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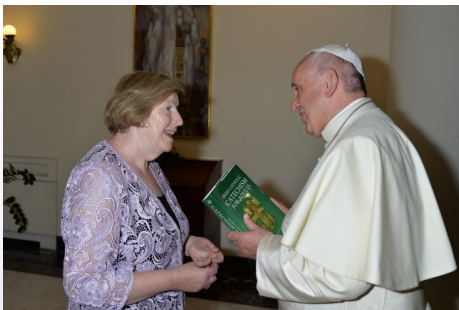
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## **Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults presented to Pope Francis**

The *Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults* is a new publication from the Irish Episcopal Conference. The result of several years' work, this catechism is a call to renewal of faith among adults, at a time when people may be questioning if the good news of Jesus Christ applies to them. It responds to the recommendation in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that Episcopal Conferences would develop 'local catechisms, which take into account various situations and cultures, while carefully preserving the unity of faith and fidelity to catholic doctrine'. The new catechism was launched in June and a copy was presented to Pope Francis by Ms Maura Hyland, Director of Veritas, on 26 June.



Ireland is the second country in the English-speaking world to publish a local catechism based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. To order your copy please see [veritas.ie](http://veritas.ie) and for extra resource material please see [irishcatechism.ie](http://irishcatechism.ie).

### **Bishop Doran on vocations**

Speaking at his episcopal ordination on 13 July, Bishop Kevin Doran said: "Priesthood is what might be described as a minority vocation, at the service of the majority. But, for some reason, when the question of vocation to priesthood arises, there seems to be an assumption that the priest will come from someone else's family or from some other community. I want to offer you a challenge. Will you find one suitable candidate for priesthood in each deanery between now and Easter and invite him to contact me or one of the members of the vocations team?" See [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie) for full text.



### **Prayers for peace in Middle East**

Bishop John McAreavey, Bishop of Dromore and Chair of the Bishops' Council for Justice and Peace has called for prayers for peace in the Middle East saying: "The death and destruction that we are witnessing in certain parts of the Middle East is truly shocking and heart-breaking. I encourage all Christians and all people of goodwill to pray for an end to the conflicts in Iraq, in Syria, in Palestine, and in Israel."

"I therefore invite everybody to join in solidarity with all who are suffering in the Middle East and to pray, both personally and at Masses, for peace and justice in these lands."

Full statement on [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie).

## **NEWS SNIPPETS**

- In his homily for the annual reek Sunday pilgrimage Archbishop Michael Neary said: "Hope belongs centrally and decisively to faith. Faith cannot be about maintenance; it is about welcoming home all sorts and conditions of people." Read the full homily on [catholicbishops.ie](http://catholicbishops.ie).
- The Annual Knock Novena will take from 14 to 22 August. Speakers will include Bishop Philip Boyce and Elma Walsh. For more information see [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie).
- Bishops have designated 5 October as Rosary Sunday to encourage the practice of this much loved family prayer and to encourage prayer for the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family.
- Video: Bishop Brendan Leahy offers a reflection on the Feast of the Assumption on 15 August. Scan the QR code to view the video or find it on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie).
- The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference wishes to appoint a National Director for Catechetics and Joint Coordinator of the National Faith Development Team. See [catholicbishops.ie/careers](http://catholicbishops.ie/careers) for full job advertisement.



**Pope Francis' Tweet of the Month:** Do not be afraid to cast yourselves into the arms of God; whatever he asks of you, he will repay a hundredfold. Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex

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