



Rev. Dr. Patrick Devine, the founder and international chairman of the Shalom Center for Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation (SCCRR), an inter-religious organization pioneering conflict resolution and development work in strife-ridden marginalized areas of Eastern Africa. The mission is to work towards a society free of physical violence and unjust social structures in Eastern Africa. The organization is registered in Kenya, USA, UK-Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland with evolving committees elsewhere.

Fr. Devine's efforts started earning international recognition when he was awarded the 2013 International Caring Award named for Mother Teresa, succeeding the Dalai Lama in 2012. Also in 2013, Fr. Devine addressed the William J. Clinton International Peace Centre in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. In 2014, eight countries in Eastern Africa presented him with the prestigious IGAD Award for his visionary contribution to peace and development in the region. And he was nominated for the Tipperary International Peace Award in 2017.

He has been guest speaker at Harvard University, University of Texas-Austin, University of Houston, University of San Diego, DePaul University, World Bank, Queens University Belfast, and the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at National University of Ireland Maynooth where he is an adjunct faculty member and Honorary Senior Research Fellow.

At Tangaza University College, Fr. Devine has been lecturing to students for more than 10 years. Prior to lecturing, he sat on the college's board for 12 years and served as its deputy chairperson. His long-time college commitment has included involvement in various administrative committees.

He holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Political Science and Public Administration; a Master's Degree in Peace Studies and International Relations; and is certified in Corporate Governance Training.

A native of Ireland, Fr. Devine's work in Africa began in 1988 when he was ordained into the Society of African Missions. He held leadership roles for the organization in Kenya and Tanzania, and was secretary general and chairman of the Religious Superiors Conference of Kenya comprised of 65 religious orders and over 5,000 personnel in Eastern Africa. He was also a founding director of Pacis Insurance Company and served various roles over nine years.

Fr. Devine founded Shalom-SCCRR in 2009 to fill a specific fundamental need he perceived over his decades of experience and in various roles. He remains committed to the organization's mission, as he sees the dramatic, life-changing results in the areas of conflict transformation, peace