

## **PAST NATIONAL EVENTS** **September 2008—December 2009**

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### ***Pax Romana Conference – 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009***

The title of the conference held at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts was:

#### ***1989–2009 Moving into a new Europe: Hopes, Disappointments and Perspectives.***

Twenty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the conference explored some of the changes, spiritual and economic, across Europe during this time.

The conference was attended by delegates from all over Europe and all enjoyed the wonderful experience of meeting and talking with like minded people from other countries as well as listening to excellent speakers.

Follow this link to read the press release that went out afterwards:

[Press Release for Pax Romana Conference](#)

### ***Association AGM 2009***

The 2009 AGM was held on 13th June at the historic Bar Convent in York. In the afternoon some members followed a Christian Heritage tour of York whilst others avoided the heat of the day and spent time in the convent museum. The day closed with Mass in the 'secret' chapel of the convent. We are most grateful to the members of the York circle for organising the day and giving us an opportunity to revisit this beautiful city.

### ***Ninth Newman Pilgrimage – April 2009***

See Pilgrimages on the website.

[Paul and Barnabas in Cyprus](#)

### ***Coventry Conference on Saturday 28th March 2009***

The Coventry Circle conference on the theme

Spirituality v Religion? – The Role of Spirituality, Faith and Organised Religion in Contemporary Society

at Warwick University, Coventry was very successful and well attended.

The speakers were Bishop William Kenney CP and Professor John Drane and they gave us much to think about. Of particular interest were the insights offered into the need of all human beings for a spiritual life as illustrated by the life and death of a contemporary celebrity. After each talk we split into several small groups and had time to digest what we had heard and the opportunity to discuss our views.

### ***London Newman Lecture on Thursday 5th March 2009***

The 2009 London Newman Lecture, *Mind the Gap – Globalisation, Poverty and Faith*, was given by Chris Bain; Director of CAFOD at the St Albans Centre, Baldwin Gardens, High Holborn, EC1. It was well attended and appreciated by all. The talk has been published in the May 2009 issue of The Newman journal.