



Catholic Schools Week 2011

30th January - 5th February 2011

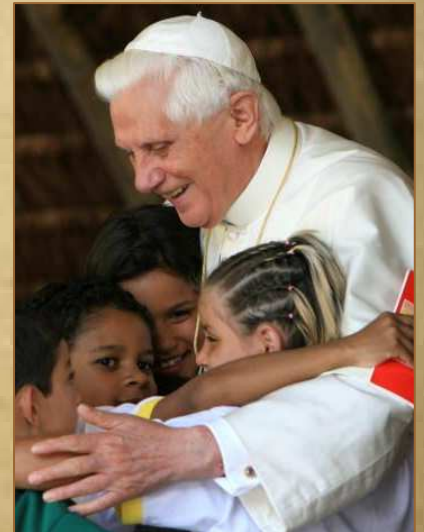
'Catholic Schools - Rooted in Jesus Christ'

The theme is inspired by the Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland. The Pope addresses the children and young people of Ireland.

- "He (Jesus Christ) loves you and he has offered himself on the cross for you."

The Pope encourages you to:

- "seek a personal relationship with him ... for he will never betray your trust. He alone can satisfy your deepest longings and give your lives their fullest meaning ... Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and his goodness, and shelter the flame of faith in your heart". (no. 9)



When?

Catholic Schools Week 2011 will begin on Sunday 30th January 2011 and will conclude on Saturday 5th February 2011. Catholic Schools Week will be launched on Monday 24th January in:

- Edmund Rice International Heritage Centre, Mount Sion, Barrack Street, Waterford (Morning)

and

- Holy Cross College, Strabane (Morning)
- St Joseph's Secondary School, Derry (Evening)



The Catholic School

The Catholic School is dedicated to the education and formation of the young. It seeks to lead children towards the fulfilment of their deepest longings. It is built on the belief that pupils begin to understand the fullest meaning of their lives when they are in touch with Christ. And so the



words of the Pope... *Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and his goodness, and shelter the flame of faith in your heart*" has a special resonance for the education project of the Catholic School. In it the young person is introduced to the love of Christ and is invited to enter a personal relationship in which their trust will never be betrayed. And so the Catholic School is truly rooted in Christ.

Resources

Schools (Boards of Management, Staff and Students), Parishes and Homes will be provided with resources for the celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2011. On Wednesday 2nd February primary schools are encouraged to invite Grandparents of students to celebrate the CSW 2011 with their Grandchildren. Resource material will include suggestions for prayer, reflection on the Catholic traditions of the school, liturgical ideas for prayer and Eucharist, crosswords and quizzes. A special feature of this year's resources will be a guided reflection on the *Pastoral Letter of the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI to the Catholics of Ireland*.



Faith in Action in Your School

Second-level students, individually or in groups, are invited this year to make a presentation on their school. The presentation may highlight the following:

- The history of the school
- The achievements of staff and pupils
- The patron saint of the school

All presentations will seek to show how the entire school community puts its faith into action. A prize will be given for the presentation judged to capture best the identity and life of the Catholic school.

