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Frederic Ozanam Founder of SVP

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IITD NATIONAL TRAINING AWARDS

Ellmarie Spillane-Dowd

The Society of St Vincent de Paul was nominated for a National Training Award again this year in the Community & Voluntary Sector. It was with great pride that Una & Ellmarie accepted the Outstanding Achievement Award in our sector on the 22nd February at the awards ceremony. This night is held to give all organisations a chance to showcase how they develop staff & volunteers and to acknowledge the work of the training team in the organisation. The SVP has been developing its training strategy since 1992 and this programme for volunteers is very well received through out the country. As with all training programmes they change according to the needs of the organisation and this has been very much a driving force in the SVP for the past 5 years in particular.

The Cork Region is fortunate to have four new members on their training team therefore we are now in a position to offer more regular programmes for our new and existing volunteers. The

training team would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have supported them over the past number of years. The encouragement from the Regional Council and the ongoing support from the Staff in Ozanam House enables the development of our training programme.

Training is about gaining knowledge & skills that allows us to perform in a certain role. The talent & skills that we have in this organisation is phenomenal and when people who show an interest in becoming a volunteer, they expect an induction to the SVP in a professional way.

We are very proud in the training team to have brought home another training award from the Irish Institute of Training & Development. It shows the SVP not only to be a caring organisation but one who invests in the development of volunteers and staff that allows it to deliver the best service for those in need.



Ellmarie & Una accepting award for St. Vincent De Paul

Pressures of Living, What has Changed?

Brendan Dempsey



As the seanachai said, "In my father's time, times were hard". But even then, there were the well off and the not so well off. The seniors among us will remember the envy we felt at the "well off" being able to go to Crosshaven for the summer where they lived "in luxury" in a line of converted buses up along Camden Road or in other forms of imaginative accommodation including those clubbed together from recycled Ford's boxes and tarred felt. So much for the "well off".

The other half made do with a bus trip to Crosshaven for the day, the train to Youghal, or a hurling match down the park. The point is that even then there were pressures. Parents recognised the need to maintain their children's self respect and dignity among their peers and what has changed? Some are still getting over Christmas, straightening out Credit Union loans, and casting an eye over the next hurdle, First communions and Confirmations.

It's a pity that the very mention of sacraments that actually cost nothing can cause a cold sweat among the marginalised in our society. As in bygone days, parents today want to shield their children from the hurt of being the odd one out, of feeling different. First Communion/Confirmations have always added pressure to families and one has admiration for parishes who have tried to change the "tradition" of pushing the boat out for the

children's big day, they provide a "smock" that is passed on from year to year. Paradoxically families that can well afford the extra cost often spend a lot less on the big day.

Of course the problem has little to do with the children, we adults need our self respect and dignity too, everyone of us wants to be accepted by our peers and be seen to be able to provide our children with all they think they need it is likely that again this year families will end up with their backs to the wall. Fathers may be working overtime or even double jobbing, mothers working also or in some cases denying themselves not just the comforts of life but sometimes the necessities such as a visit to the doctor.

First Communion/Confirmations, weddings and now even funerals seem to be social events that are not judged by the spiritual element of the sacraments but rather by the lavish expenditure on the trimmings. Most mothers could teach economics or lecture accountants on balancing a budget, but even with the prudent provision by some families of basic necessities for the celebration of the sacraments' there will still be need for help. The Society, as always, will be there to meet the need because you the public continue to generously support us, thank you!

Cork Traveller Literacy Scheme Wins Award

On Monday, February 4th, Sean Haughey, T.D., Minister for Lifelong Learning, officially opened the AONTAS (National Adult Learning Organisation) Adult Learners' Festival in Dublin Castle. This was followed by the second annual AONTAS STAR (Showcasing Teamwork, Awarding Recognition) Awards. Awards were given out for both local and regional organisations in each of the four provinces, Dublin and one nationwide award.

In the Munster Local category The Cork Traveller Literacy Scheme received a highly commended star for their St. John's Central College group. This amazing project was set up in 1998 by Traveller women, for Traveller women, who wanted to gain access into formal education. There are now over 130 female Travellers involved in this project and they have classes in a wide variety of areas such as commu-

nications, personal and interpersonal skills, computers and Junior Cert.

