

## NEW PEACE BUILDING RESOURCES

Launched on Wednesday 8th of June in Clonard Monastery, Belfast some new Peace Building resources. The resources are built upon the ministry of Fr Alec Reid CSsR and Fr Gerry Reynolds CSsR and the legacy they have left behind.

The resources that are a result of the desire to build on the example of Fr Gerry and of Fr Alec, who played such a pivotal role in facilitating secret peace talks in the run up to the Good Friday Agreement.

Nearly a quarter century after the Agreement, we are well aware that their work of peace is unfinished and requires new activists to help us build a better society.

The resources are not based on the result of focus group conversations with young people, youth ministers, and people who have been involved with the Unity Pilgrims. Financial support for the focus groups and the production of the resources and videos was provided by a Queen's University impact grant, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (UK).

Our hope is that these resources help us achieve the aims of the project, which are to:

1. Raise awareness of Fr Gerry and Fr Alec's lives and ministries, inspiring others to sustain or create faith-based initiatives focused on peacebuilding and/or ecumenism.
2. Introduce Fr Gerry and Fr Alec's lives and the Unity Pilgrims model to younger generations as a means of equipping them for peacebuilding and ecumenical activism.
3. Support the creation of new groups of Unity Pilgrims (or other initiatives) in both Catholic parishes and Protestant congregations.

It is our hope that these resources: the video and guides for young people, and for parishes and congregations (both Catholic and Protestant), will help people think creatively about how inter-church activism can contribute to the transformation of our society today.

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