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Publishing Policy

1. The objective is to publish a new *Ozanam News*, which will be issued three times per year, May, September and November. To facilitate this, a publications committee has been formed and a member of the National Council has been made responsible for its operation. The publications committee will normally meet two months before going to the printer. As at present, the actual putting together of the magazine will be the responsibility of the National Office staff, who will select the printer and liaise and coordinate with all preproduction functions. 2. In accordance with National Council requirements, the intention will be not to feature 'editorial' pieces. Any material deemed to detract from the Society's broader aims will be approved by the National Council prior to publication. Hopefully these arrangements will help the new *Ozanam News* develop into a more humorous, educational and spiritual publication which will concentrate on bringing the Society, its Members and Associates closer together. With this Togetherness in mind, National Council Agenda business could well become a regular feature in the magazine. In the main, letters for publication will normally be from twinning parties - regarded as reports. Other letters will be accepted for publication with an added footnote or returned for discussion by the respective council and/or president if thought to be more appropriate.

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National President's closing words

In the final 2018 Ozanam News publication, Jim McKendrick bids a fond farewell

As many of you know, I am stepping down as National President in February, after five years in office. It has been a great pleasure, privilege and honour to be the National President and I have enjoyed it immensely. I have so many happy memories and deep gratitude to the many people who have supported and assisted me over the years. I

am sure you will welcome the new National President with similar grace and affection.

"In my soul are infinitely precious things that cannot be taken from me."

- The Ozanam News would like to extend a particular thanks to Jim for his contributions throughout his time in office.

ANOTHER EVANGELISING SCOTTISH VINCENTIAN

Jim McKendrick explores the life of the young Vincentian Alexander Wilmot

THE rapid international growth of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul owes much to the youthfulness of its founding members. From its beginnings in Paris in the 19th century the Vincentian inspiration and charism was carried across the seas. One such evangelising Vincentian was Alexander Wilmot who established the first St Vincent de Paul Conference in South Africa.

Born in Edinburgh in 1836, he later moved to study at the University of Glasgow. Here Wilmot became an active member of the Society at St John's Conference in the Gorbals before immigrating to South Africa in 1853.

Wilmot was a committed Vincentian, thoroughly familiar with the work of Frédéric Ozanam. Aged just 20 (like Frédéric Ozanam when he founded the SSVP in Paris in 1833) and wishing to continue his work with the SSVP, he obtained permission from Msgr. Griffith (First Bishop of Cape Town) to form a Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul at St. Mary's Cathedral, on 17 November 1856. In only 23 years the Society had spread from Paris to Cape Town.

From there, the Society's growth followed the path Wilmot himself took in his professional career. Working for the British



Wilmot's memorial in South Africa

government he travelled to both Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown. The Society followed suit: a second Conference was formed at Port Elizabeth, then a third at Grahamstown in 1859. From those small beginnings 162 years ago and through the efforts of a young Scot, the SSVP in South Africa now has 247 Conferences with over 2500 members and volunteers.

The core of SSVP work in South Africa has always been home visiting and helping the people in need. This help is given in the form of programmes directed to vulnerable groups like children and students in need, the elderly, the homeless and young single mothers. In specific terms, these projects are delivered in numerous ways: community shops, soup kitchens, drop-in centres, student grants, etc. As it is everywhere, the Society in South Africa is financed through donations and fund-raising.

Celebration of thanksgiving for 150 years of St Margaret's Conference (1868-2018)

By Pat Snee



St Margaret's Conference, Ayr recently celebrated 150 years of SSVp activity at a Mass presided by Bishop William Nolan of Galloway. Bishop Nolan welcomed and paid tribute to all members of the Conference, past and present, for their quiet and unobtrusive work supporting the local community. Pat Snee, SSVp President, St Margaret's describes the beginnings of the Conference and gives a flavour of that unobtrusive work below.

It is perhaps apt that St Margaret's in Ayr was only the second SSVp Conference to be founded in Galloway considering that St Margaret of Scotland had devoted herself to the poor and needy. The first Conference being formed in St Andrew's Dumfries in 1862. Another coincidence is that both have been served by the same Parish priest, Father David Borland, as each of them celebrated their 150th anniversary milestone.

