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CORE COURSE

Godly Play Training

Are you looking to attend Godly Play training in Ireland this year, or do you know anyone who might be interested? There's a Core Training course happening in Thurles in July.

Dates: Tuesday - Thursday, 3-5 July 2018

Venue: Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies,
MIC, St Patrick's Campus, Thurles

Facilitators: Cora O'Farrell and Jessie Rogers



Godly Play Training

Over three days you will develop your practice and understanding of the art of Godly Play. The training follows an action / reflection model of learning. There is a mixture of trainer-led presentations in each genre and participant storytelling presentations. Each day explores one of the primary genres of Godly Play:

Sacred Stories, Parables and Liturgical Lessons.

Workshops in the cord module also cover details of how to set up a Godly Play environment, the theology and spirituality of childhood, and time to explore your concerns and questions.

What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a gentle way to invite children to listen to God's word and explore its meaning for their lives. It does not tell the children what to think, or give them 'the right answer', but humbly sets up a safe and sacred space in which to proclaim Holy Scripture in a way that facilitates children's hearing, understanding and response. A Godly Play session begins with getting ready to hear and listen deeply to Scripture. The Godly Play style of storytelling uses words coupled with movement of the story materials, so that the Scripture is proclaimed both verbally and visually. Together we make time to ponder meditative questions (that are designed to have neither a right nor wrong answer!) and the children are then invited to work with art materials or the story materials as they continue to engage with the story. After this creative response time, the group comes together again to enjoy a snack and finish the session with social interaction.

How can Godly Play be used?

Godly Play can be used in children's play and pray groups, schools, hospitals and parent / children groups, as part of a home-schooling programme or family worship, as part of Sacramental Preparation or adapted for use in children's liturgy. Training in Godly Play offers the tools to welcome our children as individuals, and the language with which to share our faith. The training will teach us to create a space to enable children to make connections, will give us the confidence to admit we don't always know the answers, help us to slow down the pace and to be open to the unexpected.

Venue: Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies, MIC St Patrick's Campus, Cathedral Street, Thurles.

Dates: 3-5 July 2018

Times: 9:30am-7pm (except on final day of course which ends at 5:30pm)

Trainers: Dr Cora O'Farrell and Dr Jessie Rogers (accredited members of College of Godly Play Trainers)

Cost: €400 Residential (including full board) or €300 non-residential (including lunch) as well as training, handbook, morning & afternoon refreshments.

For further information or to request a booking form, please contact:
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Dr Cora O'Farrell is a member of the Godly Play College of Trainers. She lectures in Religious Education at St Patrick's College, Drumcondra, a college of DCU. She is also a Member of the Council for Catechetics, Irish Catholic Bishops Conference. Cora's doctoral research was in the area of Children's Spirituality, and she wrote the textbook for first and second class for the new RE primary school curriculum. Cora lives in Dublin.



Dr Jessie Rogers is a member of the Godly Play College of Trainers. She lectures in Scripture at the Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth and has trained as a spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition. Jessie lives in County Limerick.



Irish Institute for Pastoral Studies

In 2016 Mary Immaculate College incorporated St Patrick's College as another campus within the College with the intention that Thurles will serve as a centre for theological, pastoral and spiritual renewal in the entire region. To this end Mary Immaculate College announced the establishment of an Institute for Pastoral Studies, within the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, based at the campus in Thurles.

The Institute aims to enable the fulfilment of a new vision for the Church in Ireland to meet the current challenges it faces. The Institute will seek to avail of opportunities to work in partnership with the wider community becoming an active partner and contributor to the work of dioceses and parishes.

The Institute will support the development of lay formation and leadership and provide ongoing formation for clergy throughout the province and beyond. We aim to provide education and formation for all those who are involved in ministry and church leadership and ultimately will provide courses and programmes across the levels of the Qualifications Framework as well as unaccredited programmes.



Further Information & Booking:

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