



Pilgrims of Hope

CHAPS Conference Programme 2024

Thursday 3rd October

8.45am	Registration and coffee
9.30am	Welcome from Graeme Young (President of CHAPS)
9.40am	Rediscovering the Our Father: Part 1 (Fr Mark and Fr Ronald, Chaplains to CHAPS) 'May it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God's grace and to make the "Our Father," the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.' (Letter of the Holy Father, to Msgr. Rino Fisichella, for the promotion of the New Evangelisation)
10.00am	Opening address (Bishop Frank Dougan, Bishop of Galloway)
10.30am	Pause for reflection and discussion
10.45am	Coffee
11.15am	Pilgrims of hope in the world of education (Father Gary Chamberland C.S.C) 'Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.' (Pope Francis: Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year 2025)
12.00pm	Pilgrim leaders (Anthony Hutcheson, Head Teacher of St Mark's Primary School, Barrhead)
12.15pm	Pause for reflection and discussion
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Rediscovering the Our Father: Part 2 (Fr Mark and Fr Ronald, Chaplains to CHAPS)
1.45pm	Signs of hope in our schools (Father Gary Chamberland C.S.C) 'Signs of hope are needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm.' (Pope Francis: Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year 2025)
2.30pm	Schools as centres of evangelisation (Marianne Savage, Head Teacher of St Bernadette's Primary School, Stenhousemuir)
2.45pm	Pause for reflection and discussion
3.00pm	Annual General Meeting
3.45pm	Mass (Principal celebrant: Bishop Joseph Toal)
4.30pm	Room allocation
7.30pm	Celebration meal



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9.15am	Mass (Principal celebrant: Bishop Frank Dougan)
10.05am	Reaching out to the marginalised (Lorraine Currie, Director of SCIAF) "I ask with all my heart that hope be granted to the billions of the poor, who often lack the essentials of life... The rich must be generous and not avert their eyes from the faces of their brothers and sisters in need." (Pope Francis: Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year 2025)
10.35am	Coffee
11.00am	Setting out together as pilgrims of hope (Barbara Coupar, Director of SCES; RE Advisors) This session will give delegates the opportunity to learn about some of the resources and events planned for the Jubilee here in Scotland and respond to the Holy Father's invitation to 'find suitable ways for the Holy Year to be planned and celebrated with deep faith, lively hope and active charity.' (Letter of the Holy Father to Msgr. Rino Fisichella for the promotion of the New Evangelisation)
11.40am	Encountering and being transformed by Christ along the way (Father Gary Chamberland C.S.C) 'Christ's life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God's grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit.' (Pope Francis: Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year 2025)
12.15pm	Closing remarks from Graeme Young (President of CHAPS)
12.25pm	Prayer, final blessing and closing hymn
12.30pm	Lunch



'The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14).

Franciscus