



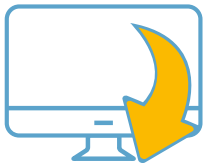
Confirmation

Céad Míle Fáilte

‘One Hundred Thousand Acts of Kindness’ as a Gift to Pope Francis and the World Meeting of Families from Children Making their Confirmation in 2018

WHAT IS THIS INITIATIVE?

A challenge to the Confirmation candidates to live out *The Joy of Love* by showing acts of kindness to their family, friends and community. A template of actions is offered on our website, along with the facility to log each act of kindness. Using these it will be possible to create an online graphic that keeps track of the number of acts of kindness undertaken with a view to reaching the target of one hundred thousand.



WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AND WHERE?

The following resources are available on our website:

- An information sheet for the Confirmation candidates covering the kinds of actions they are invited to take on, some key points from *The Joy of Love* that relate to those actions, and instructions on how they can log on to the website to record each act of kindness.
- The online facility for recording the acts.
- Promotional material for use in explaining the initiative to the candidates, their parents and the wider community.
- A certificate of participation.
- Some liturgical resources on the initiative for the Confirmation ceremony.





HOW DOES THIS WORK IN A PARISH?

- 1** Each diocese will be invited to promote this initiative through the diocesan primary schools advisors.
- 2** Make contact with your primary school early in the year to establish if it will engage with the initiative.
- 3** Download and copy the information sheet on the one hundred thousand acts of kindness challenge.
- 4** Speak to the class about the challenge and invite them to engage.
- 5** Log acts of kindness in the school or parish once a week.
- 6** Plan the Confirmation ceremony to include:
 - Bringing up the log of the acts of kindness in the offertory procession.
 - Presenting certificates of participation to the candidates.



WHY TAKE THIS INITIATIVE?

- This is an opportunity to communicate some of the key messages in *The Joy of Love* to young people, and to challenge them in an imaginative way to put those messages into practice.