We would like to congratulate them on this award and wish them every success in the future.



Mary O'Sullivan receiving the award

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SVP MISSION TO NIGERIA

Neasa O'Riordan

SVP Regional Twinning Officer



After over a year of discussion and planning, the Twinning Teams from the Cork and South-East Regions left for Lagos, Nigeria on the 9th February 2008. The party consisted of Neasa O'Riordan and Linda O'Connell from Cork, and John Maxwell and Francis Pyke from the South East Region.

Each SVP Region in Ireland is twinned with a country or part of a country in Africa. The mission of the Twinning Strategy is to support the SVP in the twinned country.

The main purpose of undertaking this visit was to:

- Consolidate the Vincentian Friendship between the members in our Regions and our Brothers and Sisters in Nigeria.
- See the work of the Society in Nigeria and convince the members in the Regions as to why we should be supporting the work of our brothers in Nigeria.
- Look at viable projects which are in progress in Nigeria and see which can be supported by the Regions.

When we arrived in Lagos we were absolutely delighted by the response of the SVP in Nigeria. There were at least 20 people waiting for us in the airport including Pius Ehiagwina, the International Vice-President; Paul A. Iwunna, the Nigerian National President; others members of the National Council, and many other members of the Society. Some of these people had travelled up to 9 hours to be present for our arrival in Lagos. We were thrilled with the excitement which the trip had generated.

We spent our first night in the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus convent, and we were up at 5.30 am the next morning to attend Mass in the local church. The 6.30 am Mass was in a huge church and it was packed! Everybody was wearing their Sunday best of fabulous bright colours and sang the hymns with great gusto.

Cork is twinned with Nigeria East so Linda and I, and the National President, Treasurer and Secretary went off to the airport to fly east to Imo Airport. Paul (the President), Veronica (the Treasurer) and Albert (the Secretary) had come to Lagos on Friday by a 9 hour journey by minibus to be sure to be in Lagos to welcome us. This is no easy feat in the searing heat and we really did appreciate their effort.

When we arrived in Imo Airport there was an even bigger crowd of Vincentians present to meet us!! Last year a new uniform was designed for the SVP in Nigeria and nearly everyone was decked out in this beautiful coloured fabric with pictures of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and St. Vincent de Paul

printed on it. We were then driven to our home for the week: the Bishop's palace in Ahiara diocese in Imo State where we were made feel completely at home.

During the next 4 days we spent 12 hours a day visiting Conferences all over Nigeria East and inspecting various projects. The National and Metro Council had rented a minibus which set out at 8.00 am every morning so that we could see as many Conferences as possible. Everywhere we went, lots of members were there awaiting our arrival. The welcomes were so warm and friendly. With great embarrassment we received gifts, food and drinks wherever we went. To say they appreciated our visit is a massive understatement!

Each function began with the kolanut ceremony during which the kolanut is presented to all of the 'honoured guests', then blessed by a priest and then finally eaten. Unfortunately, women cannot be part of this ceremony or as the Nigerians put it, 'the kolanut doesn't talk to women and doesn't speak English'. However we were always referred to during the ceremony and warmly welcomed in this way.

The SVP in Nigeria has 594 Conferences, within Central Councils (comparable to our Area Councils) within 9 Metro Areas (comparable with our Regions). Cork is twinned with 3 of these Metro Areas: Owerri, Calabar and Onitsha.

Just like the SVP in Ireland, the biggest concern for the SVP in Nigeria is lack of funds. Very few Conferences have church gate collections and these are no other fund-raising systems in place. As a result most of their work is carried out from the funds in the secret bag. Also Conferences may have some benefactors which help fund the Conference. Another source of income may be the running of a small project to generate profits for the Conference.

The work they do was truly impressive and inspiring. In home visitation, they visit the poorest people in their community. To become an adoptee of the Society, the person must have no other source of income whatsoever. One of the biggest problems that we saw in Nigeria was the lack of state supports. Because of poor leadership at Government level, there are no state schools, state hospitals, or social welfare systems. The infrastructure is extremely poor; there is no water mains system in the rural areas; if you are fortunate enough to have electricity it comes and goes; the roads are indescribable and very unsafe!

