Evangelisation Plan
2014 - 2017
“Try to meet all with peace and ease.”
- Catherine McAuley

“The will of God be done in everything we undertake.”
- Edmund Rice

Vision Statement
At Aranmore Catholic College, we seek to further the mission of the Catholic Christian community. We are endowed with the rich heritage of the Sisters of Mercy and the Christian Brothers. We educate young people in the values of faith, compassion, justice and mercy, as lived by Jesus and emulated by Catherine McAuley and Edmund Rice.

Our hope is that students leave us as educated, resilient, responsible and compassionate people. Having been part of the Aranmore community, students have engaged in Christian service, leadership, mentoring and community activities. Formed by this Aranmore tradition, our students are prepared for life beyond school.

What is Evangelisation?
The Mandate defines evangelisation as proclaiming the Good News of Salvation. This is achieved through Christian Witness and Ministry of the Word. Pope Benedict XVI refers to evangelisation as showing “the path – to teach the art of living”. Evangelisation builds a civilisation of love.
As part of Aranmore Catholic College community we seek to:

- Know Jesus in a personal relationship as individuals and as a community
- Recognise the face of Jesus in all people
- Understand the message of Jesus
- Imitate Jesus
- Witness to the message of Jesus

2014
Focus: Deepening the College commitment to Eucharist
Action: Establish the practice of weekly attendance at the Parish morning Eucharist for a class or group of classes

2015
Focus: Aranmore: A praying community
Action: Ensure that all students are aware of and know our most common traditional Catholic prayers (The Lord’s prayer/Our father; Hail Mary; Glory be) by daily recital.

Our shared vision articulates four central values to our College life, ie faith, compassion, justice and mercy. The next four years will take one of these values as the focus of our Evangelisation plan.

2016
Focus: Mercy – The Jubilee Year of Mercy celebrated in the context of Aranmore as a school of the Sisters of Mercy
Action: Staff and Students from all year groups given the opportunity for a physical pilgrimage to a designated destination of the Jubilee year, to enter through a Holy Door, and to better understand the gift of God’s Mercy

2017
Focus: Faith – Acknowledging faith as a universal human experience; deepening our Catholic Christian Faith tradition by a focus on the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation.
Action: Add the Act of Contrition to the repertoire of traditional Catholic prayers, by recital every Friday
Establish and embed the tradition of offering an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation to two year groups
Include, in the Year 9 alternative program, a day focused on growing awareness of other faith traditions, especially the monotheistic faiths of Judaism and Islam.

Future Focus
2018 and 2019
The values of compassion and justice will be the foci of the following years.
Dear Mother Mary, your help is always with us.
We are inspired by the example of Catherine McAuley and Edmund Rice.

We seek, through your Son, Jesus, the courage to realise the potential of the gifts God has given each of us.

Help us to grow in faith, in hope and in love, so we are open to the blessings of the many cultures of the students who are part of this community. May we respect each person’s uniqueness and affirm their talents.

In all ways, we seek God’s peace. Assured of your help, We make this prayer to Jesus, your Son.

Amen
During the period of 2014 - 2017 Aranmore Catholic College will introduce or continue to develop the following evangelisation activities:

**For Students**

- Weekly Mass for student groups
- Liturgies for College feasts & celebrations
- Retreats
- Daily class prayer & Community Prayer
- Training and use of students as Special Ministers of the Eucharist & Altar Servers in Mass
- Recognition of significant people in our Aranmore history
- Community Service: support Caritas, Life Link, Catholic Missions, St Vincent de Paul
- Understanding of reverence and participation in parts of the Mass
- Student Leaders & Peer Leaders Training
- Christian Service Learning programs
- Celebration of House Days
- Pastoral Care programs
- Grief and loss program

“Let us never desire more than enough – He will give that and a blessing.”

- Catherine McAuley
For **Staff**

- Prayer: Morning & staff briefing, meeting prayer
- Involvement in Liturgies, feasts & celebrations
- Ongoing Accreditation
- Sharing special occasions with students eg Founders’ Day
- Involvement in Retreats
- Sacred places at the College
- Breakfast Club run by staff
- Blessing & commissioning of Staff
- Staff Colloquium
- Faith, Story & Witness Program
- Support for Catholic charitable organisations
- Promotion & connection to the heritage of Catherine McAuley & Edmund Rice

For **Whole Community**

- Families’ Welcome Event
- Parents & Friends activities
- College Quiz Night
- Friends of Music
- Music High Tea
- Bingo Night
- Breakfast Club
- Education information evenings
- College Production
- Parent volunteers for sporting events
- Parenting Support Events

*“Live Jesus in Our Hearts” – Edmund Rice*
“Have courage; the good seed will grow up in the children’s hearts.” - Edmund Rice