



# Ulster Youth Committee Newsletter



## Welcome

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2005! Another year is almost gone and continues to prove busy. This summer we had a very poor provincial sports final and it is something we will have to consider seriously for next year. On a brighter note next year is looking good with lots of opportunity to celebrate and show that our association is one to be proud of. Lets do our best to show our face to the media and tell them how determined we are to beat the social pressures of alcohol and drug abuse. Enjoy the read!

Su-Zann

## Pioneer Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ulster Spirituality workshop
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	National Leisure AGM, Athlone
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	National Youth Meeting, Dublin
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kilmore Diocesan Concert - Virginia Gospel Choir
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ulster Youth Meeting, Cookstown
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cookstown Regional Dinner Dance, Glenavon Hotel
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Board of Management Meeting, Dublin
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	East Cavan Dinner Dance, Crover House Hotel
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ulster Activities Meeting, Pastoral Centre, Omagh



## World Youth Day 2005

18 young people traveled as a pioneer group to Cologne in August to the World Youth Day to meet Pope Benedict XVI. A new and different experience was witnessed by those who attended. Word of a reunion is spreading and plans are already underway for Sydney 2008!

For a full report and photos of our trip, log on to [www.ptaa.ie](http://www.ptaa.ie) or October 'Pioneer' mag.

## 10,000 Hits!

On 8th September, we had our 10,000th visitor on the Ulster website. Please keep logging in to [www.ptaa.ie](http://www.ptaa.ie), we love reading your messages and please send us your suggestions to improve it. Thank you for making it so successful.

Remember, you can have a site for your committee, [www.yourcentre.ptaa.ie](http://www.yourcentre.ptaa.ie), or an ptaa email address [your.name@ptaa.ie](mailto:your.name@ptaa.ie).

## Youth Seminar 2005

Congratulations to Connaught Young Pioneers on hosting a very successful youth weekend in Killary adventure centre. Almost two thirds of those who attended came from the Ulster province - we are all very proud of your participation. Congratulations to Lucy Lawlor from Wexford who won the 'Rose' competition at the weekend. Another job well done!

## 10th Annual Ball

The Ulster Youth and Activities committees will host the National Ball in 2006. This prestigious event is one of the events on the pioneer calendar where we invite everyone to attend - Pioneers and non-pioneers alike. As this is the 10th anniversary of this very popular event, we hope that you will all make a special effort to help us make it one to remember. We guarantee you a night you will never forget.

# *National Ball*



The National ball commences with a special mass, followed by dinner, a band and finally a disco. Special guest speakers will also be in attendance. Full details will be advertised soon on the Ulster website, and forthcoming newsletters.

Tickets will be available soon from both the Ulster Youth Committee and the Ulster Activities Committee.

## Tyrone win Sam!

The Ulster Youth Committee would like to give extra special congratulations to Mickey Harte and the Tyrone team in their recent victory. Mickey and his family have certainly raised the profile of the pioneer association in the past few years and we will be indebted to them for a considerable time to come.

It has also come to our attention that the Tyrone county board had all underage cups capped to dissuade the notion of celebrating through alcohol in the cups. If only all county boards would follow suit our mission would be easier. Thanks again and enjoy your well-deserved year of celebrations.

## 2006 Year of the Centre

Remember 2006 has been declared as the year of the centre. Please ensure your centre marks the year with a special event. This is also a great opportunity to revive any inactive centres in your area, and maybe organise something together.

Fr. McGreil, chairperson of the Board of Management will be conducting an audit of all centres in the country.

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## Pioneer Sports Competitions

As already mentioned Ulster had a very poor sports final this year with representation from Kilmore dioceses and Cookstown region ONLY! It was very disappointing for us as a committee who had worked so hard to provide a final. On visiting schools and having manned the pioneer stand at the ploughing championships we know that sports is the event that most of the young people want, begging the question why aren't their wishes being met? We can only hope that next year EVERY diocese will provide a sports final and make our efforts more worthwhile. Please note the date of next year's finals as:-

**Ulster Sports Final 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006**

**All-Ireland Sports Final 9<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

Start to plan for them today. Find and book venues, try to find some referees willing to help and more importantly try to give your young people the chance to participate.

