



As a missionary at the edge of the Sahara, Br Joe has provided clean water for hundreds of people.

The Presentation Brothers

We are a Catholic congregation of religious brothers working in several countries around the world. We were founded in Ireland by Blessed Edmund Rice in 1802. Blessed Edmund wanted to offer a Catholic education to the young people of his time.

Today we bring the message of Christ to the young people of *our* time. We do this as teachers, chaplains and missionaries.

We take three vows: poverty, chastity and obedience. These remind us of the priority of God and free us to serve other people. We live in groups called *communities* and this helps us support one another in our mission. This vocation is demanding but it is deeply rewarding.

We believe the Lord is calling men to follow in the footsteps of Blessed Edmund Rice today.

If you are drawn to this way of life, our message is *“Do not be afraid!”*

The Next Step

Contact our Vocations Director by post, phone, text, e-mail or Facebook. He can help answer any questions you might have. He’s also free to meet for an informal conversation.

We also organise vocation discernment groups and live-in weekends. These are relaxed and informal opportunities to help understand religious life better. Keep an eye on www.PresentationBrothers.org for details!



PRESENTATION BROTHERS
Forming Christ in the Young

The Joy of Brotherhood

A short guide for men interested in a religious vocation



Final Profession Day
Br Kevin might have had doubts too... But he said ‘yes’ to the call of Christ and serves today as a Presentation Brother.

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Our Vocation

'Here I am Lord. I have come to do your will.' PSALM 40

In every age the Lord has called men and women to follow Him in a radical way. And people have opened their hearts and responded with generosity, joy and enthusiasm.

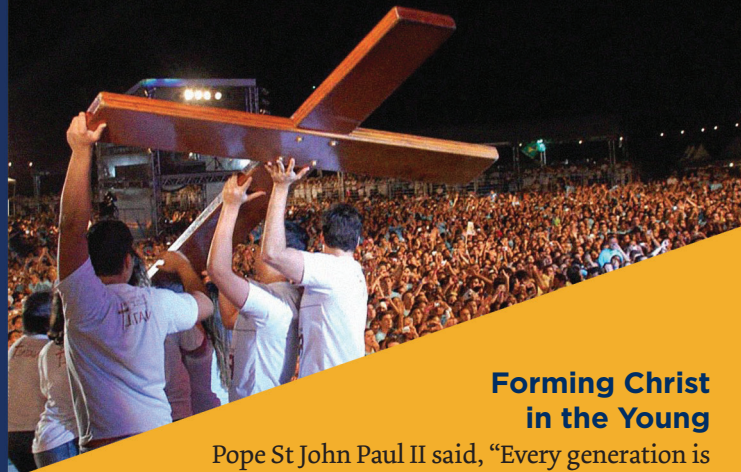
The world today needs 'heralds of the gospel': men and women who are in love with Christ and dedicated to the mission of the Church.

We follow Christ as religious brothers. Our mission is evangelisation – bringing the message of Christ to young people today. If you think the Lord is calling you to this exciting mission, then we'd love to hear from you!



Our Vocation: Bringing young people to the heart of the Church.

What We Do



Forming Christ in the Young

Pope St John Paul II said, "Every generation is like a new continent to be won for Christ!" Youth ministry is at the heart of our vocation as Presentation Brothers. We work as chaplains and teachers to help our students form a personal relationship with Christ.

Catechesis & Evangelisation

Our Brothers in Dublin host the successful *Mondays at the Monastery* series of talks helping people increase their understanding of the Catholic faith. We also organise the *Alpha* faith development course which encourages participants to deepen their faith in Christ.

Serving Those in Need

Love of neighbour is perhaps the most effective witness we give to our faith. Our Brothers in Waterford support the work of the *Integration & Support Unit* helping refugees who arrive without family, friends or even a word of English.

In Cork we also help run the *Edmund Rice Action Camps* which provide a summer holiday for children, and *SHARE* – a charity in which students assist the elderly with companionship and accommodation.

So, if you have a passion for evangelisation, get in touch!

Becoming a Brother

The process for becoming a Presentation Brother is taken carefully. The first step is usually an informal chat with the Vocations Director. This is a good opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about the Brothers. After that, the following process begins:

Accompaniment:

This is a series of regular meetings with the Vocations Director over several months. You will be guided through a process of discernment. This enables you to reach a prayerful decision about your next steps.

Postulancy (up to 1 year):

This year is spent living in a Brothers' community. It's an opportunity to deepen your understanding of our prayer life, work and mission.

Novitiate (2 years):

Novitiate is a period of spiritual preparation. It involves prayer, reflection and study.

Temporary Profession:

At the end of novitiate, the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience are taken, initially for a period of one year at a time. At this point you will be assigned a ministry or encouraged to undertake further studies.

Final Profession:

After careful discernment, the Brother now makes his vows for life and takes on the mission of 'forming Christ in the Young'.