

# MINUTES OF THE DIOCESAN VISITATION

to

Coláiste Chluain Meala and Gaelcholáiste Chéitinn  
Post-Primary Schools

*A new Diocesan Advisor was appointed in September 2013.*

Meetings took place as follows:

December 9, 2013, @ 10.30am.

Met with the Principal, then each Religious Education teacher and finally with the Religious Education Co-ordinator.

Time was spent with the Religious Education Co-ordinator to gather important information about the school/s. The following was highlighted:

- Mission and ethos of the school.
- Number of students and their religious background.
- Number of teachers qualified to teach Religious Education.
- Time given to the teaching of religious Education.
- Topics covered and text books used.
- The importance of a Religious Education policy in a school.

April 7, 2014, @ 10.30 am.

Met with the Religious Education teachers to record their email details so that regular resources could be sent to them. Guidelines on the writing of a Religious Education policy was given to the Religious Education Co-ordinator.

December 4, 2014, @ 10.00am

Meetings took place with all Religious Education teachers in Gaelscholáiste Chéitinn. A hand out, *Simple guidelines in creating a positive environment for the teaching of Religious Education*, was given to each teacher. Teachers shared their own experiences and many questions were asked. One teacher asked if it was politically correct to erect a crib in the school. It was pointed out by the Diocesan Advisor that due to the fact that the majority of the students in the school were Catholic, it was appropriate to erect the religious imagery of a

regardless of their faith background. It was suggested that a clear statement about the nature of Religious Education be inserted into the school policy.