



FAITH IN THE FUTURE

Interim Report
2017-2018

Dear Friends

It is my pleasure to present to you the Faith in the Future Programme for 2017-2018. I hope that you will find it a useful introduction to the four major projects we are actively fundraising for in the years ahead. The work of the Bishops' Conference is wide ranging but in these four areas of work, we hope to make a significant impact in the life of the church in our countries. In a particular way, I would like to thank Archbishop Peter Smith who coordinates the fundraising work in the Conference Secretariat.



We launched the **Parliamentary Internship Project** over 10 years ago and this continues to be a shining example of giving young people an insight into the workings of Parliament and our Catholic agencies, as well as introducing them to the importance of the position of faith in the public square.

The **National Office for Vocation** is a key instrument in the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, and religious life across our land. Not only this, they are points of focus for Youth Sunday and World Youth Day, celebrations which have been shown to have a profound impact on the lives of young people in discerning a vocation within the church. The training of "vocations guides" and liaising with the Conference of Diocesan Vocations' Directors is also part of the work of this office, offering support to those walking alongside men and women seeking the Lord's way for them in this life. This aspect of the life of the Church will be given increasing attention in the immediate future as the next Synod of Bishops will be on the theme "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment".

The **Art of Dying Well** project was launched in November 2016 to much acclaim in the secular press. What this project renews in a 21st century way is the ancient *ars moriendi* of the medieval church. It helps people to understand that death is not something to be sanitised and feared, but planned for and embraced in today's world. It also aims to present a counter position to the ever present threat of the legalisation of assisted suicide in our society, showing that there is a different more spiritual path that people can travel.

Prison Ministry is increasing in importance as the church offers a voice calling for reform for the prison system in the country. Independent research has found that prisoners value Catholic chaplaincy very much and the numbers of prisoners seeking to develop their own understanding of faith and prayer grows year on year. The newly produced resource *Faith Inside* is an invaluable tool in supporting men and women in this faith journey.

These projects are part of the main focus of the work of the bishops over the next few years. To those who donate regularly to our work, I would like to express my gratitude and ask that you continue to support us. For those who may be interested in supporting one of these projects then I would encourage you in your generosity. Giving at any level is received with genuine gratitude and without your help we would not be able to make our voice heard through this work supporting the vulnerable and needy and those who speak the Gospel in the public square.

May God bless you all with his goodness

Yours sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Vincent Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President
Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Faith in Politics: The Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Programme

The need

In a society increasingly fragmented and febrile, the long term need for political leadership of people rooted in intellectual and spiritual formation who are deeply attuned to meeting human needs is greater than ever. The Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme was launched in 2003 to help meet this need by offering a unique one year experience to potential future leaders in political and public life who are rooted in their own Catholic identity.

This scheme is a recognition by the Bishops of the importance of the lay vocation to political and public life, and they have continued to support the programme and help it grow.

The response

The Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme provides eight recently graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Four interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, one in a parliamentary support role within the Secretariat, two in public policy and social action with CAFOD and CSAN, and one in a media internship with the Catholic Communications Network (CCN). In addition to educational work experience, all of the internships also involve individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the year. Each intern will take part in an intellectual formation course in Ethics and Catholic Social Teaching, run by the Bishops' Conference, as well as exploring the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action through a series of events.

Alumni of the scheme have long voiced a desire to take this work forward beyond the year of the internship, and into the many and diverse areas in which we work. In order to achieve this, a Young Professionals' Network (YPN) has been set up as a forum which gives young professionals a chance to meet and debate within a context of Catholic Social Teaching current issues in public affairs.

“A real highlight of the scheme was the ways in which it addressed the role of my faith. For the first time, my faith, my social life and my professional life were intertwined.” *Faith Anderson, 2015-16*

“I really enjoyed doing the work on criminal justice a lot this year, I feel like this is a very important area of work for CBCEW and really enjoyed joining up my research here with the trip to Feltham YOI with Fr Roger. Having the opportunity to see and meet the people we are working for was inspiring.” *Helen Rodger, 2015-16*



“Retreats at the beginning, middle and end of the year provided invaluable time for pause and a welcome respite from the demands of work.” *Rebecca Cross, 2015-16*

“The placement has been invaluable, and has given me the opportunity to work in Parliament, something it’s unlikely I would have been able to do otherwise. Working in Parliament has been a unique and challenging experience, and one I have really enjoyed. It has given me excellent opportunities for personal and professional development, greatly increasing and improving my skills in working life, through being involved in national campaigns, constituency level work, and the day to day life of an MP in Parliament.” *Tom Burke, 2015-16*

The scheme costs approximately £17,000 per intern per year. These costs enable us to pay for accommodation, an allowance, a suitable education programme, and a series of visits. Securing this sponsorship enables us to offer internships entirely on a basis of who can benefit most from the experience with no financial barrier to entry. The scheme is overseen by Bishop John Arnold of Salford, and managed by Mr Greg Pope.

In 2016 we have decided to supplement the internship, given the growing body of alumni, with the Young Professionals' Network, which is based in London and which meets four times per year. The Young Professionals' Network has running costs of £1500 per year. The creation of this group enables us to keep in touch with internship scheme alumni and foster a wider and deepening community.

