



Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart

FACT SHEET

1. The full name of our Association is The **Pioneer Total Abstinence* Association of the Sacred Heart**.
2. Our Association was founded in 1898 in Gardiner Street, Dublin, by Fr James Cullen SJ, Mrs Anne Egan, Miss Lizzie Power, Mrs Mary Bury and Mrs A.M. Sullivan.
3. The aim of our Association is the promotion of sobriety* and temperance* through
 - a. faith and prayer,
 - b. self-denial leading to inner freedom;
 - c. giving good example to others;
 - d. presenting alternatives to the drinking scene, particularly to young people;
 - e. advocating the ideals and values of temperance and sobriety in society.
4. The duty of a Pioneer is to build a society where people live to their full potential. We reach out to those who suffer from alcohol-related harm.
5. Pioneers, like all Christians, are convinced that the love of God, as revealed in Jesus, is central to our lives. For this reason Pioneers seek to be people who kindle the fire of God's love in the hearts of others.
6. A person can become a Pioneer once they have reached the age of eight.
7. A life-long Pioneer is a Pioneer over the age of eighteen who has pledged to abstain from alcohol for the remainder of their lives in keeping with the aims of our Association.
8. All Pioneers (Juvenile, Young and Life-long) are asked to:
 - a. abstain from all alcoholic drink
 - b. wear the Pioneer emblem
 - c. recite the Pioneer prayer twice daily
9. The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart is also known by the acronym* 'PTAA'.
10. For more information please visit our website: www.pioneers.ie



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EXPLANATION OF KEY WORDS

- * Abstinence = abstaining from (not taking) drinks that contain alcohol
- * Sobriety = the quality or state of being sober
- * Sober = not affected by alcohol
- * Temperance = the quality of moderation and abstaining from drinks that contain alcohol
- * Acronym = a word formed from the beginning letter or letters of each or most of the parts of an association's name, e.g. GAA / Gaelic Athletic Association.