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Report for the Catenians**

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The team at the National Office for Vocation consists of three persons working 3 days a week at the Catholic Bishops Conference of England & Wales, from their offices in Victoria, London.

Sr Elaine Penrice fsp has been Director of the office since May 2019, Mr James Ryan has been Discipleship Promoter since September 2020, and Fr Joseph Raju Katthula cmf has been Religious Life Promoter since January 2023. We are supported by Mrs Kinga Kosterska who is the Administrator and Committee Secretary for the Mission Directorate since October 2021.

The National Office for Vocation works to promote a culture of vocation within the Church of England & Wales, supporting vocation directors and promoters in their work, and by actively working with young people particularly, as they seek to follow God's will for them in their lives.

We would like to say a sincere thank you to our Catenian friends who generously support our work through financial contributions, without which we could not leave the office and meet people in person, and for your prayers, which support us in this challenging environment. We would like to give you a snapshot of some of the work we have been able to do with your help and support, we hope you can be proud of the work you do with us:

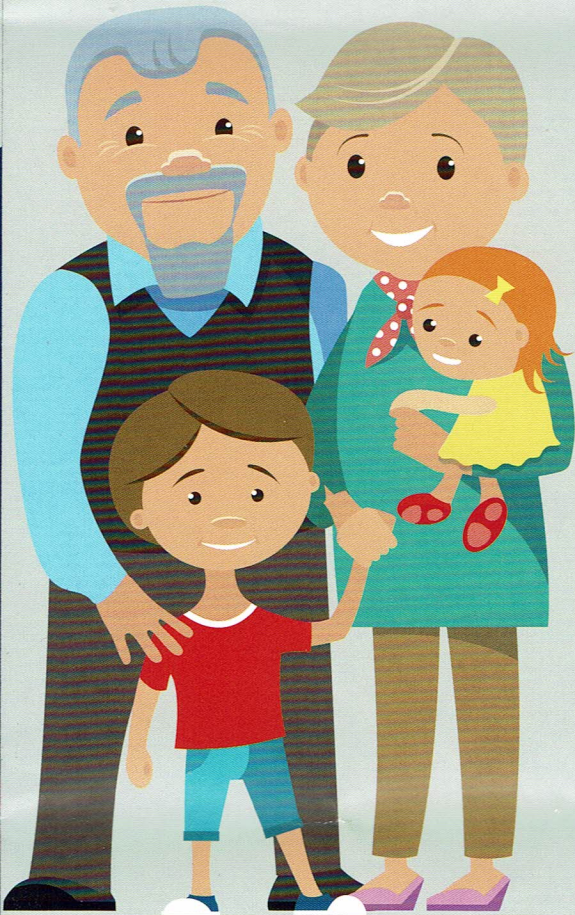


Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day takes place usually on the 4th Sunday of July and this celebrates the vocation of the Grandparent.

Grandparents day is when we give thanks to God for the role our grandparents and older people play in our lives, and the contribution they make to the Church.

I ♥ my
GRAND ♥
PARENTS



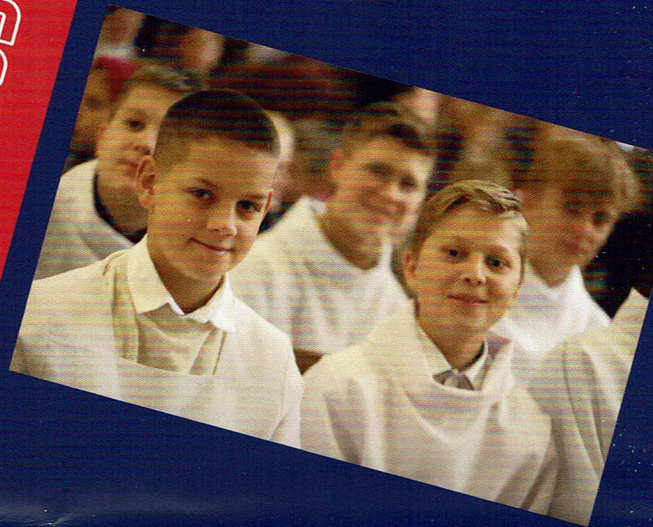
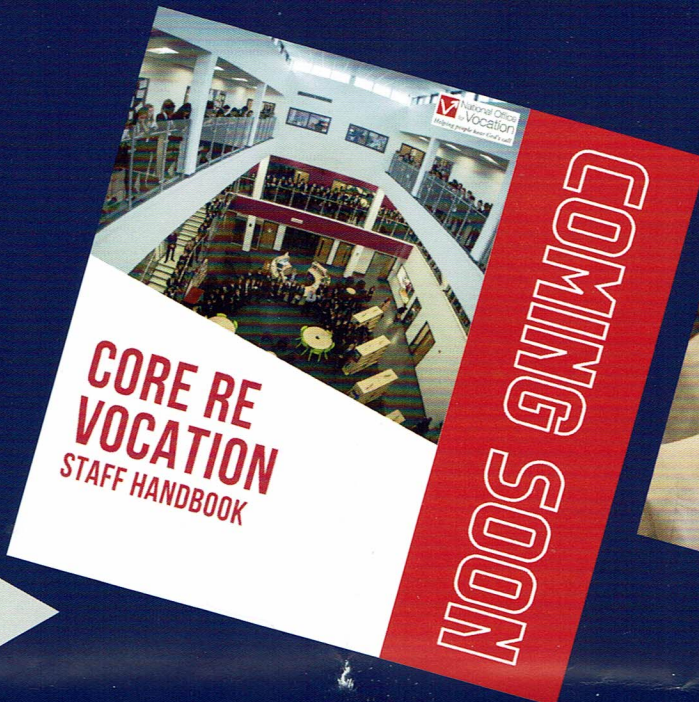
The role of older persons and grandparents in the lives of young people is probably more influential than that of parents, especially regarding faith formation. The National Office for Vocation wants to support older generations in their vocation of evangelising young people, as mentors and advisors of upcoming generations.

