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EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

Éanna Johnson attended primary school in India at Presentation Convent School, Kodaikanal, and in Australia at St Vincent's Boys Home (Marist Brothers), Sydney. Secondary schooling was in Ireland at St Mary's College (Marist Fathers), Dundalk.

Éanna graduated from University College Dublin (National University of Ireland) with a Bachelors degree BE (chemical engineering) and a Masters degree MIE (engineering management), and from the Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, with a PhD in Theology. His professional qualifications are Chartered Engineer, C Eng, and Fellow of the Institution of Engineers of Ireland, F.IEI.

CAREER OUTLINE

After obtaining his bachelors degree Éanna served for two years as a volunteer with the Catholic mission in Nigeria, managing a printing works and weekly Catholic newspaper for Bishop Joseph Whelan of Owerri Diocese, and teaching science in a Holy Ghost Fathers' secondary school.

On returning to Ireland Éanna spent four years in technical management with the Irish Sugar Company / Erin Foods in Tuam and Mallow, followed by three years on the academic staff of the School of Engineering, University College Dublin (UCD).

The most significant part of Éanna's professional career was twenty-five years in the management consultancy profession with two of the leading professional firms in Ireland and worldwide, initially as director of operations & human resource consultancy in KPMG Stokes Kennedy Crowley, and subsequently joint partner-in-charge of the management consultancy practice at Deloitte & Touche.

Management consultants have been described as 'agents of change' – projects for clients typically involve in-depth analysis and evaluation, followed by formulation of strategies and programmes to achieve beneficial change. Éanna's consultancy work has included organization review and restructuring, human resource planning and recruitment, financial and market feasibility studies, information technology, new project implementation, and operations optimization.

Clients served have included commercial companies (both Irish-owned and multinationals), Government Departments, State Agencies, the EU Commission, Local Authorities, universities, voluntary organizations, trades unions, professional partnerships, and religious orders. Assignments have been carried out in Ireland, Britain, Western & Eastern Europe, India and the USA.

Many of Éanna's consultancy assignments have been in the field of education and training, in Ireland and overseas. Éanna has lectured on management topics at the Irish Management Institute, the Institute of Public Administration, University College Galway and at UCD's Smurfit Business School.

After his time with KPMG and Deloitte Éanna returned to University College Dublin, and served for five years as Director of the Masters Degree programme in engineering management – now designated ME(mgt) – until his retirement.

PERSONAL

Éanna Johnson was born in 1938 to Irish parents in Kodaikanal, India. His father, Dr Richard A Johnson, was employed as a physician by South India Railways. Éanna and his wife Patricia have four children and seventeen grandchildren.

As Catholics Éanna and Patricia have sought to grow in faith, to pass on the faith to their children and others, and to put their faith into action in service. Their experience of volunteering in Nigeria led to participation in efforts to relieve hunger resulting from the Nigeria-Biafra conflict. Éanna became a founding member and later Chairman of Concern, and subsequently Chairman of APSO (the Department of Foreign Affairs' agency for promoting and supporting personal service in developing countries).

Éanna and Patricia trained as marriage counselors with the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council (now Accord), and served for twelve years in remedial counseling, natural family planning, psycho-sexual counseling, and education in schools and pre-marriage courses for engaged couples. Seeking to grow in their marriage and family life they formed a group within the Equipes Notre Dame (Teams of Our Lady) movement for married couples.

Participation in the Catholic charismatic renewal brought a new experience of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives, progressing to the founding of a Catholic charismatic covenant community, the Community of Nazareth. Development of the Community has included significant involvement in planning and giving religious instruction to adults, youth and children, pre-marriage courses, and Christian outreach.

Over the past decade Éanna has focused on study and writing in Catholic catechetics, motivated when his own grandchildren reached school-going age, and he found that religious education programmes provided for both primary and secondary schools in Ireland are gravely unsatisfactory from a Catholic perspective. A significant research project was a theological and pedagogical analysis of the *Alive-O Programme*, used in all Catholic primary schools in Ireland, for which he was awarded a PhD in Theology by the Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth (dissertation can be seen at <http://eprints.nuim.ie/3076/>). Éanna also conducted a countrywide Learning Assessment survey of pupils who had completed the 8year *Alive-O Programme*, and a survey of the views of Diocesan Advisers for Religious Education in primary schools on the same *Programme*.

Éanna has reviewed several publications in the field of Catholic religious education, and has been invited to study and comment on draft documents for Youth Ministry in Ireland, a new Syllabus & Curriculum for Catholic Religious Education at primary school level, and the new National Directory for Catechesis in Ireland. He has published relevant articles and reviews in: the Irish Catholic; the Scottish Catholic Observer; Alive!; The Sower (quarterly magazine of the Maryvale Institute); Brandsma Review; the Voice Today.