

## From the Chairperson.....

*Greeting from Kilkenny at this the conclusion of the 2004 Pilgrimage Year and the beginning of the new year. Thanks to all who were part of IHCPT in the past year - here at home in Ireland, benefactors, parents, carers, regional members. We had a great year. A wonderful pilgrimage, a successful visit to Hosanna House in June and a great year in our House in Kilcuan. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to all that was IHCPT in 2003-2004.*

*Welcome to the new year. Plans are already in place for our new pilgrimage year. Kilcuan is ready for another busy summer and is welcoming our Friendship Groups. Our Hosanna House groups are back from Lourdes and by all accounts enjoyed the wonderful facilities of Hosanna House in Bartres. As the summer will come to close our seven regions will begin the work at regional level: sending out application forms, beginning the work of fund raising and inviting new recruits to be helpers next year in Lourdes.*

*I am delighted to be re-elected Chairperson for this coming year. I am very pleased to be at the helm at this exciting time in the life of the Trust. As we begin this new pilgrimage year I would like to record my thanks, and that of the whole family of IHCPT, to Dr Michael McGloin and Angela Keane who are ending their time on the Board of Trustees. A big thank you to everyone else on the board for their time and commitment to the management of the Trust. Enjoy the summer months. May God bless you all for the work you are doing. Thanks from all the young people who travel with us and from their families.*

*With best wishes.*

*Richard Scriven*

## Cead Mile Failte

Welcome to new regional officers and new group leaders:

Kathleen O'Sullivan, Regional Nurse, South East.

Tim O'Brien, Regional Chairperson, South

Mike Walker, Regional Treasurer, South

Sean Kennedy, Group Leader 66

Miriam Rohan, Group Leader 90

Pat Doody, Group Leader 135

Olivia Murphy, Group Leader 162

Claire Kelly, Group Leader 125

Martin Grealish, Group Leader 137

Mary Dunnion, Group Leader 173

Thanks again to the out-going officers and group leaders. Welcome to all new group leaders and thank you for taking up the job. There will be a training day for all new officers in Kilcuan on September 11th 2004.

## IHCPT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At our May meeting the Board of IHCPT marked the contribution of two members to the work of IHCPT.



In January 2004 Dr Michael McGloin completed his term as a member of the Board. Michael had been a member of the board since 1988 and during his fifteen years he was Trust Doctor, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Michael has also organised the biennial IHCPT cycle to Lourdes. He has also been a member of Board of HCPT. As a thank you the Board presented Michael with an icon of the Madonna and Child. We thank him for his dedication and commitment to the Trust over the years and are pleased that he continues to give his time and talents to the Trust.



Angela Keane resigned from the Board in May 2004. A native of Kerry Angela completed five years as a member of the board. During her time there she worked to develop the merchandise aspect of IHCPT, opening and running a shop in Lourdes and co-ordinating the stock here in Ireland. We wish her well in what promises to be a very exciting future and look forward to seeing her in Lourdes.

## International Project

The board of IHCPT has become a partner with a project run by the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in El Salvador. Sister Anne Griffin was a member of HCPT Group 2 for many years when she was based in England. She is now working with a small project that is providing care for young children at risk in Arambala. We have agreed to provide funding for the work that Sr Anne's community is doing and our small annual contribution is enabling them to expand their work and provides them with the security of funding. Our funding will help the centre to provide training for a Care Worker and care for ten young people between the age of two and six years of age. More news in the September edition of Irish Trust Talk.

# Things to note . . . . .

**E111:** On June 1st 2004 the E111 has been replaced by the European Health Insurance Card. One card is needed for every individual or member of the family. If a person is a holder of a medical card or a DPS scheme card application can be made online at [2www.ehic.ie](http://2www.ehic.ie). An application form can also be downloaded from this site. Alternatively your local Health Board centre can provide the forms. The process will take at least two weeks. This has implications for us and will require forward planning. More details at the September meeting.

**Helpers Forms:** As discussed at the Pre Pilgrimage meeting in Kilcuan this is an area of ongoing concern. In 2004 there was a vast improvement on the previous year but this still needs some work and energy. We are proposing that each group leader will have their list of cares submitted to Kilcuan before January 31st and all carer forms and fares lodged at the office before February 28th.

**Lifting and Handling:** In the latter end of 2004 we are arranging training for instructors in this area. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please contact the office at Kilcuan. This person does not necessarily have to be someone who travels to Lourdes with us but is prepared to give a commitment to the Trust to provide training for our carers. This will be a valuable qualification for the person who takes this course and will enable us to provide training at seminars during the coming year.

