

Chaplaincy Group Meeting: at Thornleigh College on 2nd May 2007

This was the fourth meeting of the Chaplains Group in the Diocese of Salford and we all received a very warm welcome on arrival at the College. During the day the group met in the chaplaincy centre. Lunch was on a self-service basis in the imposing residence of the Salesian community. Following lunch we were given a tour of the College chapels.

Our opening prayer time was led by Mike Clark the chaplain at Holy Cross College, Bury. The main part of the day was led/facilitated by Rosie Woods, chaplain at Carmel College, St. Helens and Chaplaincy Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Liverpool. She offered an interesting and prayerful guide to what is 'supervision' for chaplains. In her presentation, Rosie hit a chord with those assembled, as well as giving much food for thought. It was good to have the National Co-ordinator of the Association of Catholic Chaplains in Education, Maggie Cascioli, with us for the day. She was able to give a national picture and ask for support from all chaplains for the ACCE. A simple ending prayer was offered by Sean Simpson, chaplain at Our Lady's High school, Royton.

Practicalities were tackled:

- A date for diaries is 20th November – in response to an invitation from Bishop Brain to meet with him at Wardley Hall.
- The hope that a full programme of meeting dates for 2007-8 can be set at the next meeting.
- The wish to keep all schools informed of developments and assist them in the future.

Next meeting will take place on **Monday 2nd July at Whalley Abbey, Whalley BB7 9SS** The suggested theme of the meeting is 'Endings & Beginnings'. If you have any materials and/or ideas that you would wish to share with the group on the day, please do bring them along with you.

Best wishes and prayers,
Bernard