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Re-visioning and Renewing Catholic Education Today

*Marking the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration of the Second Vatican Council on Christian Education,
Gravissimum Educationis*

Friday 13th November, 2015

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the President and the Community of Cistercian College, Roscrea, we have pleasure in inviting you to join us at a conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Christian Education, *Gravissimum Educationis*.

The Council, recognising the changing social and cultural landscape of the day, placed at the heart of the Church's preaching of the Kingdom of God the education of young people, asking that it be imbued with the spirit of Christ and a vision which promoted the internal renewal of the Church and provided a leaven in the community.

Fifty years after that declaration, we assess, through the reflections of expert commentators in the field, the impact which Catholic education makes on the Church and the world, and investigate the demands which are made of the Church's commitment to education - particularly in Ireland today - in the context of ever changing social, political and religious spheres and experiences. This is the only conference analysing the challenges facing Catholic education to take place this year in Ireland - we would be delighted if you could join us for this unique gathering.

We look forward to hearing from you.

In Christ,

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