

**INFORMATION & BOOKING FORM FOR ORIENTATION WORKSHOP**

**19th January-24th January 2025**

**Workshop description**

This foundational workshop is essential for all newly appointed vocation directors and teams. It is also open to new formators, or leadership teams interested in upskilling in knowledge & understanding of new entrants today. The goal is to provide participants with the foundational skills, context, theory, challenges, and practicalities of contemporary vocation ministry. Topics will include accompaniment with inquirers, assessment of discerners, application and admission processes, vocation promotion, canon law, boundaries, animating vowed membership, relevant resources, current research, and establishing resiliency and promoting self-care of the vocation director.

**Arrival and departure days/times**

Please note this five-day workshop begins on the evening of Sunday 19th January with supper at 6.00p.m.. and ends with lunch on Friday 24th Rooms must be vacated by 11.00a.m. If you do not wish to stay for lunch on the Friday, please let us know at the time of booking.

**Venue**

The workshop will be held in Mt St Anne’s Retreat Centre Portarlington. There is free parking available.

If coming by Train, you can get a taxi from Port Arlington station which must be prebooked. Information for taxi bookings can be obtained from Margaret on 08678290149 no later than Friday 5.00p.m on 17th January 2025.

**Liturgy**

Eucharistic Liturgy for workshop participants will be offered each day at 8:00 a.m. in the chapel. Each workshop includes communal prayer. Priests booking the workshop please bring your own Alb’s and stoles.

**Presenters**

***Sister Deborah M. Borneman, SS.C.M*.**began working for the NRVC in 2011 and presently serves as the Director of Mission Integration. A Sister of Saints Cyril and Methodius, she previously served as vocation director for her community and on her congregational leadership team. Sr. Debbie has ministerial experience in pastoral care, youth ministry, college campus ministry, and immigration advocacy. She has presented on various topics in vocation ministry in Ireland and throughout the United States. Sr. Debbie holds a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Arts Degree in Pastoral Studies (Loyola University, Chicago).

 **Margaret Cartwright** began working for the Vocations Ireland in 2017 and is currently Director of Vocations Ireland/AMRI Margaret is a lay woman married with three adult daughters and 4 grandchildren. Margaret has had experience of religious life and missionary life. She has ministerial experience in hospital pastoral care, parish ministry, Pastoral supervision for B.A. & MA students, Coordinated All Hallows College Lay ministry program, and has experience in Vocation and Spiritual accompaniment. Margaret holds a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Ministry and a Master’s degree in Pastoral Supervision. Trained in Spiritual Direction in Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality.

 **Michelle Robertson** **-** Michelle is a seasoned digital communication

professional and social media specialist who has been designing and coding websites

since the early 90s. With a fervent passion for leveraging technology as a catalyst for

significant social change, she serves as the Communications Officer for the sisters of

Our Lady of Apostles. Committed to continuous professional development, Michelle

ensures she remains at the forefront of advancements by actively upskilling herself with

emerging technologies. Michelle is also a member of CWR

 **Gerard Gallagher** Gerard has worked with the Catholic Church for over thirty years. He worked in the Archdiocese of Dublin with Catholic Youth Care and Office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism. He has worked mainly with young adults. He has been involved in many local, national and international faith events during a time of major change and adjustment of the Church’s role in Ireland. He is currently Secretary General of AMRI (Association of Missionary and Religious Leaders Ireland). He is an accomplished author with seven books published, most recently Faith – In Search of Greater Glory in Sport. He is married and has three young adult children.

Other speakers to be confirmed.

**Workshop fees**

Workshop fees include all materials including a full vocation manual, speaker stipends, speaker’s travel, facility fees, all meals, and breaks. The workshop fee also includes overnight accommodations for 5 nights, arriving for 6.00p.m supper on 19th January and checking out with lunch on Friday 24th January. Please let Margaret know when you book if you do not require lunch on the Friday. The workshop ends with graduation ceremony at 12.noon.

**Workshop fees**

Vocations/AMRI member: €1000 Non-member: €1,400

Early booking is essential to secure accommodation on site.

Registration is now open Complete booking form and return to Margaret Cartwright, Vocations office, AMRI, c/o Missionaries of Africa, Cypress Grove, Templeogue, Dublin D6W YV12

**Late Fees**

**All workshop registrations received after January 10th incur a €100 late fee.**

**Cancellations**

Cancellations for workshops must be received in writing to info@vocationsireland.com before December 30th to receive a full refund minus a €100 processing fee.

Fees are non-refundable after 5th January

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**CONGREGATION……………………………………………………………………………………**

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**Food allergies………………………………………………………………………………………………**

**PLEASE TICK POSITION YOU HOLD**

**Vocation director**

**Vocation Team Member**

**Formation**

**Leadership**

**Please enclose €100 booking deposit with form.**

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