



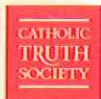
The Role of the Laity in the Church Today

**Saturday
6 October 2018**

**Keynote Speaker:
Professor Helen Alvaré**

A one-day conference organised by the
Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh
in conjunction with the Catholic Truth Society

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‘The layperson is a layperson and has to live as a layperson with the power of baptism, which enables him or her to be a leaven of the love of God in society itself, to create and sow hope, to proclaim the faith, not from a pulpit but from his or her everyday life’

Cardinal Bergoglio • 2011

This one-day conference will explore the role of the laity in the vision of the Second Vatican Council. The event is organised in conjunction with the Catholic Truth Society. It will be stimulating and thought provoking. Lunch will be provided. All are very welcome.

PROFESSOR HELEN ALVARÉ

Helen Alvaré is a Professor of Law at George Mason University School of Law in the USA. She is a consultant for the Pontifical Council of the Laity, an advisor to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and consultant for ABC News. She cooperates with the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations on matters concerning women and the family. Professor Alvaré received her law degree from Cornell University School of Law and her master's degree in Systematic Theology from the Catholic University of America. She is married with three grown children.

CARMEN & FERGAL MARTIN

Carmen Martin is a graduate in Business and Economics from the Universidad Autonoma in Madrid. She then lectured at the Madrid School of Tourism while also working as an economist. She has lived in England for the last 30 years.

A native of Birmingham, Fergal Martin has law degrees from both Cardiff University and London University. He is a qualified barrister of Middle Temple and worked in legal publishing before taking up his present role as General Secretary of the Catholic Truth Society. He is also involved in adult parish catechesis.

Married for 28-years, Fergal and Carmen Martin have six children and two grandchildren. They live in South London.

RUNNING ORDER

- 11am
Registration. Tea & Coffee.
- 11.30 am
Introduction by Archbishop Cushley
- 11.45 am
Empowerment of Catholic Laity in the 21st Century
Professor Helen Alvaré
- 12.45 pm
Lunch
- 1.30 pm
Vatican II's Vision of the Lay Apostolate
Fergal & Carmel Martin
- 2.15 pm
Discussion groups
- 2.45 pm
Panel discussion: The Prophetic Mission of the Laity in Evangelisation
- 3.45 pm
Closing remarks by Archbishop
- 4.00 pm
Depart

**The conference is being held at
The Gillis Centre
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If you would like to attend, please register with Sr Mirjam Hugens on 0131 623 8902 or email her on archsecretary@staned.org.uk

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