St Margaret's Parish was founded in Ayr in 1822 in the Wallacetown district of the town, which was considered to be the poorest in the area. St Margaret's held the reputation by many to be

the 'handsomest church in Ayr.'

The 1850's brought a massive influx of poor into Scotland, particularly to Ayr and its environs. The terrible famine in Ireland caused by the potato blight sent many Irish Labourers to Scotland to help in the building of the railways.

St Margaret's Conference was founded on Sunday 1st November 1868 and boasted twelve active members and three honorary members. Despite being formed late in the year, the annual returns show a total income of ten pounds, six shillings and two pence, largely contributed to by the proceeds of a sermon, in the church, by the Right Rev Dr Lynch.

In the following year (1869) income had risen to the grand sum of thirty one pounds, seven shillings and seven and a half pence. Outgoings of twenty five pounds, fifteen shillings and one pence was spent in Relief of the poor and provision of blankets, bed clothing, fuel, school books and school fees. In addition, 528 families were visited in their own homes.

There are currently 8 members,

meeting weekly in the local Conference, working discretely, covering both St Margaret's Cathedral and St Paul's Parishes in Ayr, helping all faiths and none. We are extremely grateful for the humility and commitment of the founding members in 1868, and, to the subsequent brothers and sisters who have worked over the intervening years

Much advancement and progress has been made in society since 1868, but, sadly, there are still challenges to be tackled. Many adults and children still face poverty in various stages of their daily lives. As a Society we are fully committed to working to help those in need and we are particularly thankful for the support of both sets of parishioners for their financial and material help.

Sr Marie DC, a Daughter of Charity and member of St Margaret's Conference said after the event "It was a wonderful evening and helped bring the SSVp to the forefront of the Parish. It was so good to see so many from other SSVp Conferences & the local Community."



SSVP inspire youth to put their faith into action

STUDENTS from Catholic schools across Scotland gathered together in September at the Xaverian Missionaries Conforti Centre in Coatbridge for a unique learning experience. 'Beyond the Walls' brought together eight of Scotland's leading lay-apostolate organisations to explore the life and mission of the Church taking place 'beyond the walls of chapels and churches.'

The event was lead and organised by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland's Justice and Peace Commission (Justice and Peace Scotland). Joined by colleagues from the Catholic Parliamentary Office, and members of the Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue, along with representatives from SCIAF, SPRED Glasgow, Apostleship of the Sea, Missio Scotland, and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Scotland, all hosted by the UK Province of the Xaverian Missionaries.

Each organisation was introduced to the students from 10 schools, giving a flavour of the work that they do before moving on to dynamic workshops. The workshops looked at the charisms, missions, current work and campaigns of the organisations present.

Representing SSVP was Julie Hayes (pictured bottom left), President of Corpus Christi Conference, Scotstounhill and Social Justice Co-ordinator Patricia McCartney (pictured bottom right). Each presented to the students the roots of the Society and what it does today, looking at the local and international aspect of the Society. Julie Hayes used 6 different case studies showing the pressing needs of the day for SSVP.

As a result one school got in touch to say that 2 of their students were inspired to join the SSVP!

Adapted from an online article by Danny Sweeney on Independent Catholic News



SSVP Youth descend on Spanish City

Hannah O'Neil on representing Scotland at the Second International Meeting of SSVP youth



THIS June I travelled to Salamanca, Spain to represent the SSVP Youth of Scotland at the Second International Meeting of SSVP Youth. I must admit being asked to represent my country at an international event seemed like a daunting task. I accepted the invitation with a little trepidation but those fears vanished upon arrival in the historic Spanish city. Looking back now I am actually very glad that I did accept the chance to represent the SSVP Youth of Scotland.

The entire event was very impressive, from talks and Q&A sessions to small group meetings and socials. It was very inspiring to meet other young Catholics from literally all over the world. Especially to hear of the amazing work they do with the poor. Work that they do because of a belief that in doing so, they are serving Christ.

The meeting allowed lots of opportunities to talk to other Vincentians about the work we do and where we would like the Society to go in the future. Something I was pleasantly surprised to hear was the unanimous call from us (the young people) for an increase in prayer and spirituality within the Society. We regularly spoke of the benefit that prayer had in bearing fruit within in our work.

