

## HOW YOU CAN INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS

### The College Fund

The College Fund is vital to the functioning of IBI as it enables us to subsidise student fees to ensure that our courses are affordable enabling IBI to continue its mission.

Each year, the Irish government supports Third-Level education by almost one billion Euro. However, neither IBI nor our students receive government funding. In fact, students who come to IBI are not eligible for student grants, student loans, or the back to education schemes.

Raising fees is challenging for many of our students. Student fees contribute approximately 40% of our annual income and the remaining 60% comes through gifts. In the absence of funding or grants, we seek to keep our fees low enough to make IBI courses accessible to anyone who wants to come. As a result, by God's grace we fundraise around €300,000 each year to keep the Institute running and courses accessible. IBI's funding comes mainly from individuals, churches and trusts, with 70% coming from the island of Ireland.



### PAUL MALONEY

*As I progressed through my studies in IBI, I can truly say that without the generosity of individuals and organisations, I would not have been able to continue. With the level of support I received, my family were not placed under unnecessary financial burden, which is a real comfort to us. I would like to thank IBI and its supporters for their generosity in giving - ultimately making it possible for my studies to be completed.*

We need your help with the College Fund as we train and equip students to love and serve God; heads, hearts and hands. The enclosed response form will help you to support our students and help equip the next generation to serve the Irish church.

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## COMMENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL

When I think about raising funds to help with student fees, I remember the day I found my father sitting in a ditch in a difficult situation needing a helping hand from others.

Many years ago, in the fields outside Termonfeckin, daddy was checking on our cows and realised one was missing. He found her in difficulty on her back in a ditch half-full of water. Having lifted the cow's head, he found himself stuck! He needed help to get the cow out of the ditch but also needed to stay with her to help keep her head above water. Three hours later, when he failed to return home, we went looking and found my father sitting in a ditch waist deep in water with the cow's head resting on his knees.

Today IBI and our students need your help just like my father needed a helping hand.

I remain convinced that the work of leadership development and Christian training is vital for the Irish church and that the IBI staff and teachers are

uniquely gifted for that mission. However, we cannot do it alone. Like my father, we need help to raise funds to keep our courses accessible to students, but we also need to be in the classroom, developing minds, interacting with students to challenge their hearts and rubbing shoulders with them to enhance their skills, so that they can know, love and serve God better.

While we serve here in IBI, will you help by strengthening and building our College Fund so that students are not hindered as they seek to be trained to serve God.

Please give a helping hand by contributing to IBI's College Fund and we, the IBI staff, commit to using your giving to the glory and honour of God.



## DR DAVID SMITH

Lecturer in Mission in the Contemporary World

*“The staff team have worked incredibly hard to shape the Institute the way it is, making it a model of theological education in which academic learning, personal spirituality and the loving acceptance of one another in Christ are combined in a demonstration of what ‘integral mission’ actually looks like in practice.”*

## SUZIE GALLAGHER

*“From the beginning of my studies I have been so blessed by the financial help I have received. Without this support I would not be able to continue at IBI and am so grateful for the overwhelming generosity of God's people.”*

