

# Chaplain News !

The newly elected Junior St Vincent de Paul conference were appointed by Niamh Donoghue at the end of September – the following girls were elected Ailbhe Kelly ( President) Ciara O'Neill (Vice President) Eleanor McLaughlin (treasurer) Niamh Durkin (assistant treasurer) Sadhbh Hegarty (public relations officer) and (assistant public relations officer) Rachel Tighe.

Currently there are fifty transition years in Junior SVP and 25 in the senior SVP conference.

We have already started to prepare for the Children's Christmas party! Watch out for further information.

Danielle O'Brien and Ashling O'Riordan (5<sup>th</sup> Years) have returned from their volunteer experience in Kenya. These girls were selected to take part in this trip as part of Mary Ward's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary, they travelled with Loreto students from all over Ireland. Recently the girls gave an inspiring presentation on their experience at a Loreto Justice Peace Integrity of Creation Conference. Their passion for social justice is infectious and inspiring. Thank you girls for helping to make a difference. We are all very proud of you.

Ms Donoghue

## **International Volunteering**

### **Zambia 2009**

Three of last years sixth year students (Roisin Hopkins, Ruth Kelly, Lucy Foster, Emer Colreavy (past pupil), Ms Judge and Ms Donoghue spent three weeks in Lusaka, Zambia in July. We worked with vulnerable children and adults who were infected with HIV AIDS. It was an eye opening experience and one that has imprinted in our minds and hearts forever.

### **Columbia 2009**

Lorna Gibbs also went to Bogota, Columbia with Slí – Eile. She worked with children who had mental and physical disabilities.

### **South Africa**

For two weeks in August, four of last year's sixth years Muireann Fanning, Michaela Perry, Shona Harding and Maria Davis volunteered in South Africa helping to build an orphanage and school.

## **PRG**

The PRG (Prayer Reflection Group) has returned much to the pupils delight. This takes place every Thurs in the Oratory from 1.20 – 1.40pm. The pupils listen to some reflective music and some inspirational readings.

We now have a PRG committee who help me coordinate and plan these meetings.

## **PRAYER BOX**

The Prayer Box outside the Oratory is for any prayer requests the girls may have. The prayers are kept private and all of them are remembered in prayer every Thursday.