Very frequently children cannot attend school because their parents cannot afford the small school fees, perhaps €30 per term, which goes towards the running of the school. Many of these kids have to walk up to 3 or 4 miles to collect water from the nearest well. It is not

uncommon to see tiny children, 4 or 5 years old carrying big 25l containers of water on their head. It really has to be seen to be believed.

The poorest people live in tiny shacks. One case we met was an 18 year-old girl, whose parents had died from Aids and now lives in a one-room shack with her 3 younger sisters and brothers. She ran a tiny market stall with almost no stock to support her family and try and keep them at school. The rent on her shack was €6 per month but it was tiny, just space for 4 people to sleep in one room; no water, electricity or bathroom! We were continually humbled by people's way of life.

Linda and I visited all three of the Metro Regions with which Cork is twinned. We were made feel extremely welcome and saw at first hand how they work. Nigeria is a pitifully poor country despite its great wealth in oil reserves. The vast majority of people live on less than \$1 per day. The population of Nigeria East is overwhelmingly Catholic and the SVP works closely with the priests in each parish. The work of the members genuinely saves lives. Most of the people we met were very poor yet extremely giving within their own communities.

After visiting the Conferences and projects we met with the officers of the National Council to discuss the allocation of funds. The help that we can give them is no more than a drop in the ocean. However for some people this is quite genuinely the difference between life and death. Even a donation of just a couple of hundred euros can help sustain a small farming project into the future. It is nice for us to know that the funds generated from the Twinning levy can go directly to the work of Conferences and thereby help people on the ground in Nigeria.

During our week in Nigeria, we were treated with the utmost in hospitality. Paul, Veronica and Albert kept by our sides all day every day. Many other members gave of themselves and their time all through our visit. We are grateful for all of their kindnesses.

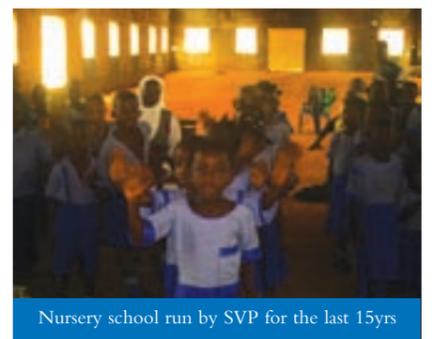
The trip was a fascinating and deeply enriching experience. I would however be lying if I did not say that I was glad to come home. I was glad to come home to all of those things that we take so much for granted: water, power and, most of all, personal security. I have to applaud the work of the SVP in Nigeria. I am very pleased to be part of the Twinning project. I have seen how the SVP work at grass roots level and am convinced of their effectiveness at local level. I hope to increase the level of enthusiasm for Twinning amongst our own members and in time to increase our support for the vital work that is carried out by our Vincentian Brothers and Sisters in Nigeria. The legacy of Blessed Frederic Ozanam lives on all over the world to help the poorest in our communities.



"The Greeting Party"



Visiting a Casava Farm (main staple diet of Nigeria)



Nursery school run by SVP for the last 15yrs



Kids collecting water at a well in a rural village that supports 20,000 people.

SVP FROM THE GROUND-UP GATHERS REAL-LIFE INFORMATION ON POVERTY



By Brendan Hennessy

One of the success stories from the Society's three year plan was the From the Ground-Up project. The project was led by SVP volunteers and was given the task of gathering information from our conferences on social justice issues. In its first three years the From the Ground-Up project gathered significant information from around the country, which the Society then used to lobby for change.

The Society's unique experience as a national organisation gave us an opportunity to inform politicians, civil servants and relevant agencies of the effects of poverty on the lives of ordinary people. Our From the Ground-Up volunteers particularly sought out case-studies to give the real life experience to what sometimes can be cold facts.

Take for example educational disadvantage. For lone parents who wish to improve their situation the cost of childcare can be prohibitive. When you hear this information directly from someone in the situation then it really makes sense:

"I am a single parent with one child. Childcare costs mount to €135 weekly. Also I have to pay a babysitter €35 weekly...I am in receipt of One Parent Family Payment weekly which comes to €185, and this is simply not enough to feed us, clothe us, pay my rent, ESB, travel etc."

