



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES



Faith in Health

Sustaining vocation and professionalism in Healthcare today.

A Conference to be held from 3rd to 5th July 2008 at St Mary's University College, Twickenham

Aims

1. To further the current public debate about vocation and professionalism within the NHS by bringing into the frame the contribution of Catholic teaching and the experience of Catholics and other Christians working in healthcare; and
2. To provide a space for healthcare professionals from different dioceses across the country who seek to see their work as a vocation to reflect on the spiritual basis of that vocation, to be renewed and affirmed in a ministry that in the eyes of the Church directly flows from the healing ministry of Jesus, and to foster local networks in dioceses.

Desired Outcomes of the Conference

- A wider and deeper appreciation of the positive contribution the Church can make to the evolving debate on the future of the NHS;
- A celebration and affirmation of the contribution of Catholics involved in healthcare at all levels, lay and ordained, as part of their Christian witness;
- Creative thinking about possible new ways in the longer term whereby the Church might be engaged more explicitly in healthcare delivery;
- The participation of the Church more effectively in dialogue about spiritual care as a vital dimension of healthcare and social care, and in advocacy for mental health work.

For delegates

- A wider and deeper appreciation of the nature of vocation and the moral basis of healthcare work;
- The development of new e-networks for Catholics in Healthcare;
- Stimulus for regular events at diocesan level to support Catholics in healthcare and affirm their vocation within the Church, enhanced by careful preparation and effective diocesan representation at the Conference.

To download a registration form go to www.catholic-ew.org.uk/faith_in_health.htm