

HEALTHCARE IN THE YEAR OF MERCY // ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



1 **REV. DR PÁDRAIG CORKERY**

Lecturer in Moral Theology, Pontifical University, Maynooth

Padraig Corkery is a priest of the Diocese of Cork & Ross, where he was ordained in 1981. He obtained a BSc from UCC and an STB from the Gregorian University, Rome. His graduate studies took place at Maynooth (STL) and the Catholic University of America (STD). Fr Corkery is a lecturer in Moral Theology, Pontifical University, Maynooth (1998-present). He was a member of the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace (1993–2001), Chairman (1997–2001); and is a member of the Irish Association of Teachers of Moral Theology 1998–present. He was Dean of the Faculty of Theology from 2009 to 2015.

Research Interests

Contemporary issues in bioethics.
Catholic social teaching.

Select Publications

‘Ecology as a Moral Issue: An Ongoing Journey’ in Enda McDonagh (ed), *Performing the Word*, Columba Press, 2014
Bioethics and the Catholic Moral Tradition, Dublin, Veritas, 2010
‘The Challenge to Re-imagine the Goals and Ethos of Economic Activity?’, *Doctrine and Life* 58 (2008): 4–10
‘Beyond the Terri Schiavo Case’, *The Furrow* 59 (2008): 67–76
‘Bio-ethics and contemporary Irish moral discourse’ in Amelia Fleming (ed.), *Contemporary Irish Moral Discourse*, Dublin: Columba Press, 2007
‘Reproductive Technologies: An Irish contribution to an international debate.’ *The Furrow* 56 (2005): 353–7
‘The Use of Embryonic Stem Cells’, *The Furrow* 53 (2002):24–34

Current Research

The contribution of Pope John Paul II and the CDF to the debate surrounding the provision of nutrition/hydration to persons in a PVS



2 **DR ROBERT HARDIE** **Secular Franciscan, Retired GP/Surgeon**

Robert Hardie is a Secular Franciscan. He was born in 1947 and qualified as a Doctor in 1972 from the Middlesex Hospital London. Dr. Hardie obtained his FRCS in 1978. He worked as a GP Surgeon in Swanage, Dorset and Melksham, Wiltshire. Dr Hardie retired from clinical practice in 2007.

He has worked in Uganda and Bangladesh with NGOs. Dr. Hardie is the immediate Past President of Catholic Medical Association (UK). He is Chairman of Catholic Medical Missionary Society, UK.



3 **DR ORLA HALPENNY** **General Practitioner, Dublin**

Orla Halpenny is from Dublin and trained in NUI Galway. After internship and first-year SHO in St. James's Hospital, Dublin, she completed a Masters in Medical Science in UCD. She obtained a licentiate in philosophy in the University of the Holy Cross, Rome.

On returning to Ireland, she began working in General Practice and obtained the Diploma in Medicine for the Elderly in 2007. She obtained the MICGP and the Diploma in Substance Misuse in 2013. She now works in Blackrock, Co. Dublin. In 2012, Dr. Halpenny edited and contributed to *Steady Air: Exploring Catholicism at Work*, with Dr. Desmond O'Neill, Ronán Mullen, Peadar Cremins and Thomas Finnegan (Cambridge Scholars Press).



4 **REV. DR LUKE MACNAMARA OSB** **Monk of Glenstal Abbey, Lecturer in Sacred Scripture**

Luke Macnamara is a graduate of UCD (1994) and of the South-East General Practice Training Scheme (1998). He entered Glenstal Abbey in 1998 and was solemnly professed as a monk in 2003. He taught Greek, French and Science in the Abbey school, while also heading the Special Educational Needs Department 1999–2001 and 2005–2008, serving on the national Task Force on Dyslexia 2000–2001.

From 2001–2005 he completed his first cycle Theological Studies at the Institut Catholique in Paris and from 2008–2014 his licentiate and doctoral studies in Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. His doctoral thesis, entitled, “My Chosen Instrument”: The characterisation of Paul in Acts 7:58–15:41’, is with the Gregorian Biblical Press and due to be published shortly in the *Analecta Biblica* series. Since January 2015 he has been lecturing in Sacred Scripture at St Patrick’s College Maynooth.



5 MR. FRANCIS THOMAS
Intern, Westminster Cathedral, London

Francis graduated from the University of Leeds with a BA in Theology and Religious Studies in June 2015. He was president of Leeds Universities Catholic Society from 2014–15.

He currently works as an Intern at Westminster Cathedral, London where he also volunteers as a parish catechist.



6 BISHOP RAY FIELD
Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin
Chair, Council for Healthcare of the Irish Bishops' Conference

Bishop Field was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin in September 1997. Prior to that he was Head Chaplain to the Defence Forces.

Bishop Field lives in Blanchardstown, Dublin and has pastoral responsibility for the North West Area of the Diocese (39 parishes). He is the Diocesan Representative for Healthcare and chairs the Council for Healthcare of the Irish Bishops' Conference. Bishop Field also chairs the Council for Immigrants of the Irish Bishops' Conference.



7 ARCHBISHOP CHARLES BROWN
Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland

Archbishop Brown graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1981 with a major in history. He then studied theology at Oxford University and medieval studies at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies at the University of Toronto.

In 1989, he was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of New York. He did parish work at Saint Brendan's Parish in the Bronx, New York City, before being sent to Rome for doctoral studies in sacramental theology at the Pontifical Atheneum of Saint Anselm.

He worked at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 1994 until 2011 when he was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland.