



# Diocese of Paisley Spring Festival Newsletter

May 2018

## Introduction

Welcome Brothers and Sisters to this year's Festival Gathering held in St. Mirin's Cathedral Hall on the 10th May. This being the first edition of a Spring Festival Newsletter we have included information for your attention and matters that I am confident will be of interest to SSVP members.

Brother Danny Collins.  
Diocesan President.

## Festival Focus

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the Holy Spirit Special Works Conference (HSSWC), we would ask all conferences of the Diocese of Paisley to continue to support the HSSWC and to keep our work in your prayers.

Our primary support over 17 years for the Jericho Rehabilitation houses is in the form of transport and having been blessed recently with Jericho also providing a house for female recovering addicts we now need to maintain and more significantly replace every 5/6 years 2 minibuses.

We have proved over the 17 years that we need to plan and save for replacements minibuses, this has been successful with diocesan / national council and conferences support. We are now on our THIRD bus for the men and FIRST for the women. Unless there are steady donations then a single substantial amount would be required to replace a van or vans.

We understand that not all conferences have had it easy with declining donations but we would be grateful for any donations that conferences can provide to continue to support our work now and in future year's.

Yours in Charity.  
Brother Jim Farron SWC

**GDPR: General Data Protection Regulations** will apply from 25th May 2018. Unlike the Millennium 2000 the regulation does not mark a point in time rather a change in practice over time, including identifying risks and putting in place procedures. The SSVP National Council discussed what information is being held across the dioceses, where it came from, who it is shared with and how it is stored. A review of a 12 step preparation document highlighted steps already completed and additional steps to be taken. Key documents will be prepared including Privacy Notices, and Subject access requests procedures. **Guidelines will be issued to Conferences.**

**1918 - 2018 Centenary**  
**Celebrating the faith of Catholic Schools in Scotland.**

## 2nd SSVP Youth International Meeting

*Hannah O'Neill member of the Diocesan Sister Rosalie Rendu SWC (Ozanam Club) has accepted the responsibility of representing SSVP Scotland at this year's event we thank Hannah for her willingness to attend, we hope Hannah has an enjoyable experience and we express our appreciation and look forward to her account (watch this space).*



## Acknowledgements:

*We would also like to acknowledge and thank the many young people within the Diocese of Paisley who participate in the wide range of charitable and spiritual opportunities available including: Pope Benedict XVI Caritas / Pope Francis Award Schemes, Mini Vinnies, SSVP Special Works Conference Projects and many other initiatives. We also appreciate the supportive role of the Catholic Schools and Churches.*

***The contribution particularly from young people deserve our sincere praise.***