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The Newsletter of L'Arche Dublin

Time

As I finally sit down to put a few words together for the May newsletter, something Margaret had asked me to do at the end of April I am suitably ashamed that it is now the early morning of the 10th of May. I have just returned from a trip to Tuam where the Charity Tea Dance for L'Arche was a great success. I was one of eight members of the community and we all had a great time. Stephen, Karen and Rose are all impressive dancers. Oh and Harold and Margaret showed off a few moves too might I add!!



But I must return to my failure to write this piece on time. When I was first asked and said yes, I thought I would find plenty of time to write up a few words which I generally enjoy doing. My concept of how much 'time' I would have was clearly wrong.

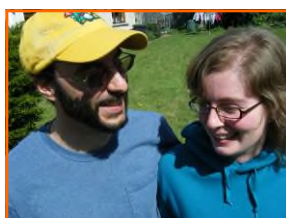
It has given me the opportunity however, to reflect a little on this thing called 'time' we all think we have it but truly very few of us really possess it, me included. As we all know, all too well, there are lots of different demands on our time. We seem to start the week with good intentions about doing this or that, maybe reading that book, or meeting up with friends we haven't seen for a while, or maybe even just sitting and spending some quiet time in prayer or reflection. I wonder how often by Friday we realise we have done nothing of these things.

As I write the last few words of this piece for the May Newsletter I thank you for your patience, especially the patience of Caroline our editor. But I also recall the story of Mary and Martha in the Bible. I wonder which one you identify with? Mary or Martha. For those who know the story you will also know by now that I am mostly Martha, running around doing things, organising and getting stressed. Mary however is the one I and maybe also you need to learn from. Mary just wants to spend 'time' with her friend Jesus and so sits down and takes the 'time' to just be in his company. Mary does all the things that we want to do at the beginning of the week; she reads the book, meets her friends and most of all spends time in prayer. May she send us her gift of 'time'.

Thanks
Catherine Black

Thanks to a Volunteer!

Thank you to Liam who has been coming as a Jesuit volunteer every Wednesday evening for the past several months. Liam will be moving to the U.S. as a further part of his Jesuit Training. We will miss your cooking, Liam!



Congratulations to Kim and Matt who announced their engagement. We wish them happiness.

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NEWS

Community Liturgy
11/5—Seolta, 7:30pm

Birthdays

10/5: Gillian
13/5: Margaret Walsh
28/5: Karen

Other News

Goodbye to John who is returning to L'Arche Kansas

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Meet Our Members-Leah

Where are you from?

I grew up on a farm close to Lake Huron, a few hours away from Toronto, Canada.

Do you have any brothers and sisters?

I'm the youngest of six kids. I have three brothers, two sisters, a sister-in-law, and a baby niece!

Do you have any hobbies or what do you like to do?

I have a passion for travelling, music, baking, and spending time with friends.

How did you hear about L'Arche?

My older brother Matthew was an assistant in L'Arche Australia and my dad was an assistant in L'Arche Canada.

What do you do here at L'Arche?

I am currently living in L'Arche Seolta. I assist core members and assistants with the day to day going-ons in the house.

What is your favourite part of L'Arche?

Before arriving at L'Arche I wasn't sure what to expect. But I would have to say that the relationships I have made is my favourite part. (And the food isn't bad either!)

Anything else you would like to say?

Thanks for interviewing me Caroline!



Other Events

Stephen—Bowling Championship



Congratulations to Stephen on his First Place and Second Place finish in the Special Olympics Bowling Championship! He can add his

new Gold and Silver medals to his growing collection of medals and ribbons won over the years.

Tea Dance Benefit

Sunday, May 9, 2010 3—6:30 pm

Tea Dance
Ardee House Hotel
Milltown Rd.
Tuam

Admission €7.00

Proceeds to benefit L'Arche Dublin

For tickets, contact Anne Eastwood: 838 1070

"Each person, whatever his or her abilities or disabilities, strengths or weaknesses, is important and sacred."
—Jean Vanier, L'Arche Founder

Regional Gathering

The annual Regional Gathering was held at All Hallows College on 23/24 of April. Representatives from all of the L'Arche communities in Ireland were present. Aidan, Karen, John, Matt and Kim represented Dublin. Discussions included the Mandate for this year along with the procedure for replacing Anne O'Sullivan who will be stepping down this year as Regional Coordinator.





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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
10/5-Gillian Birthday 13/5-Margaret W. Birthday 28/5-Karen Birthday 11/5-Community Liturgy					1 Saturday Activity	2 Local Parish Mass
3	4 Assistant Formation	5	6	7	8 Saturday Activity	9 Local Parish Mass
10 Gillian-BD	11 Community Liturgy-7:30 Assistant Formation	12	13 Margaret Walsh- BD	14	15 Saturday Activity	16 Local Parish Mass
17	18 Assistant Formation	19	20	21	22 Saturday Activity L'Arche Charity Cycle Event	23 Local Parish Mass L'Arche Charity Cycle Event
24	25 Assistant Formation	26	27	28 Karen-BD	29 Saturday Activity	30 Local Parish Mass
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