

Department for Social Responsibility

New structures move forward

In the new Diocesan Structures unveiled earlier in the year the Centre for Church and Industry is now under the **Department for Social Responsibility**. The Department is being led by Fr. David Glover.

The Centre for Church & Industry (St. Antony's Centre) is responsible as the Office for Church and Industry within the Department. Other organisations within the Department are; Faith & Justice, Catholic Welfare Society, and Catholic Children's Rescue Society.

The Department has a Council made up of the organisational heads and invited lay representatives from the Diocese. The Council is chaired by Fr. David Glover.

The Council is advising Fr. David on the way forward for the new Department and how to develop the mission of Social Responsibility within Salford Diocese.

The Department heads meet with the Bishops along with other consultative bodies to form the Bishop's Council. Collectively they help advise and support the Bishop in the development of its mission in the Diocese.

Family Forum

Since the Summer of 2005 and with the completion of the Listening 2004 Diocesan and National Consultation responsibility for this work has now moved to the **Department for Vocation** under the guidance of Fr. Ian Farrell

In response to Listening 2004 the Bishop announced the formation of a new Office for Marriage and Family which falls within the Department for Vocation. After meeting the Family Forum Fr. Ian has welcomed the valuable work undertaken over the past 15 years on behalf of the Diocese and intends to retain this type of Forum in the future to help inform and promote the mission to Marriage and Family. The intention is to form a new Council for Vocation which will include people from Marriage & Family Life ministry.

All enquiries for the Family Forum or Marriage and Family should now be referred to Fr. Ian Farrell and the Department for Vocation. 01254 -56026 or Email: ian.farrell@salforddiocese.org. In November the web links for the Family Forum will transfer to the Department for Vocation pages and will not appear on St. Antony's Centre / Centre for Church & Industry pages.

The Director of the Centre for Church & Industry, Kevin Flanagan has recorded his appreciation to the Family Forum members for their work and support:-

“The intention by the Centre was to promote Marriage & Family to a point when more formal structures were established. The announcement by the Bishops is a step forward, therefore we are pleased that the new office is being established as this will help the development of this essential area of the Churches ministry. The transfer of responsibility will enable the Centre for Church & Industry to re-focus its industrial and economic development work, all be it we will retain an interest in the issues related to work / life balance.”

Kevin Flanagan

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