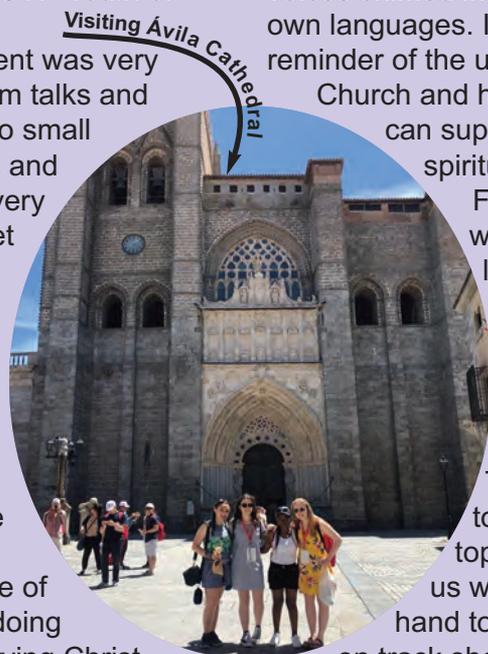
There was morning and evening prayer each day which enabled us to book-end our days together in prayer, something I think many young people forget to do due to their busy and chaotic lives. There was one particular prayer time I remember well; we were on the bus on our way to Avila and a few of us started to say the Rosary in English. It wasn't long before the rhythm of the rosary was recognised and several other voices chimed in, each in their own languages. It was a beautiful reminder of the universality of the Church and how the Society can support each other spiritually.

For most tasks we were split into language based groups each chaired by a member of the International Youth Council. This allowed us to dive into the topics presented to us with someone on hand to bring us back on track should the conversation divert to football or what was for lunch that afternoon. The group tasks allowed us to discuss further the topics raised in the talks being given at the meeting.

We had one talk that explored the history of the Society and I remember feeling a bit embarrassed that I did not quite know the full story. I was very interested in learning of the young people who began the

Society, that they saw an injustice in their city and set about to correct this. It made me question what more we, as a Society and as individuals, can do to address the current injustices facing our world today.

We were lucky to hear from Renato Lima De Oliveira, the 16th International President, and one of his predecessors during our time in Salamanca. They told us how the Society had changed since they joined and encouraged us to take charge of shaping the SSVP for the future, that we must be the protagonists for change. I have to confess I had to google the word protagonist during his talk but I got the general idea that we must take the reins and not let the SSVP become 'just any other non-profit charitable organisation.' Our conversations following this talk were particularly enthusiastic, emphasising the desire that the Society be an authentic branch of the Catholic Church. A Society not ashamed of the universal call to holiness or afraid to live lives worthy of Christ.



Visiting Avila Cathedral



Flying the flag

It was evident from many of our conversations that we thought the biggest threat to the Society was not that we would stop serving the poor but that we would lose our identity as a Catholic organisation. I believe it is very important that the SSVP continues to work in line with her Vincentian Charism, to see and serve Christ in the poor and to bring Christ to those we visit. Our work must be both practical and

spiritual; our parish Conferences right up to national level must be first a family of prayer. I hope that what I learned from the International Meeting will help to bear fruit in the future of the SSVP in Scotland. That we are a small part of a universal mission and call to live authentically Catholic lives. Recognising that our work is not our own, rather it is the work of Christ for others.



ABOVE: Hannah with some of the other Youth representatives
BELOW: Flags and representatives of different countries gather in salamanca's famous Plaza Mayor.



Why Join the SSVP?

SOCIETY members of Trinity High School, Rutherglen's Youth SSVP spoke to the Ozanam News about why they joined.

The group is an integral part of the school's life playing a major role in upholding and encouraging the school ethos by their charitable works.

“ THE SSVP group has been of great help to one of my close family members in the past and significantly changed her life for the better. So I am especially honoured to be giving something back. - Murren

IN the SSVP I am accompanied by many warm-hearted individuals who love to help others, it is a safe and positive environment. The most rewarding part about being a member of the youth SSVP is having the opportunities to volunteer in places like the Ozanam Centre. - Meghan

I ENJOY the group aspect of SSVP because you get to become closer to others as you work in a team to spread positivity through your faith. - Awele, Secretary

IT was one of the best decisions I made in my high school years. It has given me an opportunity to become directly involved with the less fortunate and has given me a chance to try and make their lives better. - Ansu



With Bishop Toal Trinity High Pupils Shannon Jackson and Erin Allen at the SSVP National Meeting.



