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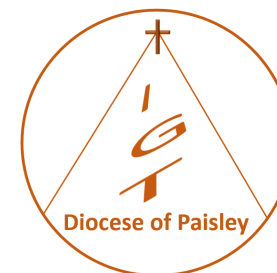


DIOCESE OF PAISLEY

INCOME GENERATION

Annual Appeal & Fundraising Initiatives

AUGUST 2023



EVANGELISATION PRAYER



*God our loving Father,
who sent your Son to show us the way
to live fully in the Spirit,
be with us while we walk together
as a Diocesan Family.
Help us to be people who will accept
the mission of passing on Your Word
and sowing seeds of Your love
in our Diocese and beyond.
Send the Holy Spirit to guide us;
to keep us united in purpose;
and to give us the courage to fulfil our mission.
As we journey together in faith,
help us to be aware of Your presence;
to listen to Your voice;
and to discern Your Will for our Diocese
in the months and years to come.
Our Lady of Paisley, pray for us.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

First and foremost, I thank you for taking the time to read this booklet and for your continued financial support to each of the special collections taken up in your parish throughout the year. Your sacrifice is gratefully appreciated and your kindness is undoubtedly helping to change the lives of many people, locally and beyond.

Each year you will receive a booklet keeping you well informed on what you give and on how your offerings are supporting the mission of the Church.

I take this opportunity to thank a large number of people working in partnership to produce the materials for this booklet and for the finances to cover its cost. In particular, my gratitude extends to:

Bishop John
The Diocesan Clergy
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Director of SPRED + Parents
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Director of Schools
Steven Cameron Funeral Director
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Finally, I thank the Income Generation Team (IGT) volunteers from many of our parishes in the Diocese. The time and commitment they give to making the appeals and many hours they give to planning and promoting fundraising initiatives is gratefully appreciated.

*Please pray daily the Evangelisation Prayer
imploing the intercession of Our Lady of Paisley
to guide and direct the mission of the Diocese
for the good of all God's people.*

Canon Edward D. Cameron
Convener for Income Generation
Diocese of Paisley

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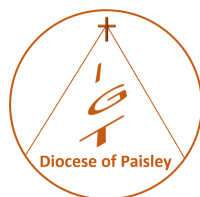
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PREFACE



In September 2020, Bishop John appointed me as Convener for Income Generation with a remit to support the mission of our parishes and the Diocese. In particular three objectives have been identified as our focus: to reduce parish levies; to establish an effective structure for generating income; and, most importantly, to source the funding necessary for Evangelisation in the Diocese for the foreseeable future.

Bishop John is particularly keen for the team to resume parish appeals in order to encourage parishioners to support the annual special collections, and, to commit to the "Friends' Campaign" formerly promoted by Canon Oliver Freney and his team of volunteers. In addition to these requests from Bishop John, I have been asked to source, where possible, other ways and means of generating income including grants, trusts and fundraising initiatives.

In August 2023, we will resume the parish appeals which due to Covid 19 and the on-going cost-of-living crisis, have been on hold in the Diocese for some time. I am acutely aware of the financial problems our parishioners have been experiencing and I understand clearly the need to approach this subject sensitively to avoid compounding the financial difficulties faced by so many.

I have formed a team of volunteers – the Income Generation Team (IGT) - to work with me in making what will now be an annual appeal for special collections on the last weekend of August. The team member who visits your parish will speak from a prepared text. After Mass, each family will receive an information pack which explains further the value and importance of each collection for the mission of the Church locally, nationally and internationally. Included are financial statistics from the Diocesan Finance Office both to promote transparency and to highlight why the Diocese so urgently needs your on-going support. Each year, this information will be reviewed and up-dated. Thereafter, a progress report will be published identifying how the money has been used to progress the mission of the Church.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL PRIZE DRAW



Diocese of Paisley
Scottish Charity No. SC013514

Christmas Prize Draw



1st Prize: £1000
2nd Prize: £750
3rd Prize: £500
4th Prize: £250

Drawn on Sunday 3rd December 2023

No. 0001

Ticket price: £1

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 3 Caplethill Road, Paisley PA2 7TE
 0141 887 0000

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 16 Canal Street Renfrewshire PA4 8QD
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Ticket stubs returned no later than Thursday 30th November 2023

Diocese of Paisley Christmas Prize Draw
 Scottish Charity No. SC013514

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Name _____

Phone _____

Parish _____

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The Income Generation Team (IGT) will launch a Christmas Draw which we hope will become an annual fundraiser for the Diocese.

**The Draw will take place on
 Sunday 3rd December 2023.**

Prizes: 1st £1000 2nd £750 3rd £500 4th £250

Tickets on sale : 26th August - 30th November 2023

Ticket price: £1

***Ticket stubs to be returned no later than
 Thursday 30th November 2023***

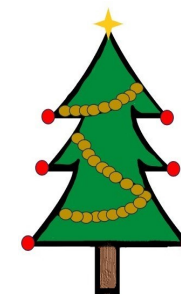
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Roman Catholic Diocese of Paisley

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Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use *easyfundraising* to shop with them - including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Booking.com and M&S - and it **won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.**

All you need to do is:

- 1 Simply go to the website:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/diocese-of-paisley>
- 2 Every time you shop online, **go to easyfundraising first** to find the site you want and start shopping
- 3 After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/diocese-of-paisley>
at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

If you prefer to use your phone to take you straight to our donation page please use the QR Code below.

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you would sign up and support us. It's completely **FREE** and only takes a moment. There are no catches or hidden charges and the [diocese-of-paisley](#) will be really grateful for your donations.



You'll be able to see how much you've raised in your account and you'll receive updates on when the Roman Catholic Diocese of Paisley gets paid.

Track all the donations and watch the magic happen!

Thank you so much!

I ask you, therefore, to please work with me and the team to ensure that what we propose to do moving forward will receive your full support. Everything we do to generate income will be for the benefit of both the parishes and the Diocese. With your help, I am confident we will succeed.

From personal experience, I've learned that when it comes to asking for financial support, no time is ever the right time. My proposal, therefore, is to let you decide when the time is right for you to increase your offerings to the various special collections. If you can give more, I am confident you will do so.

Thank you for your generous giving throughout the year to your parish, to the Diocese and to the wider Church.

With every blessing,

Canon Edward D. Cameron
Convener for Income Generation
Diocese of Paisley

INTRODUCTION



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August 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Firstly, I want to thank you for your prayers and financial support throughout these challenging parish years of pandemic and our gradual recovery. Thankfully, the amazing support you gave to your parishes, not least in additional online giving, has ensured that our parishes - as a whole- are in much the same financial position as they were before the lockdown. That is a truly remarkable, if not miraculous, achievement on behalf of you and your parish priests, and I want to pass on my personal commendations and gratitude.

