



BRITISH JESUIT ALUMNI/AE CONFERENCE 3-4 JULY 2010

An invitation for you to join other former pupils of Jesuit schools and colleges.

A conference of Jesuit Alumni/ae will be held at Mount St Mary's College near Sheffield 3-4 July 2010. This geographically central location has plenty of local reasonably priced accommodation. We will take the opportunity to meet socially and to hold discussion and focus groups regarding how former Jesuit pupils can work together. This first conference is designed to give you an opportunity to let us know what is already happening and what you would like to do in the future. It will be of interest to all age groups. There will be a dinner on the Saturday night and an opportunity to hold meetings from Saturday to Sunday lunchtime. We will issue a more detailed programme nearer the time and welcome your input in finalising the agenda.



Have you meant to catch up with old friends and never managed to find the right occasion? This is an opportunity to hold mini reunions and find out about your own and other school or college associations. For those who prefer to hold a less formal weekend there is an abundance of places to visit. The close proximity to both the Peak District and Sherwood Forest, stately homes (Renishaw Hall, Chatsworth House, Hardwick Hall), numerous golf courses, Meadowhall shopping, Dobbies Garden Centre, Sheffield and the market town of Chesterfield to name a few offer plenty of choice for recreation. Join us for dinner on the Saturday night and any sessions you are interested in and spend the rest of the time at leisure.

Some of the College Associations in Britain have been working together under the banner of the British Jesuit Alumni/ae – Charitable Trust (BJA) for about twenty years. This has involved working with both the World and European organisations but even more so locally in Britain under the title Eagle Aid which has raised several hundred thousand pounds over the years for projects around the world. We feel that we have not sufficiently raised awareness of the opportunities for Alumni/ae old and young to be involved not just with your own associations but in projects in Britain, Europe and the world at large. We also hope to encourage discussion regarding Jesuit education and values in the modern age.

Thanks to the support of the BJA I was able to accept nomination of President of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae (WUJA) and was duly elected at our Congress in Calcutta (now Kolkata) in 2003. In July 2009 I completed my term and handed over to my successor at the Congress in Bujumbura, Burundi, Africa. The Congress was very successful with many young alumni/ae (unfortunately none from Britain, but three from Ireland) participating in both the Congress itself as well as a few days of Ignatian Experiment as a pre-Congress programme. In March (4-7) I attended meetings of the WUJA and the European Confederation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations (EJA) in Antwerp, Belgium and I met several of the young European Alumni/ae who had been to the Congress in Africa and was asked by them to try and encourage some British Alumni/ae to join their ever increasing numbers.

A preliminary programme for the weekend is attached with a booking form. Updated information will be available on the Mount Association website www.mountassociation.co.uk.

To finish with a quote from St Ignatius – En todo amar y servir (In all things to love and to serve).

I look forward to meeting you in July. Thank you.

Bernard Thompson (Past President WUJA, Mount Association)



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Friday 2 July

7.00pm The Mount Association meet for mass at the College on the first Friday of the month. All are welcome to join us. A group of us will then go on to a local restaurant for supper. Although it is not necessary to prebook for the Friday an indication that you would be interested in joining us will ensure that we can meet you at the college.

Saturday 3 July

10.30am – 12.30pm Registration and Coffee. There will be the opportunity to hold meet informally and view exhibitions from the various associations at the conference.

12.45pm Formal Welcome from the BJA.

1.00pm Luncheon.

2.00 – 5.00pm Discussion Groups – Agenda to be circulated later. Tea and coffee will be available during the afternoon.

7.00pm Reception – Wine, soft drinks and canapes will be served.

7.30pm Conference Dinner including wines. Dress: dinner jackets/lounge suits.

11.30pm onwards Carriages.

Sunday 4 July

8.00am Breakfast will be available.

9.30am – 11.15am Discussion Groups.

11.30am Mass in the Memorial Chapel, Mount St Mary's College.

12.45pm Coffee and Concluding Address.

1.00pm Lunch.

Local Accommodation

There are several hotels locally and an internet search will show a variety of standards and facilities. If you require help in finding accommodation please get in touch. The two most convenient to the college are the Sitwell Arms in Renishaw and the Ibis Hotel in Barlborough. We will operate transport to and from the dinner at the college on Saturday from these hotels.

Sitwell Arms Hotel. 39 Station Road, Renishaw, S21 3WF. 01246 435226. www.sitwellarms.com

Hotel Ibis Sheffield South, 3 Tallys End, Chesterfield Road, Barlborough, S43 4TX. 01246 813222 www.ibishotel.com

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BOOKING FORM

3 – 4 July 2010

Please return the form to Robert Catterall, The Mount Association, Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill, S21 3YL.
email: honsecretary@mountassociation.co.uk. telephone/text 07966 885090.

The closing date for bookings is Monday 28 June 2010. All bookings will be acknowledged.

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Mobile Number:

Email Address:

Former School/College:

	Quantity	Price (£)	Total (£)
Weekend Package		£50.00	
Student Weekend Package		£30.00	
		Total Due	

NB The package is Saturday and Sunday meals and refreshments including the Conference Dinner.

Payment: Please send cheques payable to The Mount Association with your booking form. We regret we are unable to accept debit or credit card payment. If you prefer to make a bank transfer please send in the booking form or email the information and put your name as the bank reference.

Bank Details: The Mount Association; Sort Code: 60-40-09; Account Number 33398984; BIC NWBK GB 2L; IBAN GB25 NWBK 6040 0933 3989 84

My guests are:

I would like further information regarding Friday night pre the conference: Y / N

I would like to suggest the following items for the final agenda:

I would like further information on the following:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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