ON Wednesday evenings, a small group of us go to the Ozanam Centre to aid homeless women in Glasgow and give them the essentials that they need. - Jodie

AS president, it is my job to co-ordinate our meetings and decide just how we can go the extra mile and raise awareness of both our group and the issues we deal with. - Shannon, President

“ THROUGH the SSVP I have been able to visit and volunteer at the Ozanam centre many times, and plan to continue volunteering there during this year. Seeing the difficulties these people face has been eye opening. - Erin, Treasurer



SSVP Members & friends gather to reflect

WITH the help of St Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam, SSVP members and friends were revitalised and inspired at the annual SSVP retreat.

Conference members of St Columba's Church, Renfrew welcomed those who had gathered to be led in spiritual exercises by Sr Maureen Tinkler DC.

Sr Maureen presented the lives of St Vincent de Paul & Blessed Frederic Ozanam as models of holy lives. By doing so the group reflected on the journeys those Vincentians had taken and where and when God had acted in their lives.

By recognising the work of God in the lives of the Vincentian pair the group were better able to then reflect

on their own lives. Mapping out their own journey and identifying the inspiration of God, with a particular focus on how it led to their involvement with SSVP.

Following the retreat Jacqueline Laird, National Office Manager spoke of the inspiration she could see in the lives of other SSVP members and how the Society helps members on their faith journeys.

"Within the past week I have attended a meeting of SSVP Diocesan Treasurers, the 150th anniversary of the aggregation of St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr SSVP Conference, and most recently the SSVP Annual Retreat.

"Across the meetings I have heard from a SSVP Member who has been with the Society over 50 years;

members whose grandchildren were supporting the catering at the SSVP event and a Member, who as a young teenager helped to count the local SSVP Conference collection.

"At the retreat, Sr Maureen Tinkler DC spoke of her own father's membership of SSVP. Indeed, I have heard a number of Daughters of Charity (DC) relate similar stories.

"It seems to me that through the generations many continue to be inspired by St Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam. For all who hear the call of vocation - lay, religious, or priesthood, the Vincentian family offers a place where faith may be nourished by a life of prayer and action for those in need." Said Jacqueline.



MEMBERS and friends also used the occasion to celebrate the forthcoming Golden Jubilee of Sr Agnes McGarvie DC. Sr Agnes is currently the National Spiritual Director of SSVP Scotland and has a long association with the Society. Jim McKendrick, National President surprised Sr Agnes by making a presentation to her on behalf of members. Sr Agnes while clearly taken aback, thanked those present saying how much she valued her long association with SSVP.

Vincentian response to Challenge Poverty Week call

CONFERENCES throughout Scotland responded to the call to Challenge Poverty during the annual Challenge Poverty Week.

Social Justice Co-ordinator Patricia McCartney made the appeal to Conferences in the September edition of the

Ozanam News, hot on the heels of an inspiring talk given by Poverty Alliance director Peter Kelly at the SSSP national meeting.

The Poverty Alliance initiative ran from 1 - 7 October with the aim of highlighting the reality of poverty, raising awareness

and spurring people to action to combat poverty.

The Society itself highlighted a number of issues throughout the week on social media. Conferences responded with a range of events. Below are just some of those examples.



Church and School work together

THE parishioners of St Athanasius Church, Carlisle and the Mini Vinnies of St Athanasius Primary School (pictured left) responded to the Challenge to Poverty week by working together to give and deliver 30 bags of groceries to the local foodbank.



ST PETER's, Livingston organised their own Challenge Poverty evening. Speakers from Poverty Alliance, West Lothian Foodbank and West Lothian Credit Union attended to give information on the practicalities of challenging poverty. Also in attendance was parish priest Fr. Simon Hughes, local MSPs Angela Constance and Neil Findlay and councillors Dominic McGuire and Robert De Bold. St. Margaret's Academy, who have recently set up their own Youth SSSP, were represented by their acting head teacher, Greg McDowell.