As we move forward, you will also be aware that we have a diocesan mission and commitments beyond our parishes which are my personal responsibility as bishop, and which I want to ensure we can continue to meet and develop. That is why I introduced our Friends Fundraising Scheme some years ago which, I am glad to say, continues to generate most encouraging income for us.

I am glad to be now resuming this Friends Scheme as parish life continues to return to normal and I want to appeal to you for your active participation in this diocesan initiative.

Due to COVID and the increased cost of fuel, utilities and food, I have held back on making this appeal and I am still very much aware of the financial constraints many of you will yet face. No time is the right time for making an appeal, but I hope this initiative on the last weekend of August across all parishes in our diocese can allow you to decide when the time might be right for you to increase your offering to our various special collections. If you can give more, I am confident you will do so.

GOING FORWARD: FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

FRIENDS' CAMPAIGN

"A friend is a friend at all times." Prov.17:17



You are invited to take part in the Diocese of Paisley Friends' Campaign. Our *Friends' Campaign* is the heart of this and it is hoped that, if every member of our Diocese gave just £5 per year as a friend, we would be in surplus. If you feel you would like to help in this way, please choose the method which suits you (see below). *Your information will be kept completely private and not shared with any outside bodies.*

***TELEPHONE the Diocese of Paisley on 0141 847 6131 to discuss a standing order / direct debit /cash payment.**

***STANDING ORDER FORMS on behalf of the Diocesan Appeal for Special Collections** can also be found in the Information Pack provided by the Diocesan Income Generation Team and which is available in your parish. Please speak with your parish priest or parish representative (s).

***TEXT A DONATION**

The Diocese has now set up their "Text a Donation" Service which allows you to send a donation to the Diocese through your mobile phone. All you have to do is text £5 DOPF01 to 70070 £5 is only a suggestion. Any amount is very much appreciated.

***BY CHEQUE payable to the DIOCESE OF PAISLEY Y**
Send to: Finance Office, Diocese of Paisley, Cathedral Precincts, Incle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR.



The aim is to eventually engender around £100,000pa from this fund through standing orders and direct debits. The good news is that many parishioners across the Diocese have signed up to our campaign, while others have topped it up through one off donations or fundraising events.

Many thanks to our fundraising team for their dedicated work and to all who have so far given so generously.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND OF OUR DIOCESE.

YOUTH MINISTRY: A Closer Look

*"He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you.
However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One.
He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again..."*
Pope Francis, "Christ Is Alive," 2019

A central focus of our recent Diocesan Synod was a realisation of the vital nature of ministry to the 'young Church' in our midst. That 'young Church' is present to us in many and various forms – it may mean young people beginning pl, older children preparing for Confirmation, or young people completing their Caritas journey. It may denote adults entering the fields of work and further or higher education. Wherever our young people are to be encountered, we are challenged to continually echo the call of the Father – that He waits for them to come back to Him and embrace the values of His kingdom.

Mindful of our multi-faceted vocation to serve the young people of our Diocese, we have developed, over many years, programmes and initiatives which assist our young people in finding the Lord in their lives. These include:

Retreats in Diocesan schools designed for every stage of primary and secondary education
A regular programme of events for Young People
Preparing materials for the Diocesan Education Department
Providing spiritual/catechetical materials for use by school chaplains
Celebrating achievement in schools including Caritas and Pope Francis Faith Awards
Preparation and celebration of Pilgrimages to Lourdes and World Youth Day
Preparation of materials for schools to celebrate World Youth Day (celebrated annually on the Feast of Christ the King)
Liaison with Scottish Catholic Youth Service (SCY) and other national and international agencies
Establishment and continuing support of the Young Adults (18-35) Office: Connect with us: @DoPYoungAdults (Facebook/ Twitter) @rcdopya (Instagram)

We earnestly desire to play our part in building communities up and down our Diocese that are vibrant and faith-filled. We want to play our part in delivering high-quality, relevant and attractive liturgies, catechetical resources and experiences that remind our young people of our Catholic faith's beauty, power and depth.

Fr John Morrison Vicar Episcopal for Youth
0141 889 5056 VE-VocationsandYouth@rcdop.org.uk

At these weekend Masses we will be offering you an information pack to help explain in a little more detail and colour the value and importance of each collection we ask of you for the mission of our Church locally and nationally and then, each year, we will provide a progress report on how your money has helped support the mission of the Church. please take a pack away with you, study it and think of how you might be able to help.

I can promise you that every penny will benefit your parishes and our diocese, whether it be in helping to maintain or even reduce the level of your parish levies, or in setting up an effective Office for generating income ongoing, or in providing important resources to renew our Church, strengthen the faith of our Catholics, and reach out to more souls and call others to return to the Church.

I know these are difficult times for all of us, but they must also be times of new hope and, as I express my personal gratitude to you for your prayers and support in our past challenges, on the same basis I am full of optimism in you to continue to help us build ourselves up into an even better Church for the years ahead.

With assurance of my prayers and blessings,

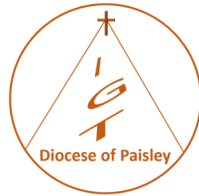
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ANNUAL APPEAL - 2023



The **Diocesan Income Generation Team (IGT)** assist Canon Eddie Cameron who is the Diocesan Convener for Fundraising on behalf of Bishop John; the priests of the Diocese; and the Church, nationally and internationally. This Team comprises a large number of lay faithful from a number of parishes around the Diocese. Our role is to encourage and support initiatives integral to the mission of the Church.

Our function is primarily to highlight the exceptional work that is undertaken each year on your behalf in our Diocese and beyond; and also to appeal to you for your prayers and continued support of special collections in your parish - which make it possible for the Church to function and serve the needs of its people in the Diocese and further afield.

Your prayers in support of the mission of the Church are gratefully appreciated and are being heard loudly and clearly. The Lord is providing for the needs of his Church through the charity and actions of so many of its selfless and hardworking disciples - the vast majority of whom are volunteers. I thank you for your prayers and for your generous offerings to your parish each week; and for the contributions you have made to each of the special collections throughout the year. Your sacrifice does not go unnoticed and your donations are never taken for granted!

We are acutely aware of the financial pressures which are adversely affecting our lives and we understand clearly the need to approach this appeal for your support sensitively, in order to avoid compounding current and indeed on-going problems we are facing. The past three years have been exceptionally difficult due to COVID; increased cost of fuel; rising household bills; higher rents and mortgages - resulting in a cost-of-living crisis which has impacted significantly on so many parishioners' finances.

Serving God The Department liaises with Aid to the Church in Need, Justice and Peace, Missio, SCIAF, SPUC and SSVP to encourage young people to put their faith into action: for example, a growing number of our schools have set up 'Mini-Vinnies' Groups (SSVP for children) which have supported a variety of community projects.