Other educational issues that arose were the cost of sending a child back to school. Many parents find themselves further penalised with the cost of 'voluntary contributions' and fees for extra-curricular activities. For children with learning needs the Society has

been paying for the cost of psychological assessments – to the point that the Society has now agreed a working protocol with the Dept. of Education.

As the Society hears about issues on the ground we seek to address the problem through our lobbying work at national level. This can be by seeking an arrangement with the relevant authority, as in the case of the psychological assessments, or by publicising injustices such as recently in our campaign to highlight the isolating effect of post office closures. The Society regularly makes submissions to Government and the Society's annual Pre-Budget Submission is widely read by politicians and civil servants.

The Society is well placed to inform Government of the reality of life for low-income families and individuals on the

ground. That can be the impact of rising fuel costs, the scourge of money lending, the isolation of the elderly, the lack of social housing or the poor quality of some private rented accommodation. Indeed, more recently, the SVP is trying to meet the needs of migrant workers who come on hard times.

It is essential that the Society keeps its information as up-to-date as possible, and therefore the **From the Ground-Up** project will continue beyond the Three Year plan. A group of dedicated volunteers are presently undertaking visits to SVP area meetings and any area interested in receiving a visit, or indeed wishing to give and receive information through the Society should contact Brendan at 021-4943540 or brendan@svpocork.ie.

A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

BY TERRY MILLER

President Blessed Thaddeus Knocknaheeny

In the last edition we outlined the details of the Schools Literacy Initiative. It is now appropriate to give a progress report on how the Initiative has progressed, which includes feedback from Teachers, Schools, Parents and Children. This has been very positive, so much so that the scope of our original plan has been extended to the other classes and is now in its second year.

The conference is delighted with the support they are receiving from the Society and the Sisters of Mercy and are willing to lend whatever assistance they can give to the Teachers and School Liaison Officers who are the real champions of the Initiative.

Our proposal to improve literacy skills among children would have a beneficial effect on the community as a whole, while in the long term addressing such issues as:

- Community participation
- Inadequate income resulting from poor educational attainment
- Literacy problems
- Poor regard for education
- Low self esteem
- Early school leaving
- Financial dependency

It is our firm belief that the setting up of a well stocked, adequate library in individual classrooms throughout the school would go a long way towards elevating the reading levels of our children.

As a result of the original programme a number of other initiatives have evolved.

READING FOR PLEASURE

- The putting together of appropriate reading packs that will go into the home and will be used by the targeted children with the support and active involvement of their parents over a specified period of time.
- The materials will be put together drawing on the expertise of teachers and other relevant personnel.
- The materials will be pitched roughly at both the reading levels and interest of the target group of children.
- Some materials will be pitched at an older level to allow for the involvement of the wider family group (Story books that will encourage reading by adults to younger children and also reading for pleasure by older children.).

FAMILY LITERACY WITH SECOND LEVEL STUDENTS

- To support families improve their literacy levels by bringing resources into the home.
- To give students with literacy difficulties the chance to become independent readers.
- To raise awareness in families of their own ability to improve their own literacy levels.

FIRST YEAR EVALUATION 2006 – 2007

The programme ran as follows and feedback was derived from all involved.

- Packs consisting of readers (Reading age appropriate) and storybooks with accompanying CD's went home each week.
- Packs were exchanged each Tuesday. Parents oversaw this aspect of the programme.

PARENTS FEEDBACK

Parents are generally receptive to the programme and all agreed to cooperate throughout the seven weeks.

- During the programme feedback from parents was positive with some commenting on the content of books (too hard, too easy, nice etc.)
- Up to one third of the children did not appear to have been offered encouragement at home.
- The remaining children were either encouraged to read for themselves or had parents actively involved with the programme. On a positive note, I was pleased within that group most of the families would not have had access to reading material at home other than class texts.

CHILDREN'S FEEDBACK

- There were no negative comments from the children.
- They were generally pleased with the content of the books.
- They were confident in their abilities to tackle the material (the readers were reading-age appropriate).
- They liked the audio support, in particular the sound effects on the CD's.

PARENT WORKERS FEEDBACK

- They were well able for tasks (Exchanging the packs) and from the second week they ran the programme quite well.
- As parents whose children were part of the programme they proved enthusiastic throughout.
- They had useful suggestions that we took on board from time to time.
- It was appropriate that they were paid for their contribution. I felt that by paying for the work, I was showing that there was a value and status being placed on their contribution.