ST PETER's Partick, Glasgow SSSP Conference hosted a CPW event in their parish. It took the format of a 'bring and share community' meal with soup and bread provided. A power point presentation based on Peter Kelly's talk at the National Meeting was used to prompt discussion which took place round the table as we ate.



40 years of SSSP service

BRO. Frank Murphy of St. Ninian's and St. Cuthbert's Conference, Hamilton recently had his 40 years service to the Society recognised by his peers.

Frank (Left) was presented with an Irish bog turf Celtic Cross, Rosary beads and a bottle of whisky on the occasion of his 40th anniversary of dedicated service to the society.

Frank has held various offices over the years in the Conference. Ad multos annos.

TWINNING UPDATE: In addition to the already generous response from Conferences to support the Kerala & Indonesia Appeals amounting to £88,000; Conferences have made a magnificent response to Ian Tierney's Twinning Project Appeal – to date £9,600 has been received.

Work hard at holiness and your works will take care of themselves

During this period of advent - one of expectancy, waiting and wonder – may we as a Society reflect together on the year past and by doing so expectantly plan the coming of the year ahead.

Below are some extracts from the SSVP Scotland Prayer Book which our members are encouraged to make full use of.

Examination of Conscience

Why am I a member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

First and foremost, my membership of the Society is to make me a better person – to deepen my relationship with Our Lord. If I am not striving after this, then my being a SSVP member is useless, despite the would-be good works I am doing.

Am I trying hard enough to become a better person through the Society?

This will involve first my fidelity to the Mass and the Sacraments, to prayer and my love for people who need me. Then I must go further: I must strive to be aware of the presence of God all around me, in creation and in creatures.

What are my relationships with my own family and friends?

We must first see to it that our relationships with our families and friends are what they should be. We cannot hope to form Christ-like relationships with the poor and the needy unless our own home lives reflect the proper kind of love of Christ.

Do I see in even the most unworthy of people the face of Christ?

We cannot pick and choose the people we have to help. We accept each person who comes our way. Even if our help is squandered and misused, we have done our part.

Is the weekly Conference Meeting such that it enriches my Faith?

If it is not, then there is something wrong with it, and it has maybe developed into a mere discussion of 'cases'. It must be no ordinary

meeting, but a holy encounter between men and women who are striving after a closer union with Our Lord.

Am I unobtrusive enough in my membership of the Society?

To work silently, with no wish for recognition or reward has always been a characteristic of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Do I like the sound of my own voice? Do I try to force my opinions on others or grumble about others' methods.

Am I gentle enough in my dealings with the brothers and sisters and those I help?

Our Lord was meek, gentle, understanding and courteous. Our gentlemanliness must extend to one another, to the poor and even the toughest and roughest of people we meet. We show towards them that same courtesy Our Lord Himself would show.

Am I an example to others?

I must be a genuine example to others of living in the Faith of Christ. I must be strong in principle, gentle in its application. But above all, I must practice what I preach and what I stand for.

The SSVP Scotland Prayer Book & reprinted Induction Manual for new SSVP Members, can be ordered from the National Office – email admin@ssvpScotland.com

Extract from recently reprinted Induction Manual for new SSVP Members:

Vincentian Promise

Do you agree to follow Christ through regular person-to-person service of people in need? I do.

Do you agree to seek out and find those in need? I do.

Do you agree to encourage new members to join the Society and to make them welcome? I do.

Do you agree to preserve our founder's spirit of youth through enthusiasm, adaptability and imagination? I do.

Do you agree to co-operate actively with Vincentians in neighbouring parishes, throughout Scotland and in other countries? I do.

Do you agree to share in prayer and action with people from other faiths who care for the needy in our society? I do.



The holy family - refugees or asylum seekers?