St Mary's Primary School, Greenock

Strengthening Home-School-Parish Links

Our Diocesan Parent Forum has been set up to provide advice for Parent Councils. We also wish to support parents as the first educators of their children and have developed Family Sacramental Workbooks for P4 and P7. As part of the development of the Diocesan Secondary Religious Education course, we will be producing leaflets for parents outlining the key learning in each unit – as suggested by the Diocesan Parent Forum. In Advent, we worked with the Daughters of St Paul to introduce the Travelling Crib to all P2 classes. Cribbs went home to families, together with a nativity story and a short prayer service. With financial support, we plan to develop further initiatives which strengthen home-school-parish links.



Supporting Schools and Developing Teachers

The Department provides guidance on good practice on the life and work of our schools as Communities of Faith and Learning. Our termly **Centred on Christ** newsletter contains articles on various aspects of the mission of the Catholic school. Teachers as individuals and as a group are responsible for creating the distinctive Christian ethos of our schools. The Diocese provides a comprehensive in-service programme for teachers, including a Leadership in Catholic Schools Course. We provide prayer and reflection resources which help staff deepen their own faith. An annual retreat is organised for Head Teachers to support them in their role as 'chief catechists'.



Supporting Chaplains Our priests provide an invaluable service as chaplains to our schools. Chaplains' meetings enable them to discuss important topics and to share practice. The Department has published two documents to help schools and chaplains to work together in enhancing the spiritual lives of young people. **Neil Roarty, Director of Schools, DoP**



St Fergus Primary School – P1

Loving God Another priority is to enable young people to grow closer to God. The Department has shared practice in Retreats which have been provided by parishes, the Salesian Sisters, the New Evangelisation Team (NET), Dalmally, and Generation Hope.

In addition, we have been encouraging Rosary Groups as part of the Diocesan Consecration to Jesus through Mary With financial support, we hope to provide each P4 class with a Rosary pack, with a Rosary for each child and encourage them to pray the Rosary for the intentions of the Missions during October.



All Saints Primary School, Rosary Group



A major initiative in 2022-23 was to bring the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Encounter to all eight school Clusters. The pupils learned about Carlo Acutis who died at the age of 15. He had a great devotion to the Eucharist and used his IT skills to set up a website documenting all the Eucharistic Miracles. They spent time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, had an opportunity to

venerate the Carlo's relic and wrote prayers for their intentions which have been taken to Carlo's tomb in Assisi.

The Diocese has engaged with the National Schools Singing Programme who provided a grant via the Hamish Ogston Foundation to partially fund the post of Choral Director who has been working with all P4 pupils in Inverclyde. Schools have warmly welcomed this initiative and noted how well they now sing at Mass. We plan to set up after-school choirs which will sing at parish Masses.



The Church is also experiencing difficult times yet it must continue to provide an effective mission for its members and move forward in the way that its people expects - if not demands. Our plans for the future have been temporarily on hold but the ever-increasing pressures on our declining resources lead us to believe that now is the time to resume implementing fully the wishes of the people and the clergy as discussed and agreed recently in the Diocesan Synod.

You may recall that in 2016, Bishop John invited members of the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful to meet over five sessions in a Diocesan Synod to discuss the New Evangelisation and the Role of the Laity in the Church, most especially in our own Diocese. The fruits of those discussions resulted in the promulgation of the Synod Acta, which was presented to the Diocese by Bishop John on the Feast of St Columba, the following year. This document, with its ten-point Charter, has been described as 'the route map for our life and mission in the Diocese for years to come.' By preaching the Word, and sharing faith through Sacrament and charitable deeds, the Church seeks to be an evangelising and effective voice both within and beyond our communities.

To implement and support the spirit and objectives of the Synod Acta, the Diocese seeks to promote a new and exciting way of thinking and planning - one which is based on partnership. Central to this way of working is the importance and need for all Church members - Lay Faithful, Clergy and Religious - to work together for the benefit of all parish communities within the Diocese; and to bring about growth and development now and in the years to come.

You are being asked 'to do your bit' to support the mission of your parish, the Diocese, and the wider Church through an active participation in a variety of initiatives and to ensure that the appropriate funding is in place to guarantee the best and desired outcomes. It is highly probable that our faith communities within the Diocese will continue to be mission-driven, grow stronger and continue to be vibrant parishes. Your part in this process and your financial contributions to this end cannot, and should not, be underestimated!

cont.

We ask you, please, to support the mission of the Church; to give what you can afford to your parish community; and to support the special collections throughout the year. We are confident that those parishioners who can afford to give generously will do so and those who cannot do so at this time, will do so when the time is right for them. Every penny you give will be gratefully appreciated and used wisely to provide for the spiritual, pastoral, material and social needs of our parishes and the Diocese.

The special collections throughout the year are encouraged by Bishop John, the Bishops' Conference of Scotland and the Holy Father to support the necessary work of the Church's mission. These collections are split into two distinct categories:

The first group focuses on national and international issues: **Justice & Peace; Pro-Life; Missio; SCIAF; Holy Places; Peter's Pence; and Communications.** All of these ministries are far reaching and bring about change for the better in the lives of so many people in Scotland and around the world. The Good News is that we are making a difference – Thanks to you!

The second and the most important group for us as a Diocese include: **Sick and Retired Clergy; Vocations; Youth; SPRED and Education.** These appeals are the most challenging and costly for the Diocese. The shortfall in recent years for these collections (with the exception of the Priests' Fund) has been significant and is a matter of grave concern, impacting directly on our parishes and the Diocese, year on year. Consequently, levies for parishes increase and Diocesan funds are depleted. As a charity, we rely entirely on your generosity and consistent offerings to provide these essential ministries. Any increase you can make to each appeal would be gratefully appreciated and will certainly go a long way to redress this spiralling and worrying decline.

It might be that one or more of the Diocesan collections appeals to you personally and as such you would like to offer additional support. You can do this by joining our '*Diocesan Friends' Campaign*' - TODAY - or by completing the appropriate form you will find in the family pack which are available in your parishes. This campaign alone generated a generous income for good causes last year. Thank you to all who are already members and have faithfully supported the Campaign to date.

