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DIOCESE OF ACHONRY

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Re: World Meeting of Families Diocesan Launch – Invitation for School Participation

Dear Principal,

First of all, may I wish you and your school community every blessing for this new school year.

I write to you on the matter of the upcoming World Meeting of Families in Dublin next year, 22-26 August.

The Year of Preparation for the WMOF has already begun in dioceses and parishes all over the country. Here in Achonry, we will be launching that year officially with a **Celebration of Families on Sunday 12 November**, in the **CBD Sports Hall** on the Swinford Road in Charlestown from 3pm to 5pm. As part of the event we would like to present a slideshow of art and poetry prepared by national school and secondary school students from across the diocese on the subject of **Family Life in Ireland**.

The WMOF Committee in our Diocese are inviting the participation of your students in this project.

What we are asking is that schools would invite pupils to participate and then photograph any artwork or poetry on the subject, and forward the photographs (including school contact details) by email to [redacted]. These will be made into a slideshow which will be shown on a loop at the Celebration of Families on 12 November. The photographs will need to be sent in by 27 October (before the November break).

This same slideshow may also be presented at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August 2018.

I would be delighted if your school would participate in this project.

Le gach deá-ghuí,

[Redacted signature]

Most Rev. Brendan Kelly
Bishop of Achonry