

VATICAN II

THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

Tuesday 15th October

The Inner Journey: The Universal Call to Holiness

Denis Robinson CSSp, PhD (Marino Institute of Education)

It is said that the greatest and most adventurous of journeys is the journey inward towards the discovery of the true self and ultimate meaning. Vatican II in its document on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) gives us a sense of the significance of the inner journey to holiness and into God to which we are all (laity and clergy alike) invited.

Tuesday 22nd October

The Promised Journey of Vatican II: A Vision for Hope and Joy

Suzanne Mulligan, PhD (St. Patrick's College Maynooth)

The Church's social action in the world is often considered one of the most positive aspects of the Church's life and mission. This talk explores several key features of the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et Spes*). Its continued relevance for our world today will be discussed, as will various issues that continue to call for Christian social response.

Tuesday 5th November

An Unfinished Journey: The Role of the Laity in the Church

Bernadette Toal, PhD (Orlagh Retreat Team)

Vatican II gave us a vision of the Church as the *People of God*. All are called to the same holiness and "lay people are personally called by the Lord, from whom they receive a mission on behalf of the Church and the world" (CL23). How can we be inspired by these words today when so many are disillusioned by the Church's behaviour in the recent past?

Tuesday 12th November

The Goal of the Journey: Life after Death

Brian Grogan, SJ, PhD

*(Author of **Where To From Here?**)*

Vatican II refers to "the Pilgrim Church and her Union with the Heavenly Church" (LG Ch.VII), but what happens when we die? Do we all dissolve into nothingness? Or will we all rise again into eternal and glorious life? Is this life only a hint of better things to come? Does the goal of the journey show us how to live rightly our present lives?



DENIS ROBINSON, PhD

Denis Robinson is Director of the Centre for Faith-Based Education, and the Director of the MA in Christian Leadership in Education, at Marino Institute of Education. He also teaches a course on Pastoral Care in All Hallows College. His areas of interest and study include: mysticism and contemplation, spirituality and leadership, the classics of western spirituality, spiritual direction, gender studies, and the spirituality of the sacraments.

SUZANNE MULLIGAN, PhD

Suzanne Mulligan is a lecturer in Moral Theology and Director of the Higher Diploma in Theological Studies at the Pontifical University, Maynooth. Research interests include Catholic Social Teaching, the Common Good, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and the “Just War Theory”. Suzanne is the editor of *Reaping the Harvest: Fifty Years After Vatican II* (Dublin: Columba Press, 2012).

BERNADETTE TOAL, PhD

Bernadette has wide experience in theology and spirituality. She has a doctorate in Theology from the Milltown Institute where she also taught theology to adults. She is a member of the Orlagh Retreat Team and works with parish groups in Orlagh and elsewhere. She was a representative for her parish on the Women’s Deanery Forum, and was a member of the Dublin Diocesan Spirituality Commission.

BRIAN GROGAN, PhD

Brian Grogan SJ is a former President of Milltown Institute, Dublin, and Emeritus Associate Professor of Spirituality there. He has written extensively on Ignatian spirituality, and has lectured for many years on the topic of The World to Come. He is the author of *Where To From Here: The Christian Vision of Life After Death* (Dublin: Veritas, 2011).

7.30pm – 9.00pm

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