Collection Totals By Parish By Year					
Education					Fund 52
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Christ the King	193	-	106	260	-
Holy Family	466	320	451	384	9
Our Lady of Lourdes	972	229	523	760	-
St Aidan	399	96	334	321	-
St Andrew	1,064	265	377	436	-
St Bernadette	150	-	65	132	-
St Bridget	70	30	55	150	-
St Cadoc	933	285	655	772	41
St Charles	1,030	35	334	732	-
St Colm	251	-	70	162	-
St Columba	394	87	93	86	-
St Conval	510	255	479	416	-
St Fergus	156	87	63	-	-
St Fillan	696	71	407	454	-
St Francis	720	414	184	636	-
St James, Paisley	74	12	68	-	-
St James, Renfrew	463	141	339	4	-
St John, Barrhead	972	301	692	815	-
St John Bosco	130	40	135	185	-
St John the Baptist	543	175	407	515	-
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,713	224	1,045	1,877	-
St Joseph, Greenock	869	208	241	373	-
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	369	-	111	364	-
St Laurence	616	354	626	587	-
St Margaret	540	181	386	430	-
St Mary, Greenock	870	465	336	-	-
St Mary, Paisley	402	112	173	-	-
St Mirin Cathedral	525	65	267	1,275	-
St Ninian	919	597	603	566	-
St Patrick	741	295	359	-	-
St Paul	164	112	111	71	-
St Peter	184	92	44	150	-
St Thomas	404	427	408	326	1
	18,499	5,974	10,545	13,239	51

Increase /
(Decrease)
from 2019 to
2023

(193)
(458)
(972)
(399)
(1,064)
(150)
(70)
(892)
(1,030)
(251)
(394)
(510)
(156)
(696)
(720)
(74)
(463)
(972)
(130)
(543)
(1,713)
(869)
(369)
(616)
(540)
(870)
(402)
(525)
(919)
(741)
(164)
(184)
(403)
(18,452)

No of Parishes	33	29	33	28	3
2020 figure as % of 2019	Figure	32%	2021 figure as % of 2019	Figure	57%
2022 figure as % of 2019	Figure	72%	2023 figure as % of 2019	Figure	0%

EDUCATION

This collection supports the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES) which **promotes and protects** our Catholic schools in issues of national significance, and supports our schools, parishes and dioceses. **The national office supports three employees and we also employ four part-time local members of staff to work in our schools and on the RE curriculum.**

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Education	18,499	5,974	10,545	13,239	-
No of Parishes Paid	33	29	33	28	-
Annual Totals as a % of 2019 Figure		32%	57%	72%	0%

EDUCATION: A Closer Look

The Diocesan Education Department works with schools to support children and young people in knowing, loving and serving God. We also liaise with the three local authorities to represent the interests of the Church on a range of issues. In 2022 (January to December), the total cost to the Diocese in promoting its educational agenda amounted to over £66,000, including an annual contribution of £31,500 to the Bishops' Conference to fund the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

Knowing God High quality Religious Education is a key objective. We have published P1-P7 Planners to support Primary teachers in planning Religious Education lessons. These have been welcomed by Head Teachers and R.E. Co-ordinators.

We are also writing a Secondary R.E. course, ensuring there is a consistency of experience for our young people, no matter which school they attend. We collaborate with Principal Teachers of R.E. to develop resources which meets the needs of pupils



Notre Dame High and St Columba's High School Generation Hope Retreat June 2023

cont.

As you kindly contribute financially to the various appeals throughout the year, the Income Generation Team will work in the coming months to source additional funding such as Grants, Trusts and fundraising initiatives that will benefit our parishes and the Diocese. The Team will work with parish priests and two delegates from each parish to keep you informed of developments and invite your participation in future ventures.

Under the stewardship of Bishop John; the pastoral guidance of the clergy; the initiatives of the Income Generation Team, and most especially, the commitment of you the Lay Faithful, we can and will succeed in truly being a Church of mission and not one of maintenance; fulfilling the mandate of the Lord who said, "Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Good News." The Church is by its very nature missionary; we are its missionaries.

We thanking you and the Diocesan Clergy for affording me the opportunity to bring to your attention the work of the Income Generation Team. Please remember to collect your family pack from your parish delegates. This pack contains lots of important information about all special collections and your parish contributions to them from 2019 to 2023, as well as Reports on how your kind offerings are helping the Church in its mission and enriching people's lives in so many wonderful ways.

On behalf of the Income Generation Team, Bishop John and the priests of the Diocese, thank you for your prayers and for entrusting us with your generous offerings to fulfil the Lord's mandate to "Go out into the whole world and preach the Good News."

Income Generation Team

Diocese of Paisley

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL APPEALS

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND

This collection helps fund our Scottish Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, our Marriage Tribunal and our Catholic Parliamentary Office. Our Justice & Peace Commission campaigns against renewal of Trident, for fairness for asylum seekers and refugees and for action against climate change and for the environment. It also networks with parishes and advises our Bishops on social justice, international peace and human rights. Its office supports two employees. Our national Marriage Tribunal processes cases for annulment and supports two staff. Our Parliamentary Office works with MSPs, MPs and the wider political society to promote the influence of Catholic Social Teaching on our law and supports one officer.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Justice & Peace	14,791	14,707	4,850	9,239	15,011
No of Parishes Paid	30	30	25	29	31
Annual Totals as a % of 2019 Figure		99%	33%	62%	101%

SCIAF & PAPAL & EPISCOPAL CHARITIES

The proceeds of this collection are divided 75% to SCIAF and 25% to our new St Mirin's Fund. SCIAF is the official aid and international development charity of the Catholic Church in Scotland. It works in sixteen countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America to help the poorest in the world, regardless of religion, to work their way out of poverty. The St. Mirin's Fund awards small grants for good causes that promote the Kingdom of God among us, with special consideration to: children and young people; the elderly; those with disabilities and special needs; or suffering from poverty, mental illness, homelessness; or refugees.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
P&E Charities	24,806	1,823	3,358	20,516	26,087
No of Parishes Paid	30	11	18	31	28
Annual Totals as a % of 2019 Figure		7%	14%	83%	105%

In our vocations office, we seek to constantly articulate this vision by reminding people that God has a plan for their lives. We support this vision by creating educational and spiritual resources and constantly working on our social media platforms.

Vocations Promotion

Vocations promotion is the more purposeful suggestion of the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life. It's the posters, newsletters, school programs, and retreat opportunities that continually propose the vocation of formally serving God in the Church. Every year we prepare and distribute materials at three points – National Vocations Week (generally in September), our January appeal for seminary applicants and Good Shepherd Sunday (generally in May).

Discernment and Application

The Diocese of Paisley has developed a programme to assist those who are discerning a call to Priesthood. This programme has been adopted nationally. If an enquirer wishes to apply for seminary formally he enters the **PASS** system (Programme of Application for Scottish Seminaries) which consists of a number of residential weekends. Over the years, the Scottish Bishop have asked for more elements to be added to this process. On average the process of PASS costs the Diocese of Paisley approximately £2,000 per applicant.

Seminary Formation

Upon completion of the PASS system, a candidate is then admitted to Seminary. After a propaedeutic period of six months at the Royal Scots College in Salamanca, the student will then study at the Scots College, Rome, for seven years. It costs the Diocese of Paisley, £30,000 a year to train a student Priest.

For more information - contact the Diocesan Vocations Director:

Fr. John Morrison

on 0141 889 5056

or email vocations@rcdop.org.uk

VOCATIONS: A Closer Look

“His teaching made a deep impression on them because He taught them with authority.”

