

## Why 'Come, Follow Me'?

Among our reasons are:

- Children enjoy it
- It complements the 'Grow in Love' Religious Education programme approved for use in our Catholic Schools
- It is adaptable, and sessions can be run in an hour or less
- It can be used very effectively as the basis of Faith and Fun clubs for children



- It can also serve as the basis of Sunday School style provision
- It can be used with very small groups of children, and with full classes.



*A visual representation of resources used when sharing biblical stories during 'Come, Follow Me' sessions.*

### Additional Information

Please visit our dedicated web pages [www.achonrydiocese.org/cfm](http://www.achonrydiocese.org/cfm) and [www.elphindiocese.ie/cfm](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/cfm) for schedule, information on keynote speakers, reservation of places etc.

### Cost & Hospitality

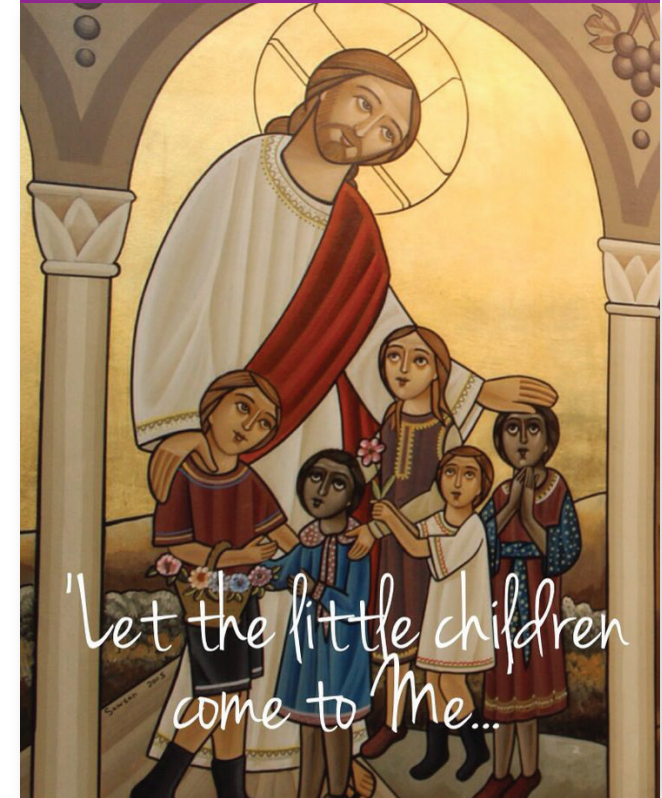
Free, but booking essential and everyone asked to bring a pack lunch.



# Introducing

Achonry & Elphin Dioceses'

## 'Come, Follow Me' Information & Training Gathering



**Thurs 13th & Fri 14th February 2025**  
**10.30am – 5.00pm (both days)**  
Donamon Castle,  
Co. Roscommon F42 YE13

**All Welcome**  
(but pre-booking essential)



## Background

It's a joy to see children grow into healthy wholesome adults, and which of us does not admire a parent, grandparent, teacher, priest, club leader etc. who lovingly make sacrifices to support them?



A child's spiritual growth is an important facet of their overall development. We have come to a time when it is appropriate to ask 'How is this to be supported going forward?'



Today, committed Catholic families and teachers are conscious that our traditional ways of supporting children develop their personal relationship with God, and of connecting with the Church, merit attention. We must ask, 'Do our children need to be supported in new ways, ways that build on the valuable contributions of parents and committed teachers?'



## Response

We recognise our need of a conversation opportunity that is open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and capable of providing a scaffolding on which an initiative or two could be piloted in some family homes and parishes. Bishop Kevin and various bodies of the Achonry and Elphin dioceses are willing to support this.

## This Gathering

This Gathering, with a particular focus on children ages 7 to 11 years (2nd to 4th class), seeks to offer such an opportunity to parents, grandparents and interested others of both dioceses.

In addition to inputs from guest speakers, participants will receive an introduction to a very child-friendly initiative/programme called 'Come, Follow Me' that has enjoyed great success in France and the UK, and that is gaining a foothold in Ireland.

