



Training Days Dementia & Spirituality

Outline

"It's still ME, Lord" - A day workshop 10.00am - 3.30pm

Reaching out to people with dementia and their families in Parish Communities

The DVD training resource 'It's still ME, Lord', was launched in October 2009 and CSAN is now organising series of training workshops to complement the DVD. The workshops are also linked to the objectives of the National Dementia Strategy to raise awareness and understanding of dementia. In the course of the day we will explore how to develop parishes and deaneries of communities of welcome, parish ministry, and support for carers and families. Dates can be found on the attached booking form.

The workshop will be of interest to a wide range of people with responsibility for the pastoral care of people with dementia and their families, including:

- Diocesan, Deanery and Parish leads for pastoral care for people with dementia
- Marriage and Family Life Coordinators.
- Hospital and Care Home chaplains
- Carers and Co-ordinators of Carer Support groups

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the workshop participants will have an understanding of:

- The onset and course of dementia.
- Working with the person rather than the dementia – a strengths-based approach.
- Parishes and Deaneries as communities of welcome – examples of good practice, for example outreach to care homes.
- Pastoral Care for people with advancing dementia – communication skills and good practice in Eucharistic ministry.
- Understanding and meeting the spiritual needs of carers and families.
- The welcoming parish – developing our action plan in working with people with dementia and their families.

Facilitator:

The workshops will be facilitated by Ben Bano of Telos Training Ltd. Ben is a trainer in Spirituality and Dementia as well as being a Eucharistic Minister. He produced the recent DVD 'It's still ME, Lord'. A guest speaker to contribute to particular parts of the programme will also participate.