

# *Teaching to Transform*

A CATHOLIC EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE  
24TH-26TH MARCH 2011 • LE MERIDIEN, ST. JULIANS

*“Għalfejn jinbidlu t-tfal?  
Għax għandhom għajnejn  
kapaċi jistagħġbu!”*

(MONS. PAWLU CREMONA, ARCISQOF TA' MALTA)



TO CELEBRATE THE WAYS IN WHICH  
CATHOLIC EDUCATORS SUCCESSFULLY  
INFUSE THE VALUES OF THE GOSPEL -  
INSPIRED BY OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST  
- INTO ALL ASPECTS OF EDUCATION,  
AND TO COLLECTIVELY EXPLORE NEW  
WAYS OF DOING SO.

## THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2011

5.00pm – 5.45pm	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
5.45pm – 6.00pm	CONFERENCE OPENING <i>Welcoming Note</i> - Mr. Raymond Camilleri <i>Introductory Note</i> - Prof. Grace Grima
6.00pm – 7.00pm	INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS Ms. Josephine Vassallo KEYNOTE ADDRESS Prof. Gerald Grace entitled <i>Mission Integrity: Contemporary Challenges for Catholic School Leaders</i>

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## FRIDAY 25TH MARCH 2011

8.45am - 9.15am	REGISTRATION
9.15am-9.30am	OPENING SESSION Address & prayer led Ms. Ninette Borg Grech PROGRAMME OF THE DAY
9.30am - 10.30am	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Anne Kelleher entitled <i>Teaching to Transform: A Sacramental Consciousness</i>
10.30am-11.00am	COFFEE BREAK
11.00am – 11.30pm	<i>Alone with the Alone</i> Fr. Pierre Grech Marguerat Recognising the value of mini retreats to rekindle our spiritual vocation.

11.30am – 12.15pm DISCUSSION GROUPS/WORKSHOPS AS FOLLOWS:

1.1 ***School of Community and Faith***

Fr. Alan Scerri & Ms. Miriam Mallia

1.2 ***Role of Lay Educators in Catholic Schools***

Ms. Josephine Vassallo & Dr. Roseanne Cuschieri

1.3 ***Using Scripture as a Basis for Prayer; Catechists as Pioneers in Differentiated Teaching: Attitudes to Learner Diversity***

Mr. Manuel Mizzi & Fr. Michael Curmi

1.4 ***Daring to be Christian in a Secular World***

Dr. Pat Mallia, Ms. Ruth Falzon, Ms. Maud Mallia & Ms. Dorianne Buttigieg

1.5 ***Developing Character and Virtue Through the Example of Inspiring Individuals and 20th Century Saints***

Ms. Antoinette Laferla Ms. Maria Montebello & Mr. Paul Sammut

1.6 ***Faith Formation for the Facebook Generation***

Fr. Louis Mallia, Fr. Joe Borg & Fr. Karm Debattista

1.7 ***Accompanying Students as they Mature in Faith to be the Salt of the Earth. A School Experience***

Mr. Alfred Sant Fournier & the Pastoral Team, St. Michael Foundation.

12.15pm - 2.00pm LUNCH

2.00pm – 3.00pm DISCUSSION GROUP/WORKSHOPS AS FOLLOWS:

2.1 ***Confidence Building Strategies for Coping with Learning Difficulties***

Dr. Christine Firman & the SPLD Team

2.2 ***Fostering Values in Curricular Subjects 1 – Humanities***

Ms. Rachel Hoiles (Religion) & Mr. Andrew Decelis (P.E.)

