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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE



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Beginning Experience Vision

...a hurting people, healed, transformed, and free again to love themselves, others, and God.

Beginning Experience Mission

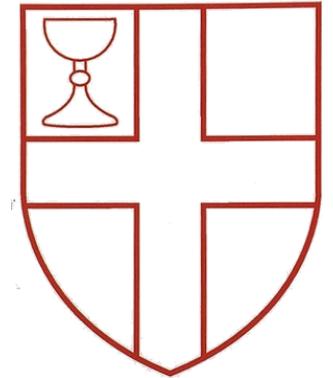
The purpose of the Beginning Experience ministry is to facilitate the grief resolution process for separated, divorced and widowed persons, and children of these losses, thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others and God. We accomplish the purpose by offering quality, copyrighted, grief resolution programs presented by trained peer ministers. These programs are designed to move grieving people through a transformational process to a new beginning in their lives

To read more ...

<https://beginningexperiencebandi.org/scotland> Scottish Contact Details: email: maggiefeet@uwclub.net tel: (01389) 751677

CALIX SOCIETY

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Diocese of Motherwell Branch

The Calix Society is for recovering alcoholics who want to draw on their Catholic faith as a sure path to serenity without alcohol. It offers a Catholic ministry to people in recovery and their families, deepening faith and sharing the healing mercy of God. Calix embodies the Catholic Church's growing emphasis on the "New Evangelisation" as encouraged by His Holiness Pope Francis.

Meetings begin every Friday in St Stephen's Church, Coatbridge at 7.00 pm. The meetings after Mass have a different focus each week of the month – ranging from a fresh introduction to the basics of Catholic faith, Meditation, Step Recovery, Reflection on the Gospels, Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Visitors welcome from all 12 step programmes, especially Alcoholics Anonymous and AAnon.

To read more:

<https://www.rcdom.org.uk/calix>

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

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What is Catholic Charismatic Renewal?

Describing God's activity is a hard thing to do. The grace of God through the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) has impacted the lives of millions of people throughout the world over the past 50 years, and every individual would express that experience in her or his own unique way. One description of CCR is:

A personal experience of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who brings alive in new ways the graces of our baptism. The Holy Spirit not only sets on fire all that we have already received, but comes again in power to equip us with his gifts for service and mission.

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FAITH SHARING

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Faith Sharing

Small faith-sharing groups allow us to share our faith with others and to grow together in community. We use prayer and scripture including lectio divina, and share our personal faith experiences of God's activity in our life. We explore many aspects of Catholic faith and teaching, particularly current papal works and writings. Faith-sharing groups are open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to prompt an action response which may then enhance the life of the entire parish community.

To read more:

<https://www.rcdom.org.uk/faith-sharing-ministry>

FOCOLARE

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The first Focolare was opened in Liverpool in 1964. The Movement developed steadily, and by the late 70s there were Focolare houses in London, Liverpool, Leeds and Glasgow. As well as local meetings and activities, the annual Mariapolis gatherings helped people of all ages and backgrounds to keep in contact.

Our aim is to contribute to building a more united world in which people value and respect diversity. We are inspired by Jesus' prayer to the Father, "May they all be one." (Jn. 17:21).

The desire to love everyone, without discrimination, to take the initiative and love other people the way we love ourselves, to exclude no one, not even our enemies. There are three elements upon which the Movement is based: the art of loving, community and dialogue.

To read more .. www.focolare.org/gb

JUSTICE & PEACE

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The Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission was formed in 1979. It is the Scottish Commission of the [Pontifical Council Justitia et Pax](#). In January, 2017, this Council was subsumed into the new [Dicastery for Integral Human Development](#).

The constituency of Justice and Peace is just over a thousand people out of a Catholic population in Scotland of about 841,000

Each of Scotland's eight dioceses is entitled to send an official representative to the National Commission. Also represented are the religious, missionary and secular clergy; youth and ecumenical representatives; and [SCIAF](#) – the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund.

