

## ***PRESS RELEASE – for immediate issue***



Tom Kendzia

### **KILMORE DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTRE OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR COMPOSERS AND MUSICIANS**

The Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan, with the support of the Cavan Arts Office, will host a workshop on Saturday 16 August 2014 from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. with the American, Tom Kendzia.

The workshop is open to anybody who is interested in contemporary church music and will feature musical composition culminating in an open score session which will offer an insight into the whole composition process. There will be an opportunity during this session for composers to have their music discussed, if they so wish. Anyone who would like to do so should make their interest known when registering for the workshop.

Tom Kendzia is well known as a composer, arranger, producer, teacher, clinician, author and performer. He has been a professional liturgical musician for more than 30 years. The workshop presents a unique and wonderful opportunity to meet an established and experienced composer like Tom Kendzia whose music is used in liturgies and concerts across the world.

Since 1980, Tom has appeared throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe at national and diocesan gatherings. He has been the music and worship director of the East Coast Conference for Religious Education since 2002. He has had 15 collections of liturgical and instrumental music published by the Oregon Catholic Press alone.. Tom graduated from Manhattanville College in 1976 with a degree in piano and music education.

Currently he is a music and liturgy consultant for Harcourt Religion Publishers and music director at Christ the King Catholic Church in Kingston, Rhode Island, where he lives with his wife, Mary Carol, and two children.

He will be the guest speaker at the 2014 Annual Novena in Knock on Tuesday 19 August at 3:00p.m. and 8:30p.m. when the theme of his address will be “Eucharist: A Source of Joy”. He will also give a workshop/seminar on “Liturgy & Music” on the same day in the St. John’s Rest & Day Care Centre in Knock at 12 noon and 6:00p.m.

Booking for the workshop in Cavan is essential by phoning the Centre on 049 4375004 extension 102 or by email to [pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie) before noon on Friday 15 August next. The fee will be €20 per participant which includes tea/coffee on arrival and a light lunch.

Some of Tom Kendzia’s music will feature during a Mass for the Feast of the Assumption which will be celebrated in the Pastoral Centre Chapel on Friday evening, 15 August 2014, at 7:30p.m. The celebrant will be Fr. Enda Murphy, Diocesan Director of Pastoral Services and Youth Ministry. The musical director will be Paul Flynn.