Loughman &amp; Celine Donohoe</b>	A
A5	Celebrating First Communion and First Reconciliation: Connecting Children, Parents & Parish <b>Elaine Mahon &amp; Cora O'Farrell</b>	P

### 14:15-15:30

B1	Christian Meditation <b>Eileen Pugh</b>	A
B2	The Spirituality of Young Children <i>'Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'</i> (Mt 13:8) <b>Kate Liffey</b>	A
B3	Social Justice in Action <b>Ciaran Coll &amp; the Students of the Ember Team from St Mary's Holy Faith Secondary School, Glasnevin</b>	PP
B4	Lighthouse: A Peer Ministry Programme for Post-Primary & Primary Students <b>Orla Walsh</b>	A
B5	When the Dots Don't Join: Religious Education in the Spaces Between <b>Clare Maloney</b>	A

#### Alternative afternoon activities in St Patrick's College as follows:

- 1 A guided tour of the main chapel with Fr John-Paul Sheridan
- 2 A guided tour of the biblical gardens with Fr Turlough Baxter



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