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**North West Catholic Dioceses Training Partnership**

**The Post Graduate Catholic Leadership Programme**

**The Purpose of the PGCLP:**

The proposal to develop the PGCLP has arisen from conversations with Catholic leaders who have participated in the Catholic Leadership Programme over the past 12 years. Each year the written evaluations from CLP delegates express an appetite for continuing, deepening or refreshing the spirituality, understanding of mission and the network of support experienced during the programme. Delegates from the 2016 CLP cohort commented:

* ***“****I wish I could continue having a regular opportunity to engage with a course to encourage further reflection, but also have the opportunity to build stronger bonds with fellow Catholic leaders”.*
* *“I will really miss the CLP! I wish it could be on-going for the rest of my career as a support through the difficult and challenging times”*

The challenges facing leaders in Catholic schools are not going away, and there is a real need for opportunities for spiritual renewal and the formation of a deeper understanding of the Church’s transformational mission.

*“This personal reservoir of hope for the individual has to be periodically refilled by a variety of replenishment and sustainability strategies, without which the leader will either ‘burn out’ by being unable to sustain hope and energy levels in the face of relentless pressures for change”.* (Alan Flintham: ‘Reservoirs of Hope’).

The focus of both the conferences and evening sessions would be ‘food for the journey’, making sense of the challenge of Catholic leadership. There will be opportunities for reading, discussion, interpretation and reflection with peers. We intend to explore the spirituality

of leadership using the Emmaus model: Jesus listened to their experience, accompanied them on the road, engaged in dialogue with them, drew them out, and broke bread with them. He led them to a deeper reality. Jesus taught them who He was and from this they took hope and the strength to continue on their journey.

**Who is it for?**

Graduates of the CLP who completed the programme and who are in a senior leadership post in their school. The PGCLP is designed for experienced Catholic leaders who wish to explore their vocation in a deeper way. It is not intended to be a ‘CLP Mark II’. There will be opportunities for reflection and spiritual refreshment, and for developing their resilience and ‘a hope-filled vision’, as well as for exploring individual issues, needs and future aspirations.

**The Structure of the Programme:**

* Four evening sessions with a speaker
* A one-day conference
* Two residential conferences
* At least three one-to-one sessions with a mentor

**Group Sessions:**

The delegates will work in groups of 4 or 5 at each evening session (and if possible at the conferences). Discussions will be structured, based upon prior reading and will be facilitated by members of the PGCLP team.

**Outline of the 2017 Programme** *(similar structure, timings and venues for 2018)*

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| **GROUP SESSIONS** | **CONFERENCES** | **PERSONAL MENTORING** |
| Mass and  Induction Meeting  Tuesday 10th January 2017  Salford Cathedral Centre  Followed by Induction Session  7.30-8.30 pm | Residential Conference (1)  Friday 3rd -Saturday 4th March 2017  Whalley Abbey | Personal Appointment 1  January - March 2017 |
| Evening Session (1)  Tuesday 7th February 2017  4.00pm-6.00pm  Salford Cathedral Centre | One-Day Conference  Tuesday 23rd May 2017  8.45am-3.30pm  Liverpool Hope University | Personal Appointment 2    April – June 2017 |
| Evening Session (2)  Tuesday 28th March 2017  4.00pm-6.00pm  Wrightington Hotel | Personal Appointment 3  July- September 2017 |
| Evening Session (3)  Tuesday 19th Sept 2017  4.00pm-6.00pm  Salford Cathedral Centre | Residential Conference (2)  Friday 6th - Saturday 7th October 2017  Wrightington Hotel |  |
| Evening Session (4)  Tuesday 10th October 2017  4.00pm-6.00pm  Salford Cathedral Centre | Celebration Mass and Certificate  Presentation Evening  Tuesday 29th November 2017 - 6.45pm  Salford Cathedral Centre |  |

**Feedback from 2017 Delegates**

* *“The programme has given me time to reflect on my personal beliefs, deepen my faith and apply this to my practice. It has re-affirmed why I came into leadership and has strengthened me as a person”.*
* *“The speakers and sessions have been thought provoking and challenged me. Their insights have helped me deepen my faith. Inspiring, reflective and challenging of beliefs and ideas embedded since childhood”.*
* *“I have been challenged to make my vision clearer”.*

**Start Date: Programme Cost:**

January 2018 £800