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Centenary Almost Here!

Centenary Inserts

The Centenary is almost upon us so included in this issue are two Centenary Inserts.

The **Major Events Diary** brings together the results of months of endeavour by countless numbers of people throughout the Association. The many Masses, lectures, celebratory meals and other events manifest our Centenary slogan: 100 years of Friendship through shared Faith. Regular annual events are not included, nor are those that are predominantly Provincial or Circle events.

Celebration of the Centenary has been taken up with such enthusiasm that there just wasn't the space to include them all: these are being promoted at local or regional level. Contact details are given for each major event. Additional events can be found in the Centenary Diary on the website.

The **Centenary Leaflet** attempts the impossible by having four aims: to remind us all why we belong to this amazing organisation which we so often take for granted; to give the general public a summary of our ethos and values; to encourage new recruits; and to re-emphasise our links with, and support of, the clergy.

During April, each Circle will receive copies of the Leaflet with a letter asking the Circle to ensure that one of its members hands a personal copy to each of the priests in its area. It is hoped that time will be taken to discuss the Association, especially the benefits of it to the clergy and to the wider church. The ringing endorsement of the Catenians (expressed by the clergy in the Leaflet) provides plenty of ammunition!

Review of Provincial Councils

Grand Council has embarked on a review of its structure. As part of this procedure, it has agreed that there should be an assessment of the management role of Provincial Councils.

It has therefore authorised consideration of the role of Provincial Councils under the following terms of reference:-

(a) How Provincial Councils are to be defined and to develop criteria to be applied to their re-formation and

(b) To review the role of Provincial Council with a view to its better integration into the management of the Association.

Responsibility for conducting this review has been entrusted to the Rules, Regulations, Policy and Procedures Working Group which has set up a Review Sub-Group tasked with reporting by September 2008. Director of Province 5, Harry Curran, has been elected Chairman, and Director of Province 9, Gerry Devine, is Vice Chairman.

It was considered appropriate to add valuable Provincial hands-on experience. Consequently the following brothers have been co-opted: Malcolm Butterworth (Province 2); James Hagerty (3) Secretary; Paul Keenan (12); Patrick Cronin (15); and John Ross (17).

The Review Sub-Group will consider all aspects of activities relating to these terms of reference. Brothers who feel that they can assist in this review should forward suggestions/recommendations for consideration through Head Office marked for the attention of Brother Harry Curran.

Information Evening in Belfast

Grand President Phil Gidman will preside over an Information Evening at St Bride's Hall, 36-38 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FP from 7-9pm on Tuesday 29th April 2008.

If you would like to attend or wish to invite friends or family to attend, please do so and inform Province 16 Director Tony Godden on 01506 883248 or by email tonygodden@btinternet.com

The evening will cover an introduction to the Association, take soundings and, if there is sufficient interest, discuss the mechanism for establishing a Circle in Belfast. It will be a relaxed evening and tea/coffee and light refreshments will be available.