

Brentwood: Confirmation candidates to explore Tweeting with God

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Confirmation candidates gathering for the Rite of Acceptance this weekend will hear from the author of Tweeting with God, an interactive tool to help young people with questions on faith.



This Sunday, 28 February, 640 young people preparing for Confirmation are to hear from a priest who talks their language at a session exploring his book and app, Tweeting with God. In it, Fr Michel Remery provides tweets to 200 daring questions from young people about God, faith and morality.

Episcopal Vicar for Formation, Fr Dominic Howarth, has organised the Cathedral session because he feels that "Tweeting with God is an easily accessible, navigable and contemporary tool to help young people with questions they have about their faith". The Diocese is to provide every Confirmation teacher with a copy of the book, while the app is free to download on iPhone/Android. Fr Dominic adds: "The real beauty of the whole idea is that it provides very succinct questions and answers plus expandable resources for those who want more information."

After the session with Fr Michel, the young people will stay on in the Cathedral to meet Bishop Alan at the Rite of Acceptance at 3pm.

In the Diocese as a whole, more than 1,200 young people will be Confirmed this year, about half in their own parishes during visitations by Bishop Alan. Those who do not have visits scheduled to their parishes will be able to meet Bishop Alan at the Rite of Acceptance and then will be confirmed at Pentecost by their parish priests.

Tweeting with God is an initiative of the JP2 Foundation. (#TwGOD)

Rev Dr Michel Remery M.Sc. (Voorburg, 1973), is a priest of the diocese of Rotterdam, the Netherlands. He studied architecture at Delft University of

Technology, and worked for the Royal Netherlands Air Force and as an expat in the Baltic States for the consulting and engineering firm Tebodin. Following his theological studies in Rome, he completed a doctoral dissertation at the Pontifical Gregorian University on the relationship between liturgy and architecture.

For a number of years, Fr Remery served as an assistant priest at several parishes in Leiden, the Netherlands, where he worked mainly with young people and university students. He joined them on pilgrimages to Surinam, Italy, the Holy Land, Poland, Turkey, and to many World Youth Days.

The TwGOD project has its origin in the questions that young people addressed to Fr Michel in meetings about the faith held during his time in Leiden. These young people were looking for the meaning of faith in their own lives. Why should I believe in God? Is it logical to believe? The meetings helped them to recognise the importance of the faith in their personal lives. They urged their priest to publish the results in two books entitled 'Tweeting with GOD'. These separate books were later combined into a single volume. The young people then suggested making the project interactive, playing a major role in this phase as well. The project quickly attracted major international interest, which led to translations of the books into many languages.

Fr Michel currently serves as the Vice Secretary General of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences (CCEE). Among other positions, he is the secretary of the CCEE Committee on Social Communications. The CCEE secretariat is located in St Gallen, Switzerland.

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