

Press Release



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Day Conference "Partners in Mission"

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Details:

The Pontifical Missionary Union, a charity under the MISSIO Scotland banner, will hold a one-day conference in St. Augustine's Parish, Coatbridge on Wednesday 15th November 2006.

The Speaker will be Fr. Donal Dorr on the theme of 'Partners in Mission'.

Full texts of his talks will be available on Wednesday 15th November at

<http://www.missioscotland.org.uk/press.htm>.

Timetable:

Registration is from 9.45 am with the coffee and biscuits. The conference begins at 10.30am. Lunch will be provided.

The conference ends with mass at 3.00pm.

Tea and coffee will be served after mass at 4.00pm.

Location:

St. Augustine's Parish, 12 Dundyvian Road, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ

Reporters and photographers welcome. Please contact Joseph McGrath on arrival.

Biographical Details:

Donal Dorr sps, MA, DD – *Visiting Lecturer (Mission Theology) The Milltown Institute* (<http://www.kmitc.ie/dorr.htm>)

Donal Dorr has lectured throughout Ireland, including UCC, Maynooth, Kiltegan, and Kimmage, as well as in many parts of Europe, Africa and Asia.

Well known for his work in areas of social justice, reconciliation, and human and community development, as well as for his writings in mission studies.

He was one-time Consultor to the Vatican Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace, and theological advisor to the Irish Missionary Union (IMU).

His publications include *Spirituality and Justice* (1984), *Integral Spirituality* (1990), *Social Justice Agenda: Justice, Ecology, Power and the Church* (1991), *Option for the Poor* (1992), and *Mission in Today's World* (2000), as well as many articles in diverse international journals.

Editor's Notes:

MISSIO Scotland:

MISSIO Scotland is the Scottish branch of the Pontifical Missionary Society of the Roman Catholic Church. MISSIO Scotland manages four mission charities,

- The Missionary Children's Society (designed for primary school children)
- The Society of St. Peter the Apostle (sponsoring seminarians in mission countries)
- The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (supported by every parish)
- The Pontifical Missionary Union

The Pontifical Missionary Union

Fr. **Paolo Manna**, a missionary in Burma, observing the vast extent of missionary work, is saddened by the Clergy's indifference and is worried about the small number of missionaries. He therefore founds the *Missionary Union of the Clergy* to animate

priests for the *Opera Maxima* – the evangelization of the world - and to promote knowledge of the Missions and encourage prayer for them. On 23 October 1916 Benedict XV approves the Union, which after a rapid and fruitful spread in the world, in 1956 is declared “*Pontifical*” by Pius XII.

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