

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME/ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE MAYNOOTH/CLEO

### DIPLOMA IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**St. Patrick's College, Maynooth**, in partnership with the Alliance for Catholic Education (University of Notre Dame), offers a programme to help teachers develop professionally as Catholic educators, aware of their own faith and of its impact on their service in, and to, Catholic schools.

**The objectives of the Diploma in Catholic Education are as follows:**

- To promote a greater understanding of the theological foundation and history of Catholic Education;
- to foster a more significant awareness of teachers' roles and responsibilities in Catholic schools;
- to enable teachers develop a sense of their own faith and spirituality and how these are expressed and enhanced in and through their day-to-day experience in a Catholic school.

**There are three aspects to the programme, each of which is deemed necessary and integral and all of which must be satisfactorily completed for the purposes of the award of the DCE:**

Professional Development:

- Semester I (Autumn): Catholic Education – Roots, History and Content
- Semester II (Spring): Forged in the Crucible – The Spirituality of the Catholic Teacher
- Summer School: A two-week residential course of four modules – Christian Discipleship; Learning from Jesus the Teacher; Catholic Social Teaching and Educational Leadership; Faith Seeking Understanding, An Introduction to Theology – will be held in early July.

Faith Formation: This is achieved through group retreats, regular opportunities for Holy Mass and prayer, and through the formal course work.

Building a Community: Group activities – involving the participants and people from the local Catholic education community generally - are organised on a regular basis and include Holy Mass, followed by a meal and discourse on some aspect of Catholic life and education.

**Fees:** Through the generous support of the University of Notre Dame, the fee for the *entire* programme – including the two-week residential Summer School – is €1000.

**The DCE Comes South:** St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, now proposes to offer the DCE to primary and post-primary school teachers in the south Munster region in collaboration with CLEO, the Christian Leadership in Education Office, Mardyke House, Mardyke Walk, Cork, from September, 2014, where the lectures in Semesters I and II, and the liturgical and other communal gatherings, will be held at, it is hoped, participant-friendly days and times.

**Interested parties should, in the first instance, contact  
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