Is the Lord asking you to share in his pastoral love for his people, perhaps in diocesan priesthood, diaconate or religious life?

Priesthood

For most men who apply to become priests the attraction to ordained ministry has been with them for some time. Perhaps they have been slow to reveal this thought to anyone else and have mulled it over quietly in their own mind.

Diaconate

The Permanent Deacon's ministry includes a specific role of preaching and teaching, a degree of leadership in the organisation and oversight of specific activities, especially of charity in the Church, and in the liturgical role assigned to him by Canon Law.

Religious Life

People entering religious life today have the same basic motivation as the hundreds of thousands of religious men and women who have lived this life throughout the history of the Church. Religious life has undergone great changes but the call remains the same: to follow Christ as closely as possible.

In the Diocese of Paisley, Vocations ministry may be separated into four different areas: awareness; promotion; discernment and application; and seminary formation.

Vocations Awareness

Vocations awareness is concerned with making people more aware of the calling they receive in baptism. Many people experience life as an inchoate series of seemingly random events with little direction, purpose or meaning. The Catholic imagination offers a little more! As Pope Benedict famously reflected – *‘Each of us is a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary.’*

Collection Totals By Parish By Year						Increase/ (Decrease) from 2019 to 2023
Justice & Peace					Fund 58	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Christ the King	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holy Family	396	383	183	332	425	29
Our Lady of Lourdes	684	737	244	478	380	(303)
St Aidan	526	452	69	353	401	(126)
St Andrew	538	590	139	366	447	(91)
St Bernadette	155	105	-	-	87	(68)
St Bridget	187	87	-	47	125	(62)
St Cadoc	660	600	225	542	877	217
St Charles	1,065	966	30	302	936	(129)
St Colm	170	149	-	-	124	(47)
St Columba	273	369	-	65	56	(217)
St Conval	433	469	242	301	376	(57)
St Fergus	-	72	96	5	105	105
St Fillan	448	647	224	284	337	(111)
St Francis	-	-	-	413	84	84
St James, Paisley	80	104	104	-	63	(17)
St James, Renfrew	545	610	90	216	195	(350)
St John, Barrhead	1,073	902	408	473	968	(105)
St John Bosco	148	125	-	65	110	(38)
St John the Baptist	649	514	200	358	554	(96)
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,428	1,528	177	1,117	2,174	746
St Joseph, Greenock	456	429	170	168	237	(219)
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	398	526	-	266	410	12
St Laurence	620	618	156	376	525	(95)
St Margaret	425	424	253	425	532	107
St Mary, Greenock	648	658	486	458	1,220	572
St Mary, Paisley	388	-	200	167	373	(16)
St Mirin Cathedral	272	266	171	149	1,041	769
St Ninian	934	976	241	478	748	(186)
St Patrick	648	715	269	387	600	(49)
St Paul	158	144	120	77	94	(65)
St Peter	129	172	50	223	-	(129)
St Thomas	255	372	306	347	407	153
Justice & Peace	14,791	14,707	4,850	9,239	15,011	218
No of Parishes	30	30	25	29	31	
2020 figure as % of 2019 Figure 99% 2021 figure as % of 2019 Figure 33% 2022 figure as % of 2019 Figure 62% 2023 figure as % of 2019 Figure 101%						

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Collection Totals By Parish By Year					
Papal & Episcopal Charities					Fund 67
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Christ the King	333	-	-	130	494
Holy Family	519	83	210	305	390
Our Lady of Lourdes	1,026	-	-	899	1,393
St Aidan	732	49	-	461	1,246
St Andrew	542	645	435	537	780
St Bernadette	285	-	-	505	386
St Bridget	386	-	8	290	-
St Cadoc	2,600	-	345	1,653	2,042
St Charles	1,585	232	4	1,021	1,374
St Colm	-	-	-	-	-
St Columba	549	-	28	145	368
St Conval	558	-	-	657	727
St Fergus	83	-	-	83	150
St Fillan	643	-	-	732	991
St Francis	1,620	-	5	537	773
St James, Paisley	-	-	-	116	-
St James, Renfrew	530	-	85	610	790
St John, Barrhead	1,632	64	192	767	1,141
St John Bosco	270	35	-	850	409
St John the Baptist	731	15	324	727	1,043
St Joseph, Clarkston	2,235	193	303	-	4,780
St Joseph, Greenock	882	228	223	517	235
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	407	-	-	647	772
St Laurence	1,072	-	-	1,381	834
St Margaret	663	-	244	980	913
St Mary, Greenock	780	-	260	791	-
St Mary, Paisley	490	-	84	639	447
St Mirin Cathedral	-	-	-	1,839	1,963
St Ninian	1,500	65	250	1,275	1,166
St Patrick	1,089	214	309	594	794
St Paul	323	-	-	140	277
St Peter	357	-	-	296	441
St Thomas	386	-	50	391	318
	24,806	1,823	3,358	20,516	27,439

No of Parishes	30	11	18	31	29
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2020 figure as % of 2019	2021 figure as % of 2019	2022 figure as % of 2019	2023 figure as % of 2019
Figure	Figure	Figure	Figure
7%	14%	83%	111%

Increase / (Decrease) from 2019 to 2023

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Collection Totals By Parish By Year					
Vocations					94
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Christ the King	194	-	-	-	216
Holy Family	499	116	419	873	361
Our Lady of Lourdes	842	101	994	1,296	822
St Aidan	410	112	842	1,016	426
St Andrew	456	123	854	900	542
St Bernadette	201	16	33	108	168
St Bridget	117	-	61	240	170
St Cadoc	1,675	-	1,285	1,931	1,003
St Charles	1,316	4	477	2,049	1,211
St Colm	214	-	-	-	126
St Columba	389	-	55	236	169
St Conval	552	-	1,060	1,044	492
St Fergus	80	-	199	298	105
St Fillan	658	63	947	975	595
St Francis	1,007	-	1,307	1,446	930
St James, Paisley	88	2	19	213	-
St James, Renfrew	335	-	185	569	207
St John, Barrhead	1,174	20	2,599	1,925	1,540
St John Bosco	205	51	147	329	174
St John the Baptist	740	146	485	1,134	702
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,445	158	604	3,811	2,294
St Joseph, Greenock	525	261	561	547	386
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	-	-	1,349	835	520
St Laurence	659	101	477	1,416	800
St Margaret	596	219	392	981	-
St Mary, Greenock	554	35	1,884	2,431	-
St Mary, Paisley	-	171	303	676	-
St Mirin Cathedral	451	-	1,525	2,950	334
St Ninian	979	1,690	468	1,328	652
St Patrick	843	85	345	1,049	-
St Paul	218	-	158	376	76
St Peter	186	40	272	375	203
St Thomas	420	346	1,082	766	500
	18,028	3,859	21,385	34,121	15,722

