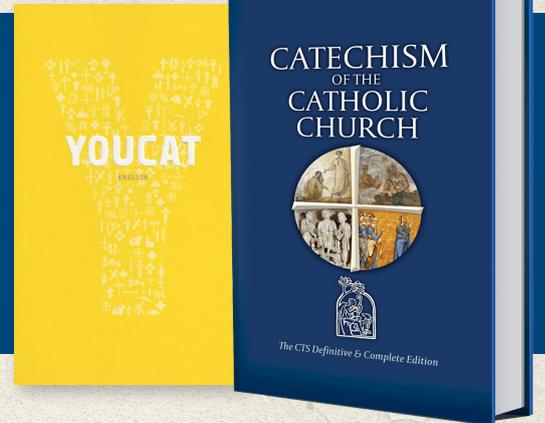


KNOWING AND LIVING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



CNOC MHUIRE SAT 31ST MAY 2025

Feast of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth



Rev. Fr John Harris O.P.

Prior Provincial Irish Dominican Province

MORNING SESSION

11.30am **Sowing Seeds of Hope -**
Families, Parishes & Workplaces

Venue St John's Rest & Care Centre

SCHEDULE OF CEREMONIES

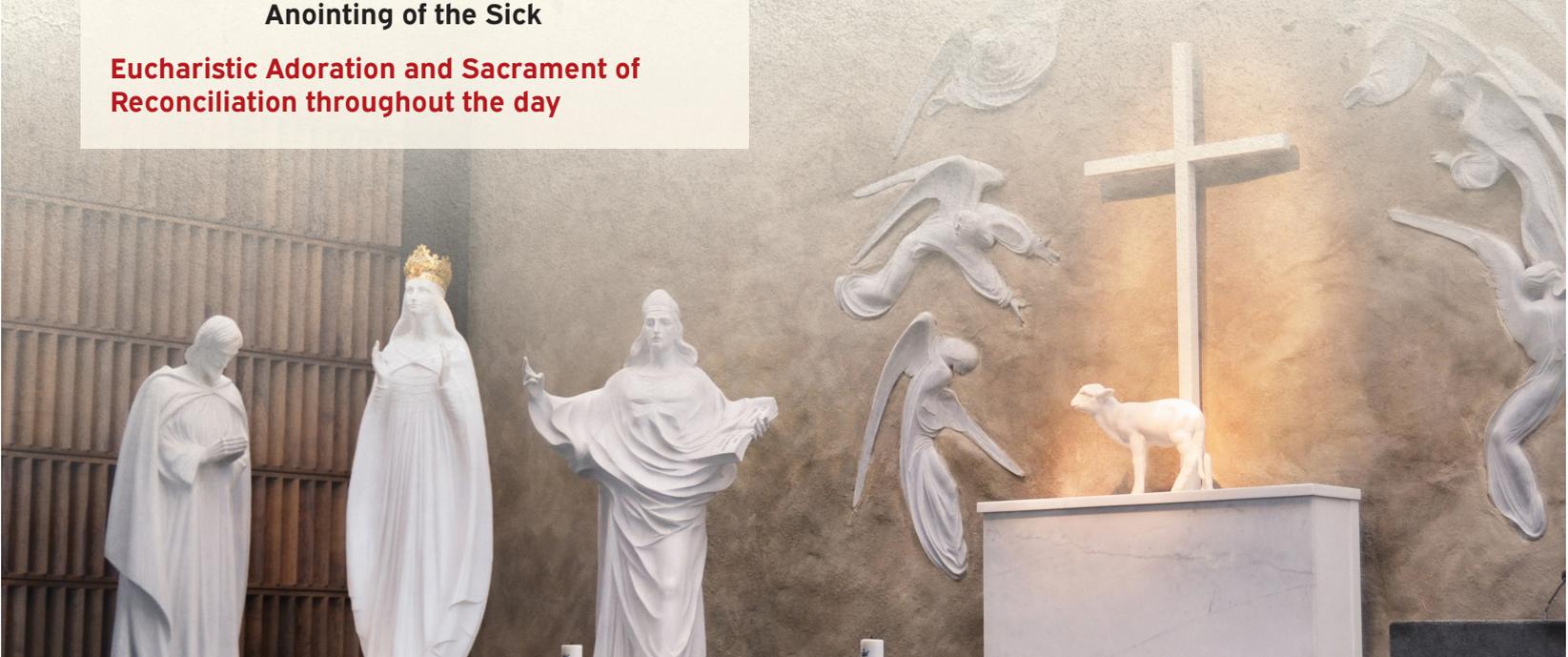
2.00pm Outdoor Stations of the Cross
and Rosary Procession

3.00pm Holy Mass in the Basilica with
Anointing of the Sick

**Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of
Reconciliation throughout the day**

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by which we desire the kingdom
of heaven and eternal life as
our happiness..."* CCC 1817

*Beidh fáilte roimh gach
duine idir óg agus aosta.*



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PRAYERFULLY READ & REFLECT

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1817 **Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness**, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."*⁸⁴ *"The Holy Spirit ... he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life."*⁸⁵

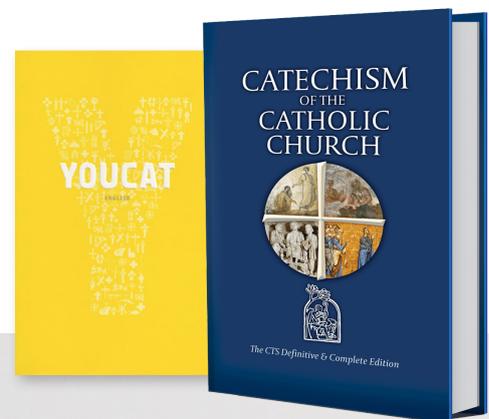
84. Heb 10:23. 85. Titus 3:6-7.

2090 When God reveals Himself and calls him, man cannot fully respond to the divine love by his own powers. He must hope that God will give him the capacity to love Him in return and to act in conformity with the commandments of charity. **Hope is the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision of God**; it is also the fear of offending God's love and of incurring punishment.

2657 The Holy Spirit, who instructs us to celebrate the liturgy in expectation of Christ's return, teaches us to pray in hope. Conversely, the prayer of the Church and personal prayer nourish hope in us. The psalms especially, with their concrete and varied language, teach us to fix our hope in God:

*"I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry."*⁸ As St. Paul prayed: **"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."**⁹

8. Ps 40:2. 9. Rom 15:13.



THEOLOGICAL HOPE IN CONTEXT

1833 **Virtue** is a habitual and firm disposition to do good.

1834 **The human virtues** are stable dispositions of the intellect and the will that govern our acts, order our passions, and guide our conduct in accordance with reason and faith. They **can be grouped around the four cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.**

1840 **The theological virtues dispose Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. They have God for their origin, their motive, and their object – God known by faith, God hoped in and loved for his own sake.**

1841 **There are three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity. They inform all the moral virtues and give life to them.**