Then there is PRAYER... prayer is an indispensable part of being a grandparent, loving family and young people in communion with God.

It can take courage to talk to your family about faith, but even more to talk about VOCATION... but talking to them about vocation is just helping them understand that God has a plan for them, they are important, their life has a purpose, and that purpose will bring them joy.



Schools



For some months now, NOV has been working on an RE project for schools. We wanted to answer schools' request for a module which would help teachers introduce the idea of vocation to their students... so our module will present the general vocation of all Christians to be DISCIPLES of Christ, and then cover the main vocational states of life, including Priesthood, Religious Life and Marriage. With the Bishops' approval, the Core RE Vocations Module is now on track for launch to be in schools in England & Wales from September, but there is still work to be done before then...

- Student Workbook
- PowerPoints for Teachers to use in Lessons
- Video Resources
- Lesson Plans

By May the materials will be sent out to schools alongside some notes. The module will be also available for download on UKVocaiton.org

These are just some of the works that we are able to do with your help...

World Youth Day this year is in Lisbon, Portugal.

We have great ambitions for this event, we have already been able to purchase our tickets with your support... but there is more we would like to do:

World Youth Day Catechesis

- We want young people to get the most out of this ecclesial event, so we will prepare spiritual and catechetical resources to accompany them before, during and after World Youth Day.
- We want to give leaflets / booklets to help the young people get the most out of their experience in a spiritual itinerary.
- We would like to give them souvenirs - preferably badges - which will communicate a special Christian message, be a lasting memory of the experience, and something to share with others and help them share the Good News and Joy of Christ!

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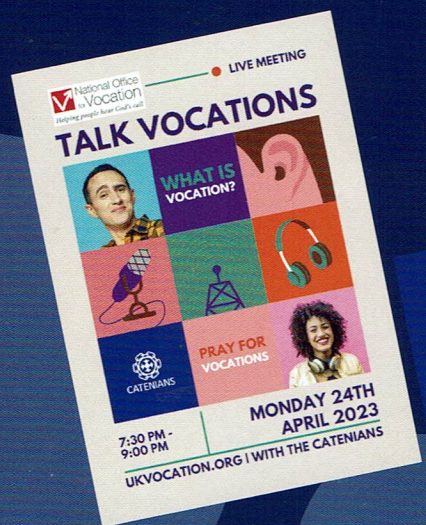


Flame

Flame 2023 was our most successful yet! Fr Dominic informed us that around 8,000 people attended, making it the second-most attended Flame to date. We are grateful to our 10 volunteers who assisted us by circulating through the crowds and starting up conversations about vocation. Our volunteers wore red NOV t-shirts and brought people to us to get more information. The NOV team, assisted by Fr Paul Kyne (Vocation Director for Southwark), and Margaret Cartwright (Vocations Ireland), remained close to the NOV stand to be available to enquirers. We had a good number of young people coming to ask more about how to understand better God's will in their lives. It was a very positive experience for us.



NOV Is happy that we can work with you to provide you with your own online Catenian information seminar - to help you better understand how you too are CALLED to call others to follow Christ more closely.



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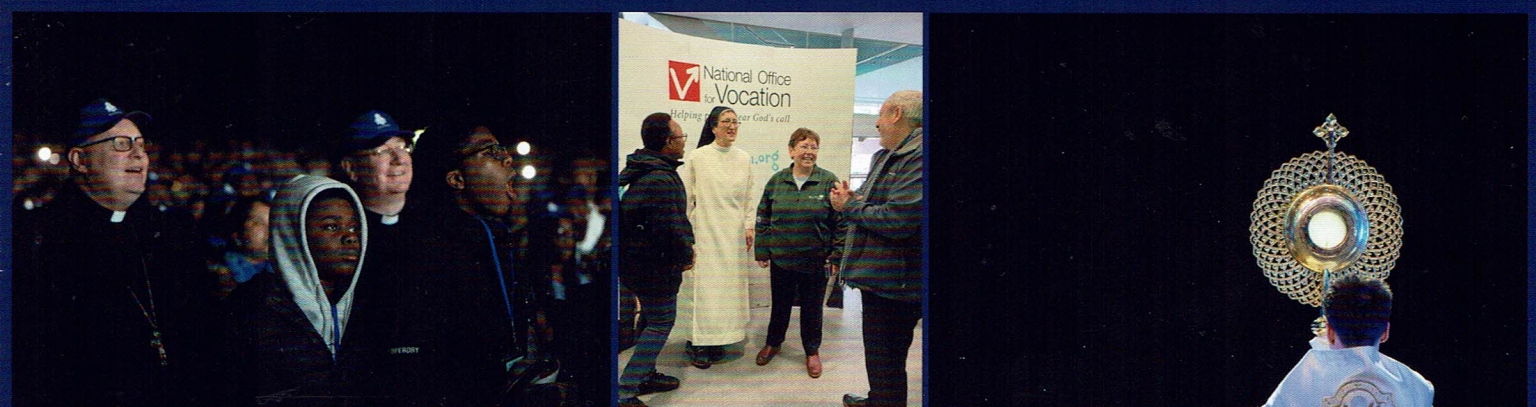
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