No of Collections	1	1	2	2	1 of 2 to date
No of Parishes	31	21	31	31	28

2020 figure as % of 2019	2021 figure as % of 2019	2022 figure as % of 2019	2023 figure as % of 2019
Figure	Figure	Figure	Figure
21%	119%	189%	87%

Increase / (Decrease) from 2019 to 2023

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(2,307)

Collection Totals By Parish By Year					
Retired Priests					76
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Christ the King	348	-	-	229	203
Holy Family	1,480	1,033	641	897	447
Our Lady of Lourdes	2,249	1,698	575	1,195	775
St Aidan	1,528	925	404	771	1,010
St Andrew	1,764	1,180	596	816	552
St Bernadette	632	230	215	184	126
St Bridget	494	92	58	330	280
St Cadoc	1,588	1,575	535	1,542	1,432
St Charles	3,797	1,555	271	1,270	948
St Colm	-	-	-	-	172
St Columba	1,260	588	199	236	155
St Conval	1,916	1,023	755	977	921
St Fergus	347	175	95	188	-
St Fillan	1,815	1,194	1,053	1,183	686
St Francis	2,650	1,166	504	446	589
St James, Paisley	260	48	68	166	136
St James, Renfrew	1,715	615	774	501	249
St John, Barrhead	3,628	1,711	1,336	1,833	2,780
St John Bosco	520	285	95	129	168
St John the Baptist	2,366	1,508	564	1,019	714
St Joseph, Clarkston	4,578	2,406	756	3,090	4,120
St Joseph, Greenock	1,771	1,312	635	747	618
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	2,072	619	210	-	642
St Laurence	2,236	932	752	1,197	787
St Margaret	1,922	947	1,170	893	1,226
St Mary, Greenock	2,277	703	1,012	1,523	1,374
St Mary, Paisley	1,155	1,003	669	690	421
St Mirin Cathedral	2,200	497	735	335	1,182
St Ninian	2,734	1,399	1,482	1,478	1,343
St Patrick	2,419	1,200	1,189	812	836
St Paul	831	663	536	218	263
St Peter	861	1,029	248	533	370
St Thomas	1,244	1,289	1,130	963	832
	56,655	30,601	19,257	26,387	26,357

No of Collections	3	3	2	2	1 of 2 to date
No of Parishes	32	31	31	31	32

2020 figure as % of 2019 Figure	2021 figure as % of 2019 Figure	2022 figure as % of 2019 Figure	2023 figure as % of 2019 Figure
54%	34%	47%	47%

Increase / (Decrease) from 2019 to 2023
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HOLY PLACES

This collection is for the upkeep and repair of the fifty shrines that are dear to Christians and pilgrims the world over; and for the Church's pastoral, educational, social and cultural mission in the Holy Land, including the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Church of Mary and Joseph's homes in Nazareth, Peter's house in Capernaum, the Upper Room of the Last Supper and of Pentecost and the Church of the Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre. This collection is fully remitted to the Commissariat of The Holy Land.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Holy Places	17,907	5,804	3,366	13,685	15,276
No of Parishes Paid	30	27	19	28	20
Annual Totals as a % of 2019 Figure		32%	19%	76%	85%

COMMUNICATIONS

This collection pays for our national Scottish Catholic Media Office which provides a service to the press and media with information on the activities of the Church in Scotland. The office supports two employees.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Communications	16,218	1,716	6,762	11,664	3,138
No of Parishes Paid	33	19	28	31	6
Annual Totals as a % of 2019 Figure		11%	42%	72%	19%

Collection Totals By Parish By Year					
Holy Places					Fund 55
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Christ the King	-	-	-	-	315
Holy Family	537	118	234	393	522
Our Lady of Lourdes	510	286	-	358	552
St Aidan	573	144	91	424	-
St Andrew	400	353	430	315	390
St Bernadette	115	-	35	270	144
St Bridget	111	95	-	141	165
St Cadoc	1,380	220	225	538	1,292
St Charles	1,245	10	46	760	1,068
St Colm	-	-	-	-	167
St Columba	297	70	-	39	244
St Conval	507	-	-	602	500
St Fergus	90	64	-	-	160
St Fillan	479	312	-	237	474
St Francis	667	588	-	370	773
St James, Paisley	-	43	9	100	-
St James, Renfrew	545	80	-	341	278
St John, Barrhead	920	333	-	555	971
St John Bosco	325	70	35	-	25
St John the Baptist	735	106	156	467	-
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,817	205	242	2,383	2,601
St Joseph, Greenock	425	377	200	368	552
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	377	-	-	-	415
St Laurence	533	331	376	555	684
St Margaret	619	80	412	394	208
St Mary, Greenock	534	282	-	634	-
St Mary, Paisley	502	291	10	360	320
St Mirin Cathedral	753	-	178	1,290	1,518
St Ninian	1,156	648	358	763	874
St Patrick	922	112	181	543	662
St Paul	266	247	88	101	181
St Peter	302	261	60	135	367
St Thomas	265	80	-	250	576
	17,907	5,804	3,366	13,685	16,997

No of Parishes	30	27	19	28	29
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2020 figure as % of 2019 Figure	2021 figure as % of 2019 Figure	2022 figure as % of 2019 Figure	2023 figure as % of 2019 Figure
32%	19%	76%	95%

Increase / (Decrease) from 2019 to 2023
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SICK & RETIRED CLERGY

We remember our Sick & Retired Priests of the Diocese with great love and affection. We have twelve retired priests still active in prayer and witness: one living in Rome; two in Peru; two in houses throughout the Diocese; five in parish presbyteries; one in sheltered accommodation; and one in the Residence of the Little Sisters. We thank God for the gift of these priests and keep them in our prayers.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Retired Priests	56,655	30,601	19,257	26,387	19,052
No of Parishes Paid	32	31	31	31	31
Annual Totals as a % of 2019 Figure		54%	34%	47%	34%

VOCATIONS

This collection pays for our Paisley seminarians studying in Rome. Currently we have one student whose seminary fees are £30,000 per year. As well as supporting our seminarian, this collection goes to the upkeep of our Scots College in Rome that welcomes many visitors from Scotland as a place of hospitality for Scots in Rome.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Vocations	18,028	3,859	21,385	34,121	13,641
No of Parishes Paid	31	21	31	31	21
Annual Totals as a % of 2019 Figure		21%	119%	189%	76%
Only 1 Collection in 2019 and only 1 of 2 in 2023 so far					

TESTIMONIAL: Helen and John McAleer (Amanda's parents)



This is our daughter Amanda celebrating her 50th birthday with her SPRED group. Amanda is the eldest of our four children. She has cerebral palsy and a learning disability. She is one of a loving family with three siblings. As a consequence of her disabilities, however, she didn't ever seem to get opportunities for activities that her sister and brothers had on offer outside family life! She was always lucky to have good and caring teachers at school, and, after leaving school, she has been fortunate, mainly through a postcode lottery, to attend very good day and respite services provided by the local authority. Amanda had no real friends of her own until SPRED came into her life over twenty years ago!