2.3 ***Fostering Values in Curricular Subjects 2 – Sciences***

Prof. Paul Pace & Ms. Maria Attard

2.4 ***Fostering Values in Curricular Subjects 3 – Literature***

Ms. Marlene Saliba & Dr. Stella Borg Barthet

2.5 ***Human Sexuality and Catholic Moral Teaching.***

***Pope John Paul's Theology of the Body***

Dr. Roderick Bugeja & Ms. Mariella Chetcuti

2.6 ***"Come to Me and I Will Give You Rest" - Stories of Healing & Empowerment in the face of conflict & fragmentation***

Mr. Mario Testa, Ms. Frances Agius, Mr. Anthony Grech & Ms. M'Rose Leone

2.7 ***United by Faith: The Parents in the Equation***

Ms. Tutzi Cassar & Ms. Mia Bonello Ghio

3.00pm - 4.00pm      A DISCUSSION GROUP

***Mission Integrity***

Prof. Gerald Grace

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**SATURDAY 26TH MARCH 2011**

9.00am                      EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

9.30am – 9.45am        PRESENTATION OF THE DAY'S PROGRAMME

Dr. Roseanne Cuschieri

9.45am – 10.45am      DISCUSSION GROUPS/WORKSHOPS AS FOLLOWS:

3.1 ***Stories from the Bible, Stories for Today***

Ms. Mariella Spiteri Gonzi & Ms. Lina Zerafa

3.2 ***In this World but not of this World: The Educator as Compassionate Mediator***

Ms. Valerie Scerri

- 3.3 ***Exclusion vs Inclusion: A Catholic Approach to World Religions***  
Fr. Alfred Agius, Ms. Maria Camilleri & the Imam Mr Mohammed El Sadi
- 3.4 ***'The poor will always be with us' - The Emarginated in the Classroom, Poor Economically or Spiritually'***  
Fr. Edgar Busuttil & Fr. John Avellino
- 3.5 ***"When the Going Gets Tough": Pt 1 Using Emotional Intelligence; Pt 2 Dealing with Students with Family Issues***  
Ms. Mireille Pellegrini Petit & Ms. Christine Galea
- 3.6 ***"Caritas in Veritatem": Pope Benedict on Social and Economic Justice***  
Mr. Mark Demicoli & Mr. Marcel Cassar
- 3.7 ***Bridging the Gap between Vision & Reality in our Catholic Schools: Effecting Positive Change***  
Mr. Luke Monahan & Mr. Karl Paul Coleiro

10.45am – 11.15am

COFFEE BREAK

11..15am – 12.00pm

PANEL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THREE SECTORS OF SCHOOLING

***Ethos of State Schools***

Mr. Raymond Camilleri

***Ethos of Church Schools***

Dr. Rosanne Cuschieri

***Ethos of Private Schools***

Ms. Bernie Mizzi

12.00pm – 12.30pm

WINDING UP AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Josephine Vassallo

## KEY SPEAKERS



**PROF. GERALD GRACE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION,  
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

Prof Grace is the Director of the Centre for Research and Development in Catholic Education, The Centre undertakes research on the distinctive history and culture of Catholic schooling and issues of ethos, curricula, leadership and 'effectiveness' of Catholic education, nationally and internationally. Established in 1997, the Centre is the first ever research centre for Catholic education in

Europe. Prof Grace co-edited the International Handbook of Catholic Education and edits the biannual journal International Studies in Catholic Education.

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**ANNE KELLEHER, CEIST**

Anne Kelleher was appointed CEO of CEIST ( Catholic Education, an Irish Schools Trust) when the Trust was established in 2007. CEIST is the new organisational framework for 112 Catholic Voluntary Secondary schools in Ireland and is the largest Trustee body in the country. Anne spent most of her teaching career with the De La Salle Brothers in Kildare, and was selected the Department of Education & Science, together with forty five teachers nationwide , to facilitate

the introduction of the RSE in-service education programme. In 1997, Anne was appointed the first Director of Kildare Education Support Centre, a Statutory body with responsibility for provision of Continuing Professional Development to Educators in the east coast of Ireland, (approx. 5,000 educators). Anne graduated with an M.St. Hons, (Educational Leadership & Management) from Trinity College, Dublin in 1997, where she continues to lecture part-time in the Masters Programme.

