



Lá Le Bríde

1^ú Feabhra 2018

**Re: visit of Dr Petroc Willey to Knock 20th and 21st April 2018
To: Spiritual Directors and Facilitators of Study Groups**

Dia Dhibh go Léir,

On behalf of the Steering Committee of Adult Studies of the Catechism we are delighted to confirm that Dr. Petroc Willey¹, Professor of Catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville will address Spiritual Directors, Facilitators and Students of Catechism Studies (past/present/future) at Our Lady's Shrine, Knock on Friday and Saturday 20th and 21st April 2018. We have decided on two days so as to allow people to attend on Friday or Saturday depending on personal circumstances.

Our hope is that Petroc's visit will inspire many people to take seriously the commitment to form study groups. We strongly encourage you to seek out new potential 'students' and to invite them to join with us (e.g. members of Parish Pastoral Councils, Teachers of R.E., Catholic School Principals, all involved in Faith Formation home/school/parish).


In his introduction to the Catechism, St. John Paul II states 'Guarding the deposit of faith is the mission which the Lord entrusted to his Church and which she fulfils in every age..' (Fidei Depositum). In this Springtime there is an urgent need to commit ourselves anew to the study and sharing of our rich heritage of Faith through the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

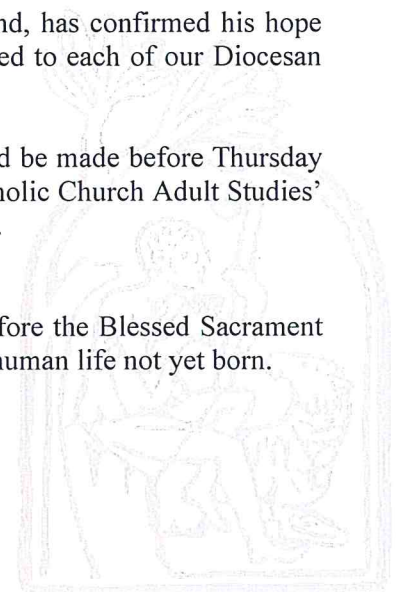
His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio to Ireland, has confirmed his hope and strong desire to be with us on both days. An invitation has been issued to each of our Diocesan Bishops.

To facilitate the planning of this day we would appreciate if booking could be made before Thursday 12th April 2018. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Catechism of the Catholic Church Adult Studies' and sent to Caoimhe Frain, 29 Glenageary Park, Dún Laoghaire A96X9R7. Cost: €25, Students & Seminarians €15. (see attachment 2)

As we approach the Lenten Season, let us commit ourselves to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament so that we may have the courage to speak with love of the dignity of each human life not yet born.

Le gach dea-ghuí agus buíochas,


Mairín Ní Shúilleabháin



¹ <https://www.franciscan.edu/faculty/willey-petroc/>