Notre Dame International’s mission at Kylemore is to create a vibrant intellectual and spiritual center where Notre Dame and Irish students can engage with each other. The Kylemore Abbey Global Centre works with the Dublin Global Gateway to dynamically broaden Notre Dame’s engagement within Ireland and to foster international connectivity. The Centre serves as a conduit between campus and the wider European and American university network.
Program activities at Kylemore are composed of courses, retreats, and cultural opportunities that enliven our students’ experience and enhance Notre Dame’s mission in Ireland. We focus on academic excellence, faith formation via connectivity and partnership with the Benedictine community at Kylemore, and community outreach.
The Kylemore Abbey Global Centre is located in St. Joseph’s Hall, a self-contained building adjacent to the main building within the Kylemore estate. Kylemore is located in the beautiful Connemara region in County Galway.
Kylemore Abbey Global Centre is happy to coordinate involvement with the Benedictine community to expose students and participants to their activities. These include making chocolate, growing produce in their Victorian Garden, and creating pottery and several handmade products. The community also provides lectures around Patristics and can offer spiritual retreats for those interested. The feast day of St. Benedict, the patron saint of students, is July 11.

There are two churches on site, a Gothic Church and the Benedictine Church.

**DAILY PRAYER TIMES:**
Lauds, 7:30 a.m.
Mid-day Prayer, 12:15 p.m.
Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass, 11:30 a.m.
The Benedictine community at Kylemore Abbey is an enclosed monastic order and has existed in Ireland since 1920, when a group of female monks fled Belgium during World War I. One of the oldest religious monastic traditions from the fifth century, the Benedictine tradition focuses on pax (peace) and ora et labora (pray and work).
Dublin Global Gateway

Nestled in the heart of Georgian Dublin, the Dublin Global Gateway hosts academic programs and summer internships for both undergraduate and graduate students. Modern facilities make this Gateway—also known as O’Connell House and the Keough-Naughton Notre Dame Centre—an ideal location for scholarly conferences and special events.

Notre Dame–Newman Centre for Faith and Reason

Since 2017, Notre Dame has served as the steward of the Newman University Church in Dublin, and has founded the Notre Dame–Newman Centre for Faith and Reason. Built by the then-rector of University College Dublin, Blessed John Henry Newman, the church opened in 1856 and has since been an iconic landmark in Dublin’s city center.
The University of Notre Dame was founded in November 1842 by Rev. Edward F. Sorin, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, a French missionary order. It is located adjacent to South Bend, Indiana, the center of a metropolitan area with a population of more than 300,000. Notre Dame has grown from the vision of Father Sorin, who sought to establish a great Catholic university in America, and has remained faithful to both its religious and intellectual traditions. One of America’s leading undergraduate teaching institutions, Notre Dame has been at the forefront in research and scholarship.
“Let no one ever again say that we dreamed too small.”

—Fr. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.