This Commission meets quarterly. A Standing Committee which includes President, Chair, Vice-Chair, may convene for urgent decisions.

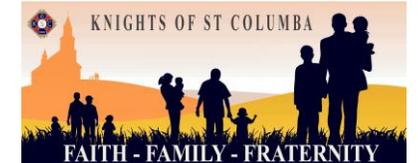
The Commission is serviced by a part time National Office staff of two.

To read more:

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KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA



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The Knights of Saint Columba is an organised body of Lay Catholic men, one of the largest of its kind in Great Britain, whose purpose is to support the Holy See and the mission of the Holy Catholic Church. Knights perform a variety of good works to support the Clergy, Pro-life and help those in our community and overseas, that are less fortunate than ourselves. Through our vocation we believe that we can bring happiness to others and find happiness ourselves.

We . . . hope you enjoy reading more about our mission, history, activities, and the benefits of being a member. Whether you are a first-time visitor, thinking of joining the Knights, recently joined or wish to just learn more, we hope there is something that interests or inspires you.

To read more:

www.ksc.org.uk

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LEGION OF MARY

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The Legion of Mary (Latin: Legio Mariae) is an international association of members of the Roman Catholic Church who serve it on a voluntary basis. It was founded in Dublin, as a Roman Catholic Marian Movement by the layman and civil servant Frank Duff. The Legion of Mary is an Association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Mary Immaculate, have formed themselves into a Legion for service in the warfare which is perpetually waged by the Church against the world and its evil powers.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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The Society of St Vincent de Paul is an international organisation of Catholic lay people, men and women, who practice Christianity by helping those in need on a person to person basis. The aim of the Society is to provide a means whereby members can practice Christianity by showing God's love to their neighbours who are in need. SSVP members show this love, compassion and understanding by giving of themselves – their concern, their friendship, their time, their talents – to help people regardless of creed, colour, lifestyle or political belief.

Help is not confined to the needy close at hand. It may be given to people overseas through the partnership with SSVP members on the spot. This means that the help is never impersonal. Help may be in the form of counselling, moral support, relief from loneliness, or in referring people to other agencies or specialist organisations. It will vary according to the resources of the members and should be adapted to local requirements and changing conditions. The type of help is not restricted, provided the element of personal involvement of the member is present.

To read more... <https://www.ssvpscotland.com/>

SCOTTISH LAITY NETWORK

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Our Vision : The Scottish Laity Network (SLN) seeks to enable Scottish laity to come together as disciples of Jesus and through prayer, dialogue and discernment find 'new ways' of being Church in Scotland in the 21st Century. We are rooted above all in a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Gospel. We are inspired by the principles of Vatican II seeking to make the gospel values a lived reality in our modern world, and by the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, the vision of Pope Francis to listen and respond to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. We trust the Holy Spirit to guide us as we make this journey.

Our Mission : We aim to provide a forum of support and respect for lay people to:

- discern the 'signs of the times' in responding to, and engaging with, the challenges we all face in the world today to bring about the kingdom of God on earth . . . (to be cont'd)

To find out more about SLN and its mission, email : slaitynetwork@gmail.com or see us on facebook

SPRED

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About SPRED

Spred began in America over 50 years ago by Fr James McCarthy, Sr Mary Therese Harrington and Susanne Gallagher and was so successful that there are now SPRED groups worldwide including Australia, Mexico and of course, Scotland. The Catholic Church in Scotland now has groups in Glasgow, Paisley, Galloway, Edinburgh and Motherwell.

We meet in small groups of 12 - 14, that is, 6 learning disabled people and six to 8 helpers. We work one to one with our learning disabled friends, so special friendships are formed. Our aim is for our learning disabled friends to appreciate that God is all around us, no matter what goes on in our lives. The format for each session is taken from a book that is provided each year. We are not a social group, we offer gentle catechesis to nurture and expand our love of God and each other. We are however very sociable and enjoy a good blether over a cup of tea and we know how to throw a good party!

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