Remember some rules have been modified so please get a copy of the rule book from National Leisure delegates or the Ulster Youth Committee.

## All Ireland Winners 2005

Congratulations to all those teams who did participate in Ulster, many of them reaching the All Ireland Finals in Tralee. They done us proud, taking away the most medals for any one province with a total of 18 first and second places. Winning teams were from:-

Ballyjamesduff - 2 gold, 2 silver  
Crosserlough - 1 gold



Carrigallen - 6 gold, 6 silver  
Rock/Slatequarry - 1 gold

## Kilmore Photo Competition

The Kilmore Youth Committee are running an Amateur Photography competition in November. Entries should be sent to Gillian Lynch, Pollareagh, Kilnaleck, Co Cavan. The entry fee is €2 per photo, or 3 photos for €5. Please include your name, address, phone number, age, and category on the back of each photo. The KYC will have excellent prizes and hope to have lots of entries from the diocese and surrounding areas!! Entry forms available on website [www.ptaa.ie](http://www.ptaa.ie). Closing date 18th November. Entries must be 5x7 size. Age groups are under 10 yrs, 10-15 yrs and over 15 yrs.

Categories are:-

Buildings	Community
Culture	Games/Play
Nature	Sports



## Clogher Report

Another busy few months in the Diocese of Clogher....Five young Pioneers from our diocese traveled with a national group of Pioneers on the recent World Youth Day trip to Cologne in Germany. On September 8th last, the Carrickmacross centre hosted a talk by Shane Kitson on the effects of alcohol and drug abuse in our society. The talk generated a lot of public interest locally. We are also looking forward to the visit of the National Pioneer President, Sean Coll, to Donagh, Co. Fermanagh on September 29th. The Pioneer clubs are up and running in the secondary schools again this year. We hope to have our new diocesan web-site live at the beginning of next month, so watch this space for more details.

## NYC Art Comp

It's time for the Art Competition again. Prizes in each age category this year are: €100, €75 & €50. The entry fee is €2 per poster. Entries should be A3 size and submitted to the NYC Art Comp, Central Office, 27 Upper Sherrard St, Dublin 1, before 31st October.

Competitions are in 3 age groups:-

9-12years, 12-15years and over 15years.

There are also 6 separate categories:-

1. Drug Abuse/Underage Drinking
2. Young Pioneers
3. Cultures
4. Sport
5. Alternative Lifestyle
6. Spirituality



For further information, contact Gillian Lynch

## Temperance celebration in Cork - 2006

Plans are underway for celebrations among the pioneer association in late 2006. Next year will see the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr Theobald Matthew, the apostolate of temperance and the birth of the venerable Matt Talbot (who will some day be the patron saint of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association). It is also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Feast of the Sacred Heart and therefore a very special year in the lives of the pioneer.

The rally is currently being planned for Cork as there is a very strong link with the city and the PTAA. Fr Matthew was from Cork. He initiated the move towards temperance with limited success. Fr Cullen later successfully reinvented the idea, and the Pioneers were born. Cork is where men were first allowed to join the association after a mission in Cork where they demanded to join the then women only club.

Currently the plan is to have a social event mixed with a spiritual event and no doubt Cork will have the celebrations perfected following from being the city of culture 2005! 2006 is therefore a very special year in our history and we hope it will be a very special year for you and your pioneer centre. As it is the year of the centre, why not organise a bus to go from your centre or region.

## Leisure NEWS

### Rule Book:

The National Leisure committee have published a new rule book which governs all National Leisure and National Sports competitions. These rules come into effect NOW so please ensure your centre gets a copy. We draw particular attention to the new Readoiri competition of Modern Music.

### School Diaries:

For the second year running, the Leisure committee have successfully gained the central pages in homework diaries. It contains the same poster as last year, and also a note from a number of Irish celebrities. If your school does not have this in your diary please contact the UYC where we will try to send the school a promotional one for future reference.