"Without freedom there is no dignity"

St Columban

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the Columban PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

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What Is The Programme?

- It is a way of engaging people in social justice issues
- It enables visits to Columban based missions in The Philippines and Fiji
- It encourages the development of long-term community-to-community partnerships

Aims

- To offer people in parishes a firsthand experience of poverty and oppression
- To develop a deeper sense of Christian 'mission'
- To develop lasting relationships between people and nurture mutual respect and understanding
- To encourage communities to engage in activities which strengthen partnerships with Columban missions

Preparation

(Approximately three 2 hour sessions)

- Spend time learning about the social, political and historical context of the country you plan to visit
- Explore current understandings of 'mission' from a Catholic Christian perspective
- Deepen your appreciation for the work of the Columbans

Immersion

(A listening and learning experience)

- A group visit to Fiji or The Philippines can be co-ordinated with the Columbans
- Opportunity to meet Columbans and people with whom they work
- Time allowed each day for reflection, discussion and relaxation

Continuation

- Tell your stories when you return home to your community
- Plan activities to promote the development of the partnership –
    - Awareness Building
    - Prayer
    - Solidarity
    - Advocacy
    - Direct support & fundraising
    - Indirect support or contact

Why Become Involved?

- Extend your awareness of the world & other cultures
- Expand your horizons
- Deepen your sense of Christian mission in today's world
- Learn from the wisdom of the poor
- Take action for justice

"Let us be of Christ not of ourselves"

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