A Social Justice issue

“SO many other footsteps are hidden in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary. We see the tracks of entire families forced to set out in our own day. We see the tracks of millions of persons who do not choose to go away but, driven from their land, leave behind their dear ones. In many cases this departure is filled with hope, hope for the future; yet for many others this departure can only have one name: survival. Surviving the Herods of today, who, to impose their power and increase their wealth, see no problem in shedding innocent blood. Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the One who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship. The One who in his poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and authentic freedom are shown in honoring and assisting the weak and the frail.”— Pope Francis, Christmas homily 2017

IN the times of Advent and Christmas we are often reminded of the plight of asylum seekers through the example of the holy family. The family who were forced from their home to Bethlehem, finding no welcome and treated as lowly as animals. The family who under fear of death couldn't return home but had to flee into Egypt to seek refuge. With that image in mind it is important to ask where we see Christ in others, knowing that in helping the refugee we are helping Christ. But what is a refugee and what is an asylum seeker? Is there a difference?

Refugee

A refugee is “A person who owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that

country.” - 1951 UN convention relating to the Status of Refugees.

In the UK, a person is officially a refugee when they have their claim for asylum accepted by the government. A refugee has the right to work, claim benefits, get medical treatment and live in social housing or rent privately. A refugee can do most things a UK citizen can apart from vote.

Asylum Seeker

An asylum seeker is a person who has left their country of origin and has formally applied for asylum in another country but whose application has not yet been concluded. Anyone who applies for asylum in the UK has to travel to the Home Office in Croydon and undergo a screening interview.

If the individual or family has no means of support, they are 'dispersed' to one of several cities around the UK where accommodation for asylum seekers is located. Asylum seekers have no choice where they are sent. Glasgow is Scotland's only dispersal city and currently hosts around 4,000 asylum seekers. Asylum seekers are not allowed to live in social housing or rent their own accommodation.

As well as accommodation and heating, the Home Office provides asylum seekers with a weekly cash allowance of £37.75 for each person in the household. This is to cover food, clothing, toiletries and travel. The allowance is loaded onto a debit card (ASPEN card) each week and can be used at a cash machine. Asylum seekers are not allowed to work but they receive medical care, free prescriptions and eyesight tests and can attend school and college.

Refused Asylum Seeker

A refused or failed asylum seeker is a person whose asylum application has been unsuccessful and who has no

other claim for protection awaiting a decision. A person in this position will have their Home Office support cut off 21 days after their application is refused and will be evicted from their accommodation. They are expected to make arrangements to leave the UK and can choose to return home voluntarily or face detention and deportation.

Most asylum seekers in this position will try to find new evidence so they can submit a fresh asylum claim. When the claim is ready, the asylum seeker has to travel to Liverpool in person to submit it. No funding is provided by the Home Office for this journey.

Living in Poverty

Most asylum seekers are very poor. They are living well below the poverty line and experience poor health and hunger. Many families are not able to pay for the basics for themselves or their families such as warm clothing or baby items.

Bureaucratic delays and mistakes in the asylum support system can leave an individual or family destitute as few asylum seekers have a network of friends or family they can ask for help when something goes wrong.

Refused asylum seekers, who have no income whatsoever and are destitute may become prey to criminal gangs and labour exploitation. They risk having to exchange sexual or domestic servitude for a roof over their head.

In Glasgow, organisations such as the Refugee Survival Trust and Positive Action in Housing have hardship funds or provide short term financial support and travel grants to Croydon and Liverpool. Other organisations run foodbanks, provide hot food, clothing and washing facilities.

Information provided by Refugee Survival Trust

May they rest in peace

Obituaries

- **Thomas Whelan Snr**, Active Member, St Brendan's Motherwell
- **James McCulloch**, Former Member, St Thomas, Riddrie
- **Joan French**, President, St Mary's, Duntocher
- **Kenneth Eason**, President, St Peter's, Glenburn
- **James Deegan**, Active Member, Former Treasurer, St Mary's, Greenock
- **Harry Colgan**, Former President, SS Leonard & Fergus, Dundee
- **Percival (Bert) Preece**, Former Member, St John's, Barrhead
- **Austen Gallacher**, Former President/Secretary, St Patrick's, Kilsyth
- **Helen Doherty**, Active Member, St Michael's, Dumbarton
- **Paul Cameron**, Former President & Former Group President, St Vincent de Paul, Dundee
- **Pat McGrath**, Former Member, St John's, Barrhead
- **Nancy Catterson**, Former Secretary, St Joseph's, Kilmarnock
- **Catherine McCann**, Active Member, St Kessog's, Balloch
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