



Donor Update - A big thank you

Thank you to all Living Our Faith donors because you have pledged **£12.9 Million** of which **£11.3 Million** has been received

To-date £4.6 Million has been allocated to fund:

- 12 - Parish Hall Renovations
- 5 - Catechists/Stewardship Co-ord Trained
- 8 - Programmes for Young People,
- 6 - Youth Workers,
- 40 - Programmes for Adults,
- 59 - Church Refurbishment Projects,
- 6 - Parish Missions,
- 1 - Vocations Conference,
- 2 - New Churches,
- 5 - Clergy Training and Support Projects
 - 10 Men training for the Priesthood
- 28 - Other Projects.

INTERESTING FACTS AND FIGURES

Total Number of Pledges	6387
Total Amount Pledged	£12,986,006
The largest donation	£100,000
Total amount received to-date	£11,371,024
Parish share of amount pledged	£5,792,509
Diocese share of amount pledged	£7,193,497
Total amount spent so far	
- Parish Local Funds Amount Spent =	£2,945,448
- Parish and Lay Formation Fund Spent =	£872,530
- Renewing Facilities Fund Spent =	£578,458
- Clergy Formation and Support Fund =	£209,407
79 members of the clergy had pledged =	£270,027

So many exciting new projects

To-date 171 projects have been approved or are waiting approval totalling £4,605,843. Recent projects include the support costs for 10 young men training for the priest hood, a grant to the Primary Catholic Partnership to develop a certificate called the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS), a grant to the Bamenda Commission, Adult programmes, and the provision of funding for buildings and maintenance projects, communications and education projects, and projects which involve acts of kindness and benevolence. The following are a list of the projects approved in February through to June 2014:-

Local Parish Fund Allocations.

1. Tadley - Repay Parish Loan (£20,000).
2. New Milton -. Sound System Upgrade (£8,400)
3. Hayling Island - Parish Hall Upgrade (£3,753)
4. Southampton Immaculate Conception - Upgrade to the sacristy (£19,821)
5. Earley - Liturgical Expenditure (£8,235)
6. Swithun Wells - Redevelopment to Holy Cross Church (£108,624)
7. Portsmouth Our Lady of Lourdes - Replace rotten windows (£4,320)
8. Andover - Upgrade to the heating system (£12,380)
9. Bishops Waltham - To build a partnership with the White Father's parish in Serenje, Zambia (£3,800)

Please see more projects on page 2

Diocesan Lay Formation Fund Allocations (continued).

1. Windsor - A parishioner to undertake a 'Certificate in Evangelisation' at Maryvale (£181)
2. Windsor - Acorn Listening Course for Parishioners and Pastoral Area (£300)
3. Havant - Pastoral Area Newsletter (£5,000)
4. Hedge End - A parishioner to attend the Jeff Cavins 'Quick Tour of the Bible Course', and 'Open Door Retreat Training' (£146)
5. Guernsey - Youth Worker - part time over three years (£37,500)
6. St George College Southampton 2014/15 - Sion Mission £2,500.
7. Totland Bay - The Anchor Program (£750)
8. Bamenda Commission (£15,000)
9. Gosport - Healing Prayer and Support Group (£4,930)
10. Primary Catholic Partnership - To deliver the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies (CCRS) to Catholic Schools and Catechists (£7,000)
11. Lymington - Grant for New Evangelisation. A themed weekend entitled the Saints (£250)
12. Havant - Sion Mission - Post Mission Activities (£1,000).

A reflection by Father Tom Grufferty of the Sion Community led Parish Mission to the Havant Pastoral Area

The Havant Pastoral Area Mission was conducted by the Sion Community towards the end of 2013. It lasted two weeks and took place in different venues across the PA. The Mission was fully funded by **Living Our Faith** which was a profound blessing for the organisers. It meant that we could focus on the real aims of the mission without having to fund raise locally for the event.

Other Parish Missions which have received 100% funding also claim that this is a real BONUS thanks to all those people who have been generous to the **Living Our Faith** Campaign for the last five years.



It may well encourage more parishes to conduct missions because the hassle of fund raising is out of the equation. We set out with three aims and I believe that we went a long way to satisfying those targets. The Mission was intended to refresh, renew our faith so that we could rejoice in it. The members of the Sion Community challenged everyone who took part to move out of their comfort zone in the physical sense as well as the spiritual sense. Because we are five parishes with six Churches the practical arrangements were neither easy to organise or implement. But, the benefits soon became apparent as people travelled together to different mission celebrations. People made new friends and re-acquainted themselves with old friends. Most of all, people were enriched spiritually by the beauty of all the Churches in the Pastoral area.

From the priest perspective it was most encouraging to see many lay people exercising what they do best. The universal appeal was when we can we have another Parish Mission?

God Bless

Father Tom.

Leave a Gift in Your Will

Several of the donations to **Living Our Faith** have been legacies. When it comes to your will, it's only right that your family and friends come first in your thoughts, but that doesn't mean you can't also leave a gift to a cause close to your heart. A gift in your will can make a vital difference to the Church in the Diocese of Portsmouth.

Financial benefits of leaving a gift in your Will

Legacies are generally exempt from inheritance tax, so a gift in your Will to your Church could be tax free for us and in some circumstances could reduce the amount of inheritance tax your loved ones are liable for. If you would like more

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/will.htm>

If you would like further information on leaving money to the campaign in your will, please contact:-

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The Living Our Faith Committee exists to ensure that the funds generously given have an impact on the life of the Diocese - they will make sure this happens and report back regularly on the results.

Canon David Hopgood.

Portsmouth Our Lady of Lourdes - One of the replacement windows.

