

## *Our need*

Fully aware of the financial burden on many people today, we can only kindly appeal to all who would like to help in providing a home to serve the spiritual and cultural needs of our community, as well as integration into Irish society.

An estimated cost of the refit - including price of the site which has already been acquired - is estimated at **€1,000,000**.

We are very aware this is a massive amount of money for any size community, let alone a small one, however your kind support is vitally important. All Donations will be gratefully acknowledged and your intentions devoutly prayed for.

## *How can you help*

According to personal wish, Your kind donation towards our worthwhile cause may be sent by Post to:

**Project Manager**  
**Steve Higgins - 087 9411352**  
8 Westbrook, Barna Road  
GALWAY

OR

**Fr. Ioan Irineu Craciun P.P. - 087 7941988**  
38 Ardmore Crescent, Artane  
DUBLIN 5

OR

lodged directly to our Bank account  
Bank: Permanent TSB, Rathfarnham  
Acc. name: The Romanian Orthodox Parish of the Annunciation  
Sort code: 990642  
Acc. no: 17409283  
BIC: IPBSIE2D  
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# LET'S BUILD TOGETHER

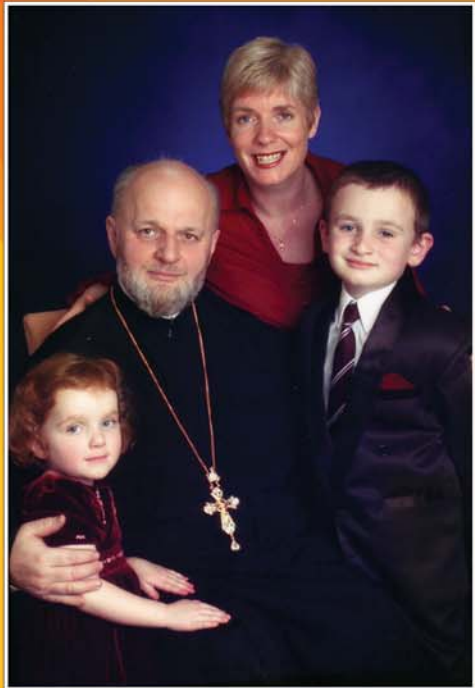
**a spiritual and cultural centre  
in Dublin inner City!**

*A better use...*



*for a dis-used building in the heart of the city!*





**Fr. Ioan Irineu Craciun** is a native of Romania who came to Ireland in 1981. In 1987 he was the first Easterner to be conferred with a Doctorate in Theology at the Pontifical University of Maynooth. In 1988 became an Irish citizen and since then has been teaching part-time at National Centre for Liturgy in Maynooth and Mater Dei Institute, Dublin. In addition, as a young priest he ploughed a lone furrow and participated in many ecumenical gatherings and important State occasions for over 25 years. He is married to Niamh Corbally, a Dubliner, who herself has a Doctorate in Biochemistry and they have two children.

**Fr. Irineu's main concern is pastoral care of his people** - first at the Greek Orthodox Church at Arbour Hill where he ministered to several minority ethnic groups and, at present, serving a Romanian parish consisting of some 200-250 young families of decent and diligent workers with children attending Irish schools.

As our Romanian Centre will be siding the historical Broadstone wall in Western Way, Dublin North inner city, one great name has a special meaning here, Liberator Daniel O' Connell, who at the beginning of last century also became an inspiring example for the people of Transylvania in their own quest for national freedom, gained in 1918!



Some of our parish children at Sunday school with our young Fr. Petru Ioan Vlaic. They provide us with the reason for going forward, as our hopes and aspirations for the future of the parish are vested with them!

## *Our Objectives*

- To provide an appropriate Place of worship and a community centre with focus on spiritual and educational needs.
- To engage with local people in a mutually enriching experience by diverse cultural activity: public lectures and seminars, sacred music performance and icon exhibitions and by doing so bringing life back into an otherwise lifeless part of the city.
- To promote perennial and lasting moral and social values.

## *Moral support for our project has been gratefully received from:*

- \* Mary McAleese - former President of Ireland
- \* Manuela Breazu - Ambassador of Romania to Ireland
- \* Christopher Ryan - Sculptor
- \* Chris Ryan - Architect
- \* Jim Redmond - MAIIM, FCIPD, MA

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."  
And he replied:  
"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God".*

*Minnie Louise Haskins*