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**for all those working in Catholic Schools and Colleges in England and Wales**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to this my latest update about the work of CATSC. I am delighted to inform you that there has once again been an increase in the membership of CATSC so that we are now representing even more schools across the country. May I, on behalf of the whole Executive Council of CATSC welcome all new member schools and hope that they will both access our website and follow us on Twitter, details of both are to be found at the bottom of this letter.

As you may be aware CATSC is a national association with schools and colleges across the country joining together to share ideas, teaching and learning resources and opportunities for developing the Catholic life of schools in all forms of education. So if you have an idea you'd like to share with us please do so. They can be sent to the Editor at the address below.

As you will already know the canonization of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II took place in Rome on 27th April. I was privileged to attend this unique event and represent the whole membership of CATSC.. It was a very special occasion and I would like you all to know that prayers were offered up for all those working in our member schools.

Since my last letter to you we have all witnessed the terrible events that occurred at Corpus Christi Catholic College in Leeds which culminated in the death of a much loved and respected teacher Mrs. Ann Maguire. On behalf of the whole organization may I say that the whole of the Executive Council and membership send our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Maguire's family and the whole community of Corpus Christi. Thankfully such events are very rare in our schools but when they do occur we all feel the great sadness and distress that they cause. May Mrs. Maguire rest in peace and may her family, colleagues and pupils find comfort in the Lord.

Finally may I wish you all a happy and holy Summer Term. Please continue to share the joy of the Easter season and the "Good News" story of Pentecost to all who you work with. I hope that all who are participating in examinations this summer achieve all that they hope for and that you enjoy a long and happy school holiday when it eventually arrives.

God bless you all

**Mary Sainsbury  
President of CATSC**

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**Agenda for CATSC AGM**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

**at**

**St Paul's School for Girls, Birmingham**

**starting at 10.00a.m.**

**Would all members please note that the AGM is open to all members and that should they have any motions they wish to have raised they should inform the secretary two week prior to the meeting taking place.**

**A. G.M. AGENDA:**

- 1) Opening Liturgy
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Minutes of previous meeting
- 4) Matters arising
- 5) Correspondence
- 6) Officer Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President report
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
- 7) Executive Officer Reports
8. Annual Study Conference
9. A.O.N. B.
10. Date of next meeting

## **God's Boxes**



Imagine that you had this conversation with God. I have in my hands two boxes, which God gave me to hold. He said, "Put all your sorrows and worries in the black box and all your joys in the gold one.

I heeded his words, and in the two boxes both my joys and sorrows I stored. Though the gold box became heavier each day the black box was as light as before. With a sense of great curiosity I opened the black box to find out why. I was surprised to see that at the base of the black box was a hole which my sorrows and worries had fallen out of.

I showed the hole to God and mused "I wonder where my sorrows and worries might be" He smiled a gentle smile and said "My child they're all here with me."

I asked God why he gave me the boxes, Why the gold one and the black one with the hole? My child he said "The gold one is for you to count your blessings whilst the black one is for you to let go of your worries and sorrows.

Later on I reflected what an important lesson this was for all of us consider.

# St Mary's Lecturer Delivers Keynote Address at Tanzanian University

Dr John Lydon, Senior Lecturer in the School of Education, Theology and Leadership at St Mary's was recently invited to deliver a keynote address as part of Culture Week at Jordan University College in Morogoto, Tanzania.

Jordan University College's Deputy Principal Fr (Dr) Josephat Muhoza, invited Dr Lydon, who is also Director of St Mary's Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies programme, to deliver the lecture for Culture Week, the theme of which was 'Faith and Reason in the African Context'.

Culture Week was attended by more than 500 students and lecturers from universities across Africa, and was opened with a keynote lecture 'Reason and Faith in the Postmodern World' by Fr (Prof) Jaroslaw Merecki from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

This was followed with a series of papers presented by academics from across Africa and the USA, culminating in the final keynote talk from Dr Lydon entitled 'Faith and Culture in the Catholic Education Tradition'. It focused on the complimentary of faith and reason, and the challenge of global marketization to a holistic perspective, which is canonised in the Catholic education tradition, which was well received by students and staff. Students then presented papers on themes relating to African culture, enlivening what was described by Dr Bernard Witek, Principal of the University College, as "an enriching experience for all, both academically and culturally."

Jordan University College has more than 3,000 undergraduate students studying courses in education, sociology, philosophy and theology and is run by the Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians). Two Salvatorian priests, who have recently completed St Mary's MA in Catholic School Leadership, are now engaged in PhD programmes with the University, and it is hoped that the relationship between the two institutions will continue to grow with a particular focus on the expansion of Jordan University College.



**The picture shows - from left Dr Josephat Muhoza (Vice Principal), Dr John Lydon, Bro. Polycarp Hongoli, Dr Bernard Witek (Principal)**

## **CATSC at the Education Show**

As you will know CATSC was represented the Education Show held at the NEC Birmingham last March. Sharing our stand were representatives from Mission Together and CAFOD. As a result there was a strong Catholic presence at the show which was attended by well over 10,000 visitors over the course of the three day duration.

The stand was manned by volunteers from the Executive Council, Mission Together and CAOFD who willingly gave up their time and energy to promote the different organisations with all visitors.

Our very popular green shopping bags became a feature of the show and were evident right across the whole week so much so that we had run out of them by Saturday lunch time.

The Education Show organiser and the CATSC president Mary Sainsbury would like to thank most sincerely all those who gave up their time to support us over the three days of the show.



Ever wondered how CAFOD responds when an emergency happens CAFOD'S NEW Emergency resources are now online to explore what happens in an emergency and includes a film narrated by Dermot O'Leary , a board game called Flood to explore what it takes to protect a community threatened by a flood, and a flow chart with teachers notes.

They can be found at [www.cafod.org.uk/secondary/emergencies](http://www.cafod.org.uk/secondary/emergencies)

## FAIR PLAY OR FOUL?

EXPLORING GLOBAL JUSTICE THROUGH FOOTBALL



Harness the energy around the football World Cup in Brazil 2014 with CAFOD'S new Fair Play or Foul resources for children and young people to explore global justice issues through the lens of sport and football.

Alongside the activities, help your pupils feel truly all in one rhythm this summer with the CAFOD World Cup song. Act in solidarity with young people from Brazil through our musical fund raiser— get a group together, pick up your cups, download the music and start the beat.

See [www.cafod.org.uk/worldcup](http://www.cafod.org.uk/worldcup)



### New CAFOD Fairtrade3 Sock on Sale

190 year old Elliot from Manchester is the winner of CAFOD'S Find Your Feet Trade Feet Competition, and his winning design has been made into Fair-trade sock launched for World Fair Trade Day. Get your hands on a pair to-day at : [www.Cafod.org.uk/fairtradefeet](http://www.Cafod.org.uk/fairtradefeet)

### Global Learning Programme

CAFOD are also running a Global Learning Programme accredited course for secondary teachers in London on Thursday 10th July. To find out more about Education for Global Justice through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching and other INSET opportunities please visit our INSET page at [www.Cafod.org.uk/secondary/Inset](http://www.Cafod.org.uk/secondary/Inset)

### Two CATSC Executive Council Members to visit Jamaica to work with the Missionaries of the Poor

Members of the association may well remember that back in 2010 Elizabeth Sowerby and her father spent two weeks in Uganda working with the Missionaries of the Poor in a orphanage in Kampala. This May they are off on their travels again as they head off to Kingston, Jamaica to help work with the brothers in a new orphanage they are constructing in the country. Please pray for the success of their work and that they have a safe trip. Also watch out for their Twitter updates, blog and photographs on the CATSC website.