LITERACY GAMES

- While we had bought a nice selection of literacy games, I was reluctant to allow them home without the guarantee parental involvement. This was achieved through the work of the support tutor.
- We need to look again at how to involve the games and more the programme as I feel they have value.

TEACHER'S FEEDBACK

- Again the feedback from the class teachers was positive.
- Teachers were involved at the beginning and their suggestions around the grading of the reading material proved invaluable.
- Teachers looked on the programme as a useful support. They valued it as a way of promoting reading as an activity to be enjoyed. The programme complemented the class library effectively.

SECOND LEVEL SCHOOL FEEDBACK

- The scheme also promoted home visitation to the most marginalised families.
- It gave a very early indication of the reading difficulties of the students taking part providing vital information back to the classroom.
- It created a very positive link between home and school in relation to learning.
- It raised both the parent and student expectations around reading an literacy.
- It raised the student's profile and provided him/her with a greater sense of belonging in school.
- It led to more positive student behaviour among those taking part in the scheme.
- Other students requested to be part of the scheme.
- Younger members of the family were very eager to get involved.
- More books in the home.

WHAT HAPPENED

- In consultation with learning Support, Resource and Classroom Teachers, reading ages were roughly established, ensuring that appropriate reading materials would be purchased.
- A plan of action was drawn up. This would involve a 6 week focus on each of the three classes, in turn. Close planning with the class teachers involved here.
- In all 150 books were purchased ranging in reading age levels from 6 – 11.
- 25 CD players were bought and accompanying batteries.
- 20 portfolios purchased.

OUTCOMES

- 48 children read an average of 30 books each over 6 weeks.
- While it was not formally evaluated, teachers felt that reading ability definitely improved as a result of the initiative.
- Parents increased their own literacy skills in many cases.
- Families got to enjoy the experience of reading. In many homes, this experience is frequently non-existent.
- The promotion of a greater awareness of books and other reading materials within the family.
- Parents were encouraged to become closely involved in the raising of literacy levels amongst their children.
- A love of reading was fostered within the home.
- Parental confidence was increased.
- Improved relationships between parents and child.

GOOD SECOND HAND CLOTHES

I am sure most of you are inundated with leaflet drops for good second hand clothes. We would strongly urge you to donate these to the Society or a recognised charity. We have 14 shops in the Region so it should not take a great effort to drop them off at one of them. We have four in the city in Gerald Griffin St, Mayfield, Mahon and Tuckey St. and we have a sorting store in Little Island. We also have clothes bins at many "bring" sites in the city and county. Donating good quality second hand clothes is a very effective way of contributing to the work of the Society. If any of you have a few spare hours in the week we urgently need volunteers for our shops. We would also appreciate if you would inform your family and friends about this.

For further information please contact Mary Hegarty on 021-4501577

Society of St Vincent de Paul

SVP NEWSLETTER

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in Cork in 1846. Members follow the tradition of their founder, a 21-year-old student, Frederic Ozanam, and work to help those in need. There are 1,000 voluntary members of the SVP in the Cork Region. This Newsletter is published by the Communications Conference of the Society.

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Pastoral Areas proposed as way forward for parishes

The Diocese of Cork and Ross has moved to strengthen the ability of parish in the diocese to cope with change.

At a meeting attended by over 300 clergy and lay parish representatives on March 9th, Bishop Buckley announced plans to group the 68 parishes of the diocese into 16 pastoral areas.

The proposal sees a consolidation of the role of lay parishioners in the life of the parishes and also sees clergy in neighbouring parishes working together in local teams.

The plan was originally proposed in Pilgrim Steps – the diocesan pastoral plan published in 2005 after an extensive consultation with parishioners, religious and clergy.

The plan does not envisage the changing of any parish boundaries or the independence of parishes but sees parishes in an area sharing planning, resources, personnel and on-going training.

Two further series of meeting are planned with clergy and parish representatives in April and May and it is hoped to have the plan adopted in its current or amended form by the end of this year.

INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE THINKING OF PRIESTHOOD

Everyone knows that the number of people training to be priests has dropped. However, there's a risk in this: we may easily assume that no one thinks of being a priest. People are still thinking about priesthood and each year a number of people begin their training programme to be priests.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross maintains contact with people who have expressed an interest in being a priest in the diocese and who want help in discerning whether God is calling to them to this way of life.

Each year, the diocese also organises a Priesthood Information Day to provide an opportunity for anyone who is thinking

about priesthood to get up-to-date information on what's involved. This year's day is on Saturday April 12th at St. Dominic's Retreat Centre, Ennismore, Montenotte, Cork. It is organised by the vocations committee of the diocese.

Further information from Fr Tom Deenihan at (021) 4301717 or priesthood@corkandross.org

New PP for Enniskeane

The parish of Enniskeane and Dessertserges is to have a new parish priest to succeed the late Fr. Michael Nolan. Fr. Martin Keohane who has been a curate in Bandon parish has been appointed to the parish by Bishop John Buckley.

Fr. Keohane is a native of Rosscarbery and was ordained in 1978. Among his previous appointments were terms in Bantry, Skibbereen, Uibh Laoire and Rochestown.

New opportunity for adults to learn more about faith and church in Cork



All Hallows College, Dublin, is to launch its highly successful programme,

Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry in Cork this September (2008) in collaboration with the Cork & Ross Office of Adult Religious Education.

This programme which is now in its 24th year in Dublin seeks to offer a space for reflection and discussion about Life, Faith and Ministry. It aims to provide participants with an opportunity to reflect on and share their own experience as well as providing them with the theological and spiritual formation which will enable them to explore their faith with greater confidence. Pathways also helps to assist people to prepare themselves to respond to the needs of their Church and community and to work in partnerships and parish teams.

The programme will run on Wednesday nights, from 7.30 to 10pm from September to May (with breaks to coincide with school breaks), will involve no exams or written assignments and is open to all adults in the diocese.

Contact Fr Sean O'Sullivan in the Adult Religious Education Office at 021-4357765 or email are@corkandross.org

PARISH DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

First parish assemblies have been established recently in Crosshaven, Turner's Cross, and Innishannon/Knockavilla parishes. These assemblies have completed their formation process and are now beginning their work. In addition, Monkstown and Passage West, whose clergy work as a team across both parishes, have formed a joint first assembly which has separate working groups for each parish and one pastoral committee.

Congratulations are in order too for Our Lady Crowned, Mayfield who have completed formation of their sec-

ond assembly, and for Castlehaven who have recently established their third assembly. Uibh Laoire parishioners are in the process of forming a new parish assembly to build upon the work of its outgoing parish council. Also re-forming are Knocknaheeny / Hollyhill who are in the process of establishing a parish assembly to continue the work of its Pastoral Planning Group.

Blackrock Road is beginning formation of its first parish pastoral council, while, the Lough have recently held nominations to their first assembly.



Members of the pastoral committee of the recently nominated third parish assembly for Castlehaven Parish are: (seated) Paddy Savage, Joan O'Driscoll, Teresa Shanahan, Orla O'Sullivan, Martina Tobin; (standing) Harry Watkin, Bill Fitzsimons, Fr Michael Curran MSC PP, Paddy Birns; (Tim Forde is missing from photo) [Photo Tom Hayes]

SVP APPEAL - In Giving We Receive

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Evening Echo

WOMENS MINI MARATHON

CALLING ALL WOMEN!!!
2008 Evening Echo Women's Mini Marathon Sunday 21st September 2008

- Help the people of Cork by taking a walk on Sunday 21st September 2008.
- SVP are looking for any women (their female friends/family members) to help us raise money for the Society by taking a walk (or if you are feeling fit) a run and participating in the Evening Echo's Women's Mini Marathon in Cork 21st September 2008. If the men are feeling left out they can also participate as long as they look like a woman!!!! or perhaps use their powers of persuasion on their partners and family members to participate.
- SVP will issue sponsorship cards and t-shirts to any person participating and then it's up to you to get as many people and as much money for doing your walk/run.
- Each year all the Cork based charities are represented at this marathon with the exception of SVP. It's time to promote our charity and support each other!

For further information please contact Linda at our Regional Office at 021-4270444 or by emailing info@svpcork.ie