



Bishop of Cork Pastoral Care Fund

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Dear friends,

There is never a good time to set up and launch a new charity. My work on this one was already under way when the pandemic started, so I pressed on. Perhaps it is serendipity, because this is one of those times also, when people are reaching out and looking for support. In spite of the schemes the State has in place, there are many in our community whose need is great.

At times like this, I am often approached, directly by individuals, by clergy and lay people on behalf of others, or by groups, in our Diocese, who are looking for help.

Funds for this sort of work have been very limited over the years. While practical, it has always seemed hard-hearted to say to those asking for help 'I can't help you but such and such a charity can.' Even though our Diocese is associated and involved with many of the charities people were being sent to, a more positive and immediate response on my or our part would have felt truer to the way of Christ.

I was especially conscious of this when in 2016 I made an appeal for Emergency Relief in response to the flooding in County Cork in order to meet immediate needs at that time. The money given at that time, in our name as a Church, made a world of difference to people in need whose lives had been thrown in turmoil.

In the course of this pandemic, the appeals to me have increased, as I say, and the needs ever more acute. **The Bishop of Cork Pastoral Care Fund** has now been set up and was registered in 2020 so that, through me as Bishop and the Diocesan Trustees of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, people of the Diocese and further afield could give charitable support such as this in a number of areas permitted in Ireland: the relief of poverty and economic hardship; the advancement of education; the advancement of religion, and other purposes that are of benefit to the community under section 3(11) of the Charities Act 2009.

I am writing now to invite you, if at all possible, to be a Founder Donor of this new charity. I fully understand that many may be in a position to do so and that others may not. I have already approached clergy and office holders in the Diocese, as well as Select Vestries, but it may well be that some of you within the Diocese would like to be associated with this appeal directly.

I warmly commend this initiative to your prayerful and practical consideration in Lent 2021,

Yours in Christ,

The Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton
Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

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