CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL INTEGRATION IN SCOTLAND SINCE 1918

Critics past and present of state-funded denominational education in Scotland after 1918 have often asserted that the system has promoted social division, separateness and even fostered sectarianism. This lecture disagrees with these views. Instead, the presentation argues that Catholic schooling, in addition to its recognised importance in Christian spiritual formation, has been a crucial influence promoting the integration of a formerly disadvantaged and marginalised community into modern Scotland. ‘Integration’ is defined for this purpose as the process of incorporation into mainstream society as equal citizens. The lecture considers the long and rocky road to this achievement by setting the educational experience within the broader context of Scottish religious, social, political and economic history in the twentieth century.

Timetable

09:00  Mass (Turnbull Hall)
09:45  Tea/Coffee (Sir Charles Wilson Building)
10:20  School of Education Student Pastoral Planning Team
10:30  Introduction
       (Professor Anne Anderson, Vice Principal, University of Glasgow)
10:40  Lecture
11:30  Questions
11:50  Vote of Thanks
       (Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of the Diocese of Paisley)
12:00  Final Reflection
       (Fr Stephen Reilly, Coordinator of Spiritual and Pastoral Formation, University of Glasgow)

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