

**Models of Priestly Formation: Assessing the Past, Reflecting on the Present
and Imagining the Future**

AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

16-18 November 2017

St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 16th November

6.30pm- 7.30pm: Registration

Session 1 (7.30pm—9pm)

Opening Address 7.30pm-8pm: Archbishop Eamon Martin (Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland)

Opening Lecture: Archbishop Jorge Carlos Patrón Wong, (Secretary for Seminaries at the Congregation for Clergy): "The Gift of the Priestly Vocation."

9pm - Reception in Pugin Hall

FRIDAY 17th November

Session 2 - (9.00am—11.00am)

Lecture 1. Rev. Dr. Hans Zollner, S.J. (Centre for Child Protection, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome): "Formation in Safeguarding in Seminary and Religious Training. Spiritual and Practical Aspects"

Lecture 2. Sr. Katarina Schuth, O.S.F (St. Paul Seminary, School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, USA): "Priestly Formation after *Pastores Dabo Vobis.*"

11.00-11.30am Coffee

Lecture 3. (11.30am—12.15pm). Rev. Christopher Jamison, O.S.B. (National Office for Vocation, Catholic Church of England and Wales): “A Reflection on the Qualities of Candidates Entering Seminary and the Formation Implications.”

12.15pm -12.45pm

Discussion and Questions

1pm – 2pm Lunch

Session 3 – (2.30pm – 4pm) – Shorter Papers (**3x 20 minutes followed by 30 minutes discussion**)

1. Rev. Dr. Kevin O’ Gorman, S.M.A. (St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth): “Analogia Ecclesiae – Models of Priesthood: Some Implications for Formation.”
2. Rev. Sr. Brenda Dolphin, R.S.M. (Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome): “‘I will give you shepherds after my own heart (Jer 3:15)’ - A Promise for all Seasons, A Challenge for all Times. Priestly formation - The Joy and the Cost of Learning to Respond to the Call to be a Shepherd after God's own Heart.’
3. Rev. Prof. Eamonn Conway, (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick): “‘The self knows that self is not enough’ - Priestly Formation for Collaboration.”

4pm -4.30pm Coffee

Session 4 (4.30pm-5.30pm)

Rev. Dr. Ronald Witherup, P.S.S. (Superior General of the Society of Priests of St. Sulpice, Paris): “International Perspectives on Priestly Formation and Challenges for the Future.”

6pm. Eucharist (Celebrant: Archbishop Kieran O’Reilly)

7pm. Drinks Reception/Evening Meal

SATURDAY 18th November

Session 5 (9.30am-12.30pm)

9.30am Rev. Dr. John Kartje (President of The University of Saint Mary of the Lake / Mundelein Seminary, Archdiocese of Chicago): “What Constitutes ‘Best Practice’ in Seminary Formation? A View from Mundelein.”

10.30-11am Coffee Break

11am Concluding Address: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin (Archbishop of Dublin)

12noon – 12.45pm Round Table Discussion with Participants

1pm – Conclusion and Lunch