

The Vincentians at the UN on the 29<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2018

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to achieve sustainable development for all

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In the framework of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, entitled “**Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all**”, which will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 29 January to 7 February 2018, the Vincentians will have a word to say:

On Monday, **29 January 2018** (3:00 pm – 6:00 pm), **Mr. Mark McGreevy** OBE, Group Chief Executive of DePaul International and the founder of the Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH), will participate in a **High-level panel discussion on the priority theme “Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all”**.

The Keynote speaker will be H.E. Mr. Juan Somavia, Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Chile, and former Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Interregional Policy Cooperation, former President of ECOSOC, and former Director-General of the International Labor Organization (ILO). Other panelists are:

- **H.E. Ms. Ana Helena Chacón**, Vice-President of Costa Rica
- **H.E. Dr. Ghada Waly**, Minister of Social Solidarity of Egypt
- **H.E. Dr. Ralf Kleindiek**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
- **Mr. Jordi Curell**, Director for Labor Mobility in the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL) at the European Commission

**Moderator: Dr. Jane Barratt**, Secretary-General of the International Federation on Ageing (IFA)

On Wednesday, **31 January 2018** (1:15 pm – 2:30 pm), as a side event, the Vincentian Family at the United Nations, in Collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN, will present a panel entitled “**A Systemic Approach to Eliminating Homelessness**”

The keynote Speaker will be **Mark McGreevy**, CEO FamVin Homelessness Alliance

Other panelists:

- **Geraldine Byrne Nason**, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN
- **Patrick Lubin**, All Together in Dignity Fourth World (ATD 4<sup>th</sup> world) Activist
- **Fay Washington**, Vincentian Family (VF) Activist

**Moderator: Pattie Hughes**, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVDP)

**Mark McGreevy** is the Group Chief Executive of DePaul International, which oversees and coordinates the activities of a group of DePaul charities operating in the UK, Ireland, Slovakia, Ukraine, and France, Croatia and the USA and providing services for over 22,000 homeless people per annum.

Mr. McGreevy joined DePaul in February 1990 as one of the first employees of the charity and has been directly responsible for all of its growth to date. In addition to his work at DePaul International, he is the founder of The Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH) in 2012 based in Chicago, which is a partnership between DePaul International and DePaul University. IGH is the first organization to focus on homelessness as a global phenomenon with an emphasis on those who are living on the street or in emergency shelters. The IGH staff and Advisory Committee work with a broad network of world-class advisors, experts, and organizations — balancing geographies, cultures, and skills. He was awarded of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Prince Charles for services to the homelessness at home and abroad. He is also an Honorary Fellow of Leeds Trinity University.

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