



Schools Collaboration



St Louis High School, Rathmines and St. Mary's, Glasnevin

On Tuesday 26th of January St. Louis High School, Rathmines and St. Mary's Holy Faith Secondary School, Glasnevin joined together to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2016. St. Mary's students travelled to Rathmines accompanied by their R.E. teachers, Claire Murtagh and Ciaran Coll.

As the theme for this year's Catholic School's Week was 'Mercy', we were mindful that all of the activities organised reflected this theme. The morning began with a talk from Team Hope. Rachel and Carol guided us through the work that the charity carries out and how, behind it all, is the strong belief that showing mercy to others is a way of putting faith into action. The students watched a video showing the joy brought to the children when they open the shoe boxes sent out before Christmas. This talk was included to also reflect the commitment of both schools to Development Education and to encourage our students to look outwards and take responsibility as global citizens. Sr Finola Cunnane SSL also attended as co-ordinator of the St Louis Network.

Once the talk concluded, students and teachers from both schools enjoyed refreshments and discussed the topics raised by Team Hope. This was a wonderful opportunity for all involved to connect with and get to know other members of the Le Chéile community.

The day's events concluded with a prayer service which was prepared by both schools in the weeks leading up to the event. St. Louis and St. Mary's students carried symbols, read prayers and sang hymns all centred on the importance of mercy. St. Louis High School's orchestra accompanied the students during the service. Students also recounted the story of how the Sisters of St. Louis and the Holy Faith Order were established. Sharing in this liturgy was a unique opportunity for two Le Chéile schools to come together in prayer, get to know one another and learn about the founding story of each school.

The day was a very enjoyable experience and something that we all hope will be repeated on an annual basis. We are looking forward to St. Mary's hosting next year. We thank the members of the RE and Music departments in both schools for facilitating this wonderful Le Chéile schools' collaboration.

Jean Moran, Miriam Kehoe, Avril Doyle, Claire Murtagh and Ciaran Coll.