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Forming Christ in the Young

Welcome to the Presentation Brothers' Anglo-Irish Province e-letter! Remember, we can only share what we receive - so please do keep us up-to-date with events and stories from your part of the Presentation Family.

You can [email us](#) with anything you'd like to see included.



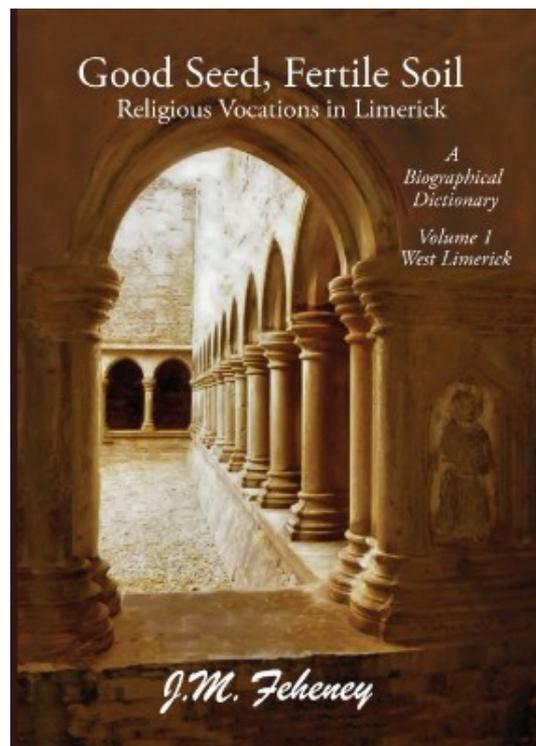
During this time of New Year's resolutions, we are trying to give people something positive and life-affirming, which could well change their lives. That is why [PBYM](#) is bringing the [Alpha Youth Film Series](#) into schools this month. Tomorrow, **Thursday 19th January**, Transition Year students in [Pres College Bray](#) will start Alpha - an adventure which will take them all the way up to Easter. Meanwhile, in Cork, a Youth Alpha is planned to begin next week in [Colaiste an Spioraid Naoimh](#). Please keep these important initiatives in your prayers.





On **Saturday 14th January**, 18 people gathered in the Commons Inn, Cork, for the Presentation Brothers' Safeguarding Training Day, led by trainer Treise Lenihan. From 10am-4pm, the group received updated training about the new safeguarding standards and policies in the Catholic Church in Ireland. The training is a signal of the Presentation Brothers' commitment to the very highest safeguarding standards. The group included those who work directly with children and teenagers. The ongoing development of PBYM is another sign of the Brothers adapting their charism to new circumstances.

Br Matthew Feheny's book *Good Seed, Fertile Soil*, about religious vocations in West Limerick, is still on sale. Launched by Bishop Brendan Leahy late last year, the book features almost 1000 entries from the 24 parishes of West Limerick, from 1850 to 1950. The book is on sale for €25 in a few places, including [NCW Bookshop](#), Market Yard, Newcastle West, Co Limerick, or from Br Matthew himself, who can be contacted [here](#). The book is a very interesting look at religious life in Ireland, and speaks to the continuing importance of vocations.



You may notice that we have included a new button on our website, which is promoting the **World Meeting of Families**, happening in Dublin in August 2018. While this event is still some way off, there is plenty of work to be done. The organising committee are always looking for volunteers, so keep an eye on their



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website, www.worldmeeting2018.ie for more details.



Alpha in Dublin

This Spring, why not **#TryAlpha?** [Alpha](#) returns to [Glasthule](#) on **Tuesday 31st January** for 10 weeks, and is a great chance to ask the big questions in life, in an informal, safe, fun environment. It's free to attend, and includes food, chat and some video input. Each session starts at **7.30pm** and ends at 9pm. Alpha is especially suitable for those aged 18-40, but all are welcome to attend, regardless of age. For more information, or to book your place, email alpha@PresentationBrothers.org.



Prayer Requests

To strengthen the bonds of the **Presentation Family**, we would like to invite you to pray for some **specific intentions**. However you pray - in **adoration, community prayer, or family prayer** - please include the **intentions of the Presentation Family**. This fortnight, we are especially praying for the **Vocations Strategy Group**, who are devising a plan for **new vocations to the Brotherhood**.



Young Adults Dublin

Young Adults Dublin resumes in the New Year with an informal, relaxed social evening. All 18-40 year olds are welcome to **The Club, Dalkey, Co Dublin at 8pm on Saturday 21st January 2017**. This is a great opportunity to meet other young adults and to hang out, catch up and start the new year with a no-pressure community which cares. For more information, see [Young Adults Dublin Facebook page](#), or [follow](#) them on **Twitter**.



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