



This holiday season, we reflect with gratitude on another successful Fall Semester with our wonderful students studying at the University of Galway, alongside a full season of programming—from our inaugural Threshold Festival and Green Sod Bio Summer School to the Heather King Memoir Writing Workshop, and *Laudato Si'* Pilgrimages.

We were encouraged by our recent guest marketing survey of over 300 visitors to ND Kylemore, spanning religious, academics, students, tourist and program attendees **who felt that their overall experience at UND Kylemore was exceptional, with 96% of people likely to recommend ND Kylemore to others to attend a program.** Thanks to all for their feedback and taking the survey. We are please to announce that ATU's **Paul Leamy** won the random survey response! ☐

This positive feedback reflects the care, organization, and personal connection that our team brings to every interaction. We are grateful to the team at this time of year for their effort - from Lily Mansfield's warmth and generosity in administration and program management, to Caitriona Curran and Maggie Clark's dedicated care for our ND students in Galway, to head chef Mikel Redondo's leadership in the kitchen, to Philippe Magnani's consistently high standards in hospitality, and to Lisa Caulfield's vision and leadership that help our partnerships and programming continue to grow—each of you contributes to making this place special.

Wishing everyone a blessed, restorative, and joy-filled holiday season and happy new year!

Guím séasúr saoire beannaithe, athchóiritheach agus lán le lúcháir agus bliain úr faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!

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University of Notre Dame and Abbey Theatre sign historic partnership agreement



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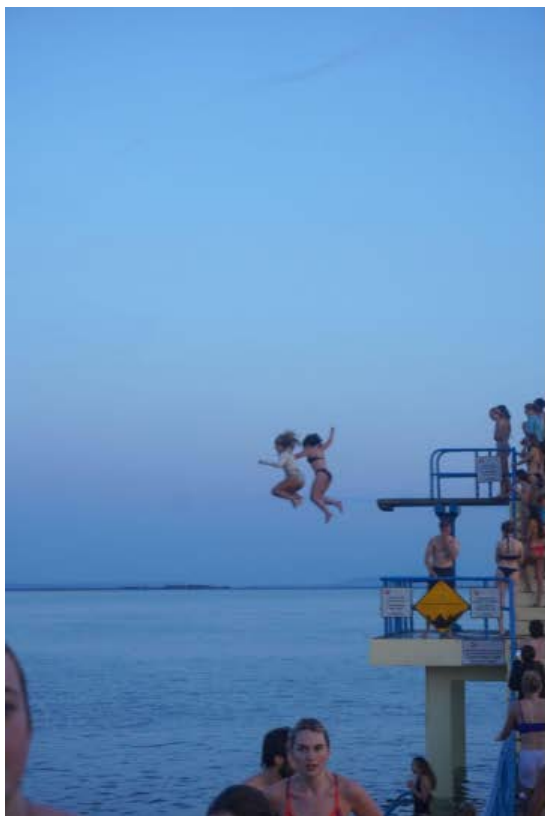
Grace Culver

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Grace Culver, ND '27

"Spending the semester in Galway has been one of the best experiences I have ever had! Galway City is so full of life and culture; I love walking downtown and hearing the live music on the street and seeing the local artists at the markets. I have also been so grateful to have traveled the west coast of Ireland with Notre Dame and experienced the natural beauty of the islands and mountains in this area of the world. And I've gotten to do it with some amazing friends, too!"





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Sr. Damien Marie Savino FSE, Ph.D

Melchor Visiting Professor,
Civil and Environmental Engineering
and Earth Sciences



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On April 24, 2026, Sister Damien Marie Savino, FSE, Ph.D. will be presenting a lecture titled *The Book of Creation: Reflections on the “Parable” of Water*, for Notre Dame Kylemore's ***Laudato Si’*** Pilgrimage to Inchagoill Island.

Abstract:

“From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine” (LS 85). In these words from his environmental encyclical, *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis emphasized that every element of creation speaks a message in the book of creation. The book of creation is all around us, but are we listening to it? Are we learning to read it and take its messages to heart? In her lecture, Sister Damien Marie Savino will introduce her new book, ***Learning the Language of Creation: Catholic Social Teaching and Integral Ecology***, and reflect on the element of water as a “parable” – a physical reality through which divine light shines. What can the physical phenomenon of water teach us as “a continuing revelation of the divine”?

Learn more about our ***Laudato Si’*** Pilgrimages

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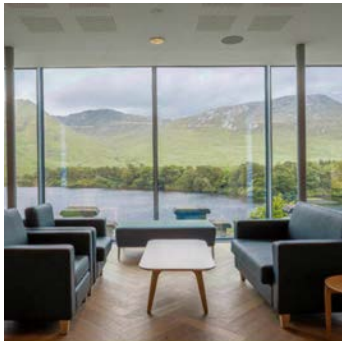
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