

# RELIGION AND THE PUBLIC GOOD

Fifty Years after the  
Second Vatican Council

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### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10: LIMETREE THEATRE, MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE

15.00-17.00	Emerging Scholars' Forum (Tara Building)
18.30	Registration
19.00	Introduction Dr Patrick Connolly, Conference Convenor  Opening Prayer  Welcome Prof Michael Hayes, President of Mary Immaculate College
19.30	The Second Vatican Council - The Enduring Legacy HE Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor  Reception

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 11: THE STRAND HOTEL, ENNIS ROAD, LIMERICK

8.00	Mass (College Chapel)
9.00	Registration
9.30	The Evolving European Project and the Place of Religion Bishop Noel Treanor
10.30	Break
11.00	Religious Freedom, Interreligious Dialogue, and the Engagement of the Church in Today's World Prof Mathijs Lamberigts
12.00	Theological Perspectives on Vatican II's Declaration on Religious Freedom (Parallel Sessions)
Session 1	Taking Liberties with the Conciliar Declaration: Its On-going Reception Dr Leon Hooper SJ
Session 2	The Binding Force of Vatican II Prof Myriam Wiljens
Session 3	From Fear of Freedom to Freedom from Fear: Toleration Theology in <i>Dignitatis Humanae</i> Dr Anthony Towey
Session 4	Ecumenism and <i>Dignitatis Humanae</i> Dr Patrick Connolly
1.00	Lunch
2.00	People, Media, Faith and Vatican II Ms Mary Kenny
3.00	Knowing our Place in the Public Square - A View from the North Mgr Eamon Martin
4.00	Break
4.15	Religion and Civic Identity in Ireland: The Disappearance of Religion in the Understanding of Citizenship Dr Kevin Williams
5.15	Conclusion

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Mary Immaculate College in Limerick is celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council by hosting a conference about religion and the good of society.

Vatican II was a defining event not just for the Catholic Church but also for wider society, partly because the Declaration on Religious Liberty (*Dignitatis Humanae*) enunciated new parameters about how the Church should relate to both society and the state. However the world of the 1960's is quite different from that of today. Religion is back on the world stage, yet it is often viewed not as a public good but as something divisive which needs to be managed. This has led to new tensions over the meaning and practical implications of religious freedom in Western democracies.



The Conference Convenor, **Patrick Connolly**, a priest of the diocese of Clogher, is senior lecturer in Theology & Religious Studies at Mary Immaculate College, where he is also the assistant registrar. He has published on the canonical dimensions of various theological issues.



**Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor** is the Emeritus Archbishop of Westminster. He was Co-Chairman of the Anglican and Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), one of the Apostolic Visitors to Ireland, and he continues to serve on many Vatican dicasteries.



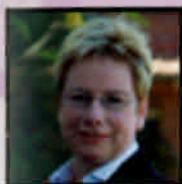
**Mathijs Lamberigts** is professor of the History of Church and Theology at the University of Leuven. He is the director of the Centre for the Study of the Second Vatican Council, secretary of the Revue d'Histoire Ecclésiastique, and a member of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium.



**Leon Hooper SJ** is senior research fellow at Woodstock Theological Centre, Georgetown University, Washington DC, and the director of the Woodstock Library. He has published widely on John Courtney Murray, one of the architects of Vatican II's teaching on religious liberty.



**Noel Treanor** is the Bishop of Down & Connor since 2008. He served previously for many years in Brussels as the Secretary-General of COMECE, the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community.



**Myriam Wijlens**, originally from Holland, is professor of Canon Law at the University of Erfurt (Germany), where she has also served as vice-president. She is a Catholic nominee on the Standing Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.



**Anthony Towe** is head of the School of Theology, Philosophy and History at St Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, London. His book *Introduction to Theology: Biblical, Classical, Contemporary* is due to be published by T & T Clark in January 2013.



**Mary Kenny** is a Dublin-born journalist and writer with a special interest in social history. Her books include *Goodbye to Catholic Ireland*. She has been married for 38 years, has two sons and two grand-daughters.



**Eamon Martin**, a priest of the diocese of Derry, studied at Maynooth, Queen's in Belfast, and at Cambridge. He was president of St Columba's College in Derry and is a former Executive Secretary of the Irish Episcopal Conference. He is currently Diocesan Administrator of Derry.



**Kevin Williams**, a former president of the Educational Studies Association of Ireland, is senior lecturer at the Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin City University. His recent books include *Religion and Citizenship Education in Europe*, and *Faith and the Nation: Religion, Culture and Schooling in Ireland*.

## CONFERENCE DETAILS

### VENUE

October 10  
Mary Immaculate College  
South Circular Road, Limerick



October 11  
The Strand Hotel,  
Ennis Road, Limerick



### COST

€70/£55 payable in advance (includes lunch/tea/coffee)

### RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION

The Strand Hotel, Tel: +353 61 421800  
The Clarion Hotel, Tel: +353 61 444100  
Patrick Punch's Hotel, Tel: +353 61 460800  
Quote MIC Conference at time of booking

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