



Daring to Hope

Irish Religious Sisters

Embracing the Unknown (1923-2023)

Throughout the last 100 years, the focus of Irish Religious Sisters, underpinned by Gospel Values, was to go where there was the most need. Their initiative and courage continue today as is evident in the pioneering responses and commitment of Sisters and their colleagues to “the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor” (*Pope Francis, Laudato Si:49*), both in Ireland and overseas.

With the support of the AMRI Executive Council, a voluntary group developed a portable, photographic exhibition to share the multifaced story of Irish Religious Sisters between 1923-2023, coinciding with the centenary of the Irish State. This is an opportune moment to reflect on the social history of the Sisters’ journey throughout the past 100 years.

Working alongside committed colleagues, Sisters built schools, hospitals and social services, many of which they staffed, in response to social change and urgent need.

The exhibition was officially launched in October 2023. Since then, it has been hosted across the island of Ireland and in Rome, Italy.

Portable Exhibition

Told through photographs, videos and stories, the portable exhibition reveals how Sisters often worked within a context of poverty, war, racial discrimination, strict religious and social mores, political unrest and grave injustice.

The 100-year journey is shared via three phases:

Pre-Vatican II (1923-1965) Pioneering Ministries

Post-Vatican II (1966-2000) Era of Great Change

Contemporary (2001-2023) Ongoing Ministries

‘I have come that you may have life and live it to the full’ John 10:10

In Gratitude

We would like to express our gratitude to the Congregations, Orders, Societies, organisations and individuals who have so generously contributed in a variety of ways to make this exhibition a reality.

Checkout our website www.daringtohope.ie to learn more.

