



Clonard Youth Ministry News



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May you be filled with Joy and Happiness during this Advent and Christmas season!



Since the beginning of the academic year we have journeyed and engaged with many young people throughout the country. It has been a very enjoyable and fulfilling experience for all the team. A word of thanks to all the teachers and school chaplains, but especially to the young people without whom the Retreats would not have been possible.

Listed below are the schools that we have had the privilege of sharing a Retreat experience with since September:

Our Lady and St. Patrick’s College Knock, St. Dominic’s High School, St. Malachys College, St. Patrick’s ‘Bearnaghaeha’, St. Louise’s College, St. Mary’s Magherafelt, Sacred Heart Omagh, Dominican College Fortwilliam (pictured below).



We are looking forward to 2009 and meeting all the young people on Retreat days in the coming months.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS!

CLONARD YOUTH OUTREACH 2008

Clonard Youth Outreach is an active citizenship program for young people aged 16+ who volunteer to serve the community through social action, such as area clean-ups, running community events and peer outreach.

Last July we held a very successful summer program, as well as cleaning the area of litter and rubbish, we held activities such as a community treasure hunt, a drumming and music workshop and also a fun night with BBQ and bouncy castles.



The response we received from the local community was phenomenal and this made it such a great time for both volunteers, children and families alike. even our local MP, Gerry Adams, dropped by to lend his support!

Many of the young people thought it was a great way to express their faith in a fun and practical way.

PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY!

LOURDES YOUTH TEAM & POPE BENEDICT XVI

TOGETHER!



Last September, the Clonard Lourdes Pilgrims had a fantastic opportunity to see the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI as he made his jubilee pilgrimage at the same time as us.

Traveling with 370 pilgrims were 25 Young people who made up the Youth Team who's job it was to care for and help the sick and elderly pilgrims. We were lucky enough to have several opportunities to see and celebrate mass with the Pope. This was a great addition to our very successful pilgrimage.

The young people who were part of the team found it to be a wonderful and life-giving experience and a time of great personal, social and spiritual

development and it was great craic as well!



**“Emmanuel”
“God is with us”**

We are now taking bookings for 2009/10, if you would like your school to experience a Retreat day with the Clonard Youth Ministry Team or would like some information about our other work, please feel free to contact us:

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