The first time we walked into the SPRED Centre in Paisley, we knew that they had something which you just couldn't buy. A group of volunteers welcomed Amanda warmly. Many of those same volunteers are still her friends today in the group, twenty years on! SPRED is a place of safety and love, which allows Amanda to celebrate her faith with her friends in a way that most of us can only remember as innocent children! What wouldn't we give to have that faith again?

When Amanda goes to her group, she is welcomed as Amanda. For us, this is as near to a wee bit of heaven on earth as we will ever experience. We hope that with your support, SPRED can grow and include many more individuals like Amanda.

Collection Totals By Parish By Year					
Communications					Fund 49
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Christ the King	162	-	-	67	161
Holy Family	395	117	280	431	275
Our Lady of Lourdes	626	100	252	610	616
St Aidan	371	100	106	348	305
St Andrew	444	113	224	240	408
St Bernadette	190	17	77	114	153
St Bridget	171	-	20	87	125
St Cadoc	1,000	-	532	518	520
St Charles	1,055	4	5	1,162	859
St Colm	165	-	-	-	67
St Columba	364	-	45	95	244
St Conval	476	-	290	337	403
St Fergus	81	-	66	95	-
St Fillan	551	15	295	306	-
St Francis	830	-	403	464	558
St James, Paisley	98	2	47	79	-
St James, Renfrew	518	-	175	38	181
St John, Barrhead	1,022	10	748	653	1,024
St John Bosco	196	45	14	123	107
St John the Baptist	534	121	181	337	482
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,128	155	218	1,276	1,967
St Joseph, Greenock	425	204	188	176	-
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	424	-	-	314	481
St Laurence	638	-	-	677	667
St Margaret	506	65	-	360	410
St Mary, Greenock	695	45	595	861	-
St Mary, Paisley	463	164	227	150	-
St Mirin Cathedral	296	-	346	-	-
St Ninian	796	-	475	791	538
St Patrick	722	87	257	364	-
St Paul	197	-	106	112	-
St Peter	195	50	162	169	135
St Thomas	486	303	429	310	442
Communications	16,218	1,716	6,762	11,664	11,129

Increase /
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No of Parishes	33	19	28	31	24
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2020 figure as % of 2019	2021 figure as % of 2019	2022 figure as % of 2019	2023 figure as % of 2019
Figure	Figure	Figure	Figure
11%	42%	72%	69%

PETER'S PENCE

This is the practice of the laity to provide financial support to the Holy See to allow the Holy Father the means to respond to those suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Normally Catholics around the world contribute roughly £70M annually through this collection. The US is the biggest contributor at 30%, followed by Italy, Germany, Spain, France, Ireland, Brazil and South Korea. This collection is fully remitted to the Apostolic Nunciature.

Collection Totals By Parish By Year					
Peter's Pence	2019	2020	2021	2022	Fund 70
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022
Christ the King	-	-	-	38	-
Holy Family	447	126	795	406	-
Our Lady of Lourdes	679	258	86	462	-
St Aidan	401	378	184	347	271
St Andrew	513	349	264	241	-
St Bernadette	180	10	45	203	-
St Bridget	107	-	5	100	70
St Cadoc	820	328	274	585	384
St Charles	1,305	173	85	1,303	-
St Colm	149	-	-	-	-
St Columba	312	60	49	103	-
St Conval	428	202	401	554	469
St Fergus	122	60	40	63	-
St Fillan	554	-	340	419	-
St Francis	900	451	200	500	-
St James, Paisley	71	68	4	93	-
St James, Renfrew	545	15	185	101	-
St John, Barrhead	1,125	194	238	593	822
St John Bosco	100	61	55	92	-
St John the Baptist	747	35	200	402	-
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,446	291	289	1,697	1,617
St Joseph, Greenock	484	304	239	299	-
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	419	-	-	493	384
St Laurence	533	635	651	-	731
St Margaret	711	35	239	-	460
St Mary, Greenock	751	374	681	1,035	-
St Mary, Paisley	-	270	151	305	-
St Mirin Cathedral	351	-	265	1,072	-
St Ninian	903	-	474	689	644
St Patrick	710	137	264	410	-
St Paul	175	153	155	122	59
St Peter	188	288	237	139	-
St Thomas	239	181	198	266	312
	16,413	5,435	7,293	13,132	6,223
No of Parishes	31	26	30	30	12

Increase /
(Decrease)
from 2019 to
2023

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2020 figure as % of 2019 Figure	2021 figure as % of 2019 Figure	2022 figure as % of 2019 Figure	2023 figure as % of 2019 Figure
33%	44%	80%	38%

TESTIMONIAL: Michelle Macaulay (Carla's mum)



My daughter Carla is 10 years old and just beginning her journey in SPRED. Growing up in a devout Catholic family I have always been aware of SPRED. Over the years we attended SPRED Masses and heard appeals and always felt it was something Carla could benefit from. My gran, at the young age of 93, also encouraged me to reach out but Covid happened. Then, when my father was diagnosed with a serious health condition, I suddenly felt the urge to get Carla involved with SPRED.

I contacted Norma who came to our house to meet us and Carla. I wasn't sure what to expect if I'm honest or even if Carla would be able to attend SPRED. But Norma put me at ease and her personal experience really shone through, she was one of us, an additional support need (ASN) parent who knew exactly how we felt.

Carla has since attended some sessions at the SPRED Centre at St Peter's in Paisley and we were beyond impressed. It's a fantastic purpose-built facility, and really does house the heart of Jesus in it. The calmness and peace were overwhelming.

My daughter is very challenging at times but the Holy Spirit was definitely present, I could feel it in everyone in the room. The volunteers are fabulous, the kindness and love in their hearts shone through. I was delighted to see the inclusive nature with all sorts of complex needs children there.

Our ASN schools are mainly non-denominational therefore our children don't always get the opportunity to have Jesus brought to them, this is why SPRED is vital. The joy that coming to SPRED brought to them was very evident. Everything is adapted to their level and it's wonderful that there's a place our children can be included in God's plan to share in his love. We as a family are very excited for Carla now and with the support of her school, Isobel Mair, more Catholic families are joining our mission to bring Jesus to our children.

We can't thank SPRED enough already and look forward to Carla's lifelong journey in SPRED getting to know Jesus.

