

Recognition of the Ministry of Sr Elizabeth Gilmartin

On Friday 8th November 2019, Sr Elizabeth Gilmartin was invited back to The Institute of Technology (TUD) Tallaght, for the launch of a new Honours Degree programme in Child Welfare and Human Development. This new development came about as a result of work done by Elizabeth during her ministry as Chaplain from 2001-2009. During that time she worked tirelessly on student issues. She sought and received permission to have a crèche built on campus for young Mothers with babies who struggled to access Further Education. With the cooperation of the President and Registrar “a state of the art” crèche was built. Out of this development many programmes including Social Care and this new Degree programme evolved.

Katherine Zapone, TD Minister for Health and Children, paid tribute to Elizabeth’s vision and integrity of purpose. Tom Stone, President of the College, reiterated his sincere thanks to Elizabeth for her lasting legacy to the College, as well as complimenting her on being the first woman Chaplain at the College, noting her love for transmitting her faith and putting in place a Quiet Reflective Garden and Prayer room. Incidentally on the day Elizabeth visited the College a Memorial Service was taking place for Students who died while attending the College – she found it touching to see the Quiet Garden being used to send off balloons for those who had died.