

# Pres Link Workshop Brother Martin

The Preslink committee was extremely lucky to have had a workshop with Br. Martin, a former principal of our school and former Congregation Leader of the Presentation Brothers. Here is an account of the workshop from two committee members, Andrew Maume and Robert Barry.

## Purpose of the Workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to introduce the Preslink committee to the role of a leader. Br. Martin challenged us to find out why we wanted to enter Preslink and to find out why our peers also wanted to join the committee. Br Martin wanted to expand our knowledge on what a leader is and how a leader should act. He also wanted to educate us on the Presentation Schools in Ghana and Nigeria and also learn the Pres/Edmund Rice Ethos that led to these schools being built.

## What We Did ...

Br. Martin began by introducing himself and explaining his role in the Presentation Brothers and his past role in the school. He began by introducing the term L.Y.F (Lead Yourself First), this concept encouraged us to lead by example. Our first exercise was to find out why each member joined Preslink and what our goals are for the year. We then discussed the Leadership Maxims, which are the core values of a leader. He then reflected on his time working with the Presentation Schools in Ghana and Nigeria and described the Presentation Ethos. We finished by reciting a prayer for those involved in the War in Ukraine. We prayed for the displaced and the brave Russian population who are speaking out against the war.

## What We Learned ...

As a group we were introduced on how to learn to lead and how the challenges and opportunities would help us in our everyday lives. We learned about each other and our shared interest in the Preslink objectives. We learned several Leadership Maxims e.g. "Reward routinely, recognise relentlessly ", "Align your video with your audio ", "It's not about you!". Learning these values helped the group to understand what a leader really

is. We learned about the educational advancements made in Ghana and Nigeria in the Presentation Brothers schools thanks to the help of the Presentation Brothers and Preslink. We also learned about important History of our School and past leaders for example Brother Ignatius Connolly.

### Final Words ...

We would like to thank Br. Martin immensely for giving up his time to speak with us on Wednesday. We agreed as a group that the atmosphere of the session and learning about the schools in Africa was hugely beneficial as it gives us context for the year. Being pointed in the right direction really helped us as a committee. We all thoroughly enjoyed this workshop

Andrew Maume and Robert Barry.