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Collection Totals By Parish By Year					
SPRED					88
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Christ the King	143	159	-	-	228
Holy Family	557	777	137	317	359
Our Lady of Lourdes	809	1,044	105	503	936
St Aidan	534	1,123	134	276	494
St Andrew	627	1,222	181	327	416
St Bernadette	130	244	-	30	193
St Bridget	199	135	-	66	120
St Cadoc	1,170	262	150	588	679
St Charles	1,843	1,757	66	246	998
St Colm	296	8	-	-	126
St Columba	346	359	25	-	82
St Conval	982	800	358	484	358
St Fergus	114	153	10	85	120
St Fillan	615	800	24	476	683
St Francis	1,392	1,029	-	411	317
St James, Paisley	42	143	2	2	109
St James, Renfrew	771	559	80	146	199
St John, Barrhead	1,487	1,387	196	716	1,047
St John Bosco	125	233	-	60	192
St John the Baptist	820	604	181	303	575
St Joseph, Clarkston	2,264	2,177	136	1,109	1,847
St Joseph, Greenock	754	1,101	201	186	415
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	80	514	-	64	489
St Laurence	508	533	80	466	638
St Margaret	1,240	1,197	262	376	486
St Mary, Greenock	1,173	894	768	410	984
St Mary, Paisley	888	621	118	176	359
St Mirin Cathedral	2,802	1,348	117	954	-
St Ninian	1,737	1,394	-	684	621
St Patrick	1,500	1,182	258	314	781
St Paul	501	509	52	78	116
St Peter	412	551	65	91	237
St Thomas	467	707	330	379	331
	27,327	25,523	4,037	10,321	15,537

No of Parishes	33	33	25	30	32
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2020 figure as % of 2019	2021 figure as % of 2019	2022 figure as % of 2019	2023 figure as % of 2019
Figure	Figure	Figure	Figure
93%	15%	38%	57%

Increase / (Decrease) from 2019 to 2023

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PRO-LIFE (Day for Life)

This collection helps the Diocese support pro-life causes with half of the funds collected going to the Bishops' Conference pro-life fund.

“The right to life means allowing people to LIVE; not to be killed; allowing them to GROW; to eat; to be educated; to be HEALED; and to be permitted to die with DIGNITY.” Pope Francis

Collection Totals By Parish By Year					
Pro-Life					Fund 73
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Christ the King	-	-	-	-	-
Holy Family	395	121	267	408	-
Our Lady of Lourdes	799	310	186	567	-
St Aidan	349	163	174	375	-
St Andrew	520	155	304	415	-
St Bernadette	150	10	17	22	-
St Bridget	170	7	-	55	-
St Cadoc	-	-	332	391	-
St Charles	1,142	32	-	748	-
St Colm	-	-	-	-	-
St Columba	323	-	56	90	-
St Conval	598	300	393	491	-
St Fergus	-	-	107	50	-
St Fillan	388	107	530	121	-
St Francis	719	-	250	193	-
St James, Paisley	66	9	46	82	-
St James, Renfrew	510	-	166	163	-
St John, Barrhead	-	302	750	1,089	-
St John Bosco	135	58	53	25	-
St John the Baptist	756	220	214	456	-
St Joseph, Clarkston	1,402	152	230	1,720	-
St Joseph, Greenock	441	233	242	226	-
St Joseph, Wemyss Bay	-	-	-	-	-
St Laurence	694	-	-	554	-
St Margaret	595	342	334	471	-
St Mary, Greenock	946	140	586	982	-
St Mary, Paisley	344	155	215	131	-
St Mirin Cathedral	324	183	152	362	-
St Ninian	966	127	571	767	-
St Patrick	661	270	430	401	-
St Paul	130	110	122	78	-
St Peter	249	113	259	163	-
St Thomas	437	425	602	306	2
	14,208	4,043	7,589	11,900	2

Increase / (Decrease) from 2019 to 2023

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No of Parishes	27	24	27	30	1
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2020 figure as % of 2019	2021 figure as % of 2019	2022 figure as % of 2019	2023 figure as % of 2019
Figure	Figure	Figure	Figure
28%	53%	84%	0%

THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA



This provides practical and pastoral care to seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race through port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors. They welcome, offer welfare services, advice, practical help, care and friendship. Founded in Scotland, the Apostleship is now part of an international network known as *Stella Maris* that works in 250 ports around the world. Ninety per cent of world trade is transported by ship but the life of a modern seafarer is dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their families and working in harsh conditions. This collection is fully remitted to the Apostleship of the Sea.

MISSION SUNDAY (Missio)



Missio Scotland is the Scottish branch of the Catholic Church's mission aid agency. This enables missionaries to help communities in need through grassroots projects. They build and maintain hospitals, schools and seminaries, care for people in need and act for justice in the developing world, regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. This collection is fully remitted to the Apostleship of the Sea.

SPRED: A Closer Look

"In SPRED I feel that I belong and everyone is my friend."



I was asked.... can you give an overview about SPRED for a financial appeal? Doesn't need to be too long.... good I thought!

However, I'm now sitting in front of my computer in a bit of a quandary as to where to start to give you an insight to a Ministry which has been in the Diocese of Paisley for over 32 years!

Anyway, here goes... SPRED (Special Religious Development) exists because of our Catholic Faith's belief in the Right to Life and inclusion for all.

SPRED facilitates this belief by being the bridge to enable those, with additional support needs, be affirmed for their own giftedness and dignity. The SPRED method used recognises their own faith, at a level of understanding for them, resulting in enriching their celebration of Mass, the Sacraments, their parish communities and beyond.

We are a family who, through friendship and love of God, supports and shares our life's journey of faith.

Throughout our Diocese, there are 20 SPRED groups with over 200 participants and whilst our vision and mission for the future is commendable the reality is it takes financial support to continue our work. So, I'm asking you if you will please consider giving us this help?

I hope you enjoy reading the testimonies, from the heart of parents, and I thank you in anticipation of your support.

Norma Scott (SPRED Director)

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DIOCESAN APPEALS

SPRED

Our Paisley Diocese SPRED offers people with learning disabilities: a personal friend who takes time to share life and faith, spiritual nurture in a small community of faith; and a sense of belonging to a parish community. Out-with Covid-19 restrictions twenty-one SPRED groups meet in our church halls and special needs schools, allowing two hundred parishioners to come together in faith and friendship to share and experience God's love. Paisley SPRED supports three employees.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
SPRED	27,327	25,523	4,037	10,321	15,522
No of Parishes Paid	33	33	25	30	32
Annual Totals as a % of 2019 Figure		93%	15%	38%	57%

SPRED FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS



In SPRED I feel that I belong and everyone is my friend.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS CALENDAR



2023

Vocations 2	10th September
Mission Sunday (Missio)	22nd October
Education	19th November

2024

Justice & Peace	7th January
Sick & Retired Clergy 1	21st January
SPRED	11th February
SCIAF & Papal & Episcopal Charities	10th March
Holy Places	29th March
Vocations 1	21st April
Communications	12th May
Sick & Retired Clergy 2	19th May
Pro-Life	16th June
Peter's Pence	23rd June
Apostleship of The Sea	14th July
Vocations 2	8th September
Mission Sunday (Missio)	20th October
Education	17th November

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