**Trust Directory:** As usual the Trust Directory will be available on CD at the September meeting. Please notify the office of changes of address, phone numbers or email address. It is hoped that for the coming year the office will have an email address and mobile phone number for each group leader.

**Code of Practice:** A new edition of the Code of Practice will be available at the September Meeting. Please dispose of all old editions of the Code of Practice and make yourself aware of the contents of this book.

**Headed Paper:** IHCPT issued new headed paper at the pre pilgrimage meeting in March. Please make sure that all correspondence on behalf of the Trust is written on this paper. Please get rid of all old paper - the details on the end of the paper is not accurate on the old paper.

**Im Memoriam:** In our *Im Memoriam* book we entry the names of young people, carers, group members and benefactors who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Please notify the HQ of names that should be entered into this book.

**Irish Trust Talk:** We will be preparing the September edition of Irish Trust Talk during August. Please forward material and photos to the Office before the end of August 31st. We would particularly love to receive photos of your group from Lourdes or your re-union here in Ireland.

## Kalendarium 2004 -2005

### Dates for your Diary

| Date                      | Meeting   | Venue           |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| June 4th 2004             | Hosanna House Pilgrimage                                    | Lourdes         |
| June 19th 2004            | Trustees Meeting  | Kilkenny        |
| September 4th 2004        | Trustees Meeting  | Kilkenny        |
| September 11th 2004       | Group Leaders' Meeting                                      | Kilcuan         |
| September 11th 2004       | New Group Leaders   | Kilcuan         |
| 18th September 18th 2004  | Meeting with HH Leaders                                     | Birr            |
| November 26-27th 2004     | Conjoint Meeting  | Lourdes         |
| November 26th - 28th 2004 | International Meeting of Members of Hospitalites            |                 |
| December 10th 2004        | Invitations, deferrals etc will be posted from HQ           |                 |
| December 11th 2004        | Trustees Meeting  | Kilcuan         |
| January 15th 2005         | Trustees Meeting  | Kilcuan         |
| January 31st 2005         | List of Carers to be submitted to Kilcuan                   |                 |
| February 11th 2005        | International Planning Meeting                              | Lourdes         |
| February 25th 2005        | Trustees Meeting  | Kilcuan         |
| February 26th 2005        | Pre Lourdes Meeting   | Kilcuan         |
| February 28th 2005        | All Carers forms to be in HQ                                |                 |
| March 1st 2005            | Chief Executive to contact Regional Chairs re Helpers Forms |                 |
| March 5th 2005            | HH Selection  | TBC             |
| March 27th 2005           | Easter Sunday   | Pilgrimage 2005 |
| May 20th -22nd 2005       | Trustees AGM  | Kilcuan         |

## Lifting and Handling

IHCPT are offering a training in Lifting and Handling later this year. This course will give certification to participants and qualify them as instructors in this important area. We are inviting people to volunteer to take this training and give a commitment to IHCPT over the coming years to provide training for our carers.

Please contact Ciaran Cannon, Chief Executive IHCPT, at Kilcuan to discuss the details, dates etc. The participants of this course do not need to be regular travellers to Lourdes but do need to be available to give instruction courses to our regions here in Ireland during the coming years.

### MAY ETERNAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

Please remember in your prayers Bishop Victor Guizzelli who died in May. Bishop Victor was a past president of HCPT and was a regular visitor to Lourdes at Easter. Also we remember the soul of Frances Shand Kidd who also died in May. Frances Shand Kidd, mother of Princess Diana, travelled to Lourdes a number of times with the Scottish groups.

**May they rest in peace.**



La Brise is the IHCPT cycling club. The Slieve Augney cycle will take place on July.... Starting time is 10.00 at The Shannon Oaks Hotel in Portumna. There will be the option of a 65 mile cycle or a route of 25 miles - a great preparation for the IHCPT cycle in two years time!

The 2004 Cycle to Lourdes was a tremendous success. This success was due to the preparation that all participants put in prior to departure and also the excellent planning by Michael McGloin and Pat Jordan. 85 cyclists entering Lourdes together on Good Friday created quite a spectacle. Never ones to rest on our laurels..... the next cycle is less than two years away. Again numbers will be limited so it is important to start now.

The cycle is a very important part of our pilgrimage. From a money point of view it provides us with a source of income that has enabled the Trust to go from strength to strength. More importantly, in some ways, is the pilgrimage experience itself for the participants. Go on, you thought you could never do it! IHCPT cyclists never say never!!!



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