The details

The fundraising requirements are as follows:

Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship = £17,000 per intern x six interns annually (Two of the internships are funded externally)

Young Professionals' Network = £2000 annually

	2017	2018	Total
Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme	£102,000	£102,000	£204,000
Young Professionals' Network	£2000	£2000	£4000
Total	£104,000	£104,000	£208,000

Total amount required for 2017-18 = £208,000

The National Office for Vocation

The need

In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council brought a new insight into the common baptismal vocation of all into the life-blood of the Church. Since then the Church has proclaimed a vocation for all the baptised: single, married and priests and religious. This universal sense of vocation is fundamental to each of us as Christian people.

In 2002 a National Office for Vocation was established with a two-fold remit: to further promote the understanding of vocation in the whole Church; and to encourage particular vocations, especially to the priesthood and religious life. Bishop Terence Drainey has the Episcopal oversight of this office, working in collaboration with its Director, Fr Christopher Jamison OSB.

The five years up to 2015 have been a fruitful time for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in England and Wales. 2010 saw the largest number of men entering seminary in 10 years and 2014 saw the largest number of women entering religious life in 25 years. Currently about 100 Catholic men and women a year enter formation for priestly or consecrated life in England and Wales.

The response

The background to this situation is the shift from recruitment to discernment, a shift that involves helping everybody to discover their vocation. This shift was formalised in the first National Vocations Framework (2012 to 2015) which set out to develop this understanding of vocation, to communicate it more effectively and to offer more opportunities for discernment.

This strategy was devised and supported by the National Office for Vocation (NOV). The total cost of supporting the Framework and running NOV over three years was £250,000.

Looking ahead, the Bishops' Conference has approved the second National Vocations Framework (2016 to 2019). This is based on the insight that God calls Christians to love through following Jesus, through a way of life and through work; the way that a person puts these three together is their unique vocation. With this starting point, the new Framework invites the Church:

- a to foster discipleship by celebrating all the vocations in a parish;
- b to help people overcome their reticence to speak about their vocation, particularly enabling discussion about marriage, priesthood and consecrated life;
- c to ensure that every parish or deanery offers individual and group vocation guidance opportunities, information about priesthood and consecrated life, marriage preparation courses and support for those called to the single life.

To help people begin the journey of achieving these aims, NOV is now focussing on enabling parishes, deaneries and dioceses to run a local Vocations Week at a time of their choosing during 2017.

The details

Research for the Vocations Week is already being supported by a generous pro bono gift of expertise from a market research and communications agency. We now need funding for the Vocations Week resources to keep costs to a minimum for parishes and to support the wider of NOV over the next three years.

The fundraising requirements are as follows:

	2017	2018	Total
NOV Office costs	£70,000	£70,000	£140,000
NVF Video productions (one-off payment)	£16,000	-	£16,000
NVF resources for 1,000 parishes (one-off payment)	£50,000	-	£50,000
Training courses for 3x 20 Vocation Guides (one-off payment)	£24,000	-	£24,000
Total	£160,000	£70,000	£230,000

Total amount required for 2017-18: £230,000



The Art of Dying Well

The need

Our society has trouble with death. In many contexts it is not talked about, and when a terminal illness comes unbidden the effects can be devastating. The needs are not only for those who are dying, but also their friends and relatives, those caring for the dying in a professional context, and people who are surviving death, or battling a life-threatening disease.

One of the most important ministries of the church is to help people prepare for death, and to offer comfort and solace to those affected. In medieval times this role of the Church was known as the *Ars Moriendi* – the Art of Dying Well. In a very secular society there are many people who instinctively sense that Church has something important to say to them about facing death, and there are many Catholics who also seek and need comfort and inspiration. Alongside the vital pastoral support offered by priests and people, the need which this project seeks to meet is to offer an *Ars Moriendi* for the digital age, by providing in one place online a suite of pastoral, practical and spiritual resources which can bring in a small way healing, comfort and solace.

The response

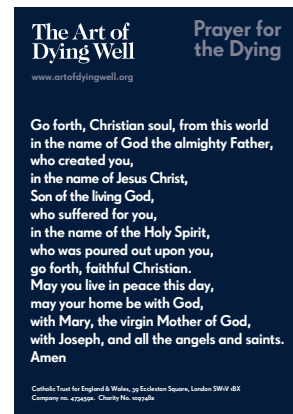
With an initial donation of £150,000, The Art of Dying Well project has been created and launched on 1 November 2016. The centrepiece is a website (www.artofdyingwell.org) which will offer “*hopeful accompaniment for the human journey*”. The site is firmly underpinned by Catholic spirituality, while also being accessible and meaningful to those of all faiths and none.

Start-up funding has enabled us to create an outstanding new website led by real-life stories, depicted across thirty short videos which accompany each article on the site. The website also features photography, an animation depicting a good Catholic death, and in-depth resources, including a prayer anthology, as well as links to useful external websites.

To complement and help promote the website, we have developed a social media strategy that encompasses the following three elements:

- The Art of Dying Well Instagram account will host a virtual memorial wall, called ‘Remember Them’. We will invite people to post pictures and memories of a loved one who has died or is dying which will then be shared with a number of convents and abbeys who have undertaken to pray for those listed.
- Our dedicated Facebook and Twitter accounts will be the primary avenues through which we actively participate in the national conversation around death. From these platforms we will post updates on our own website, as well as interact with other social media influencers to raise the profile of the Art of Dying Well, and encourage a positive engagement with the subject of death in everyday life.

This ongoing development of resources for the site has enabled nascent relationships to be established with key stakeholders within the palliative and ‘death-positive’ communities. In turn, these relationships have enabled a growing understanding of some of the potential opportunities for scaling the project over time.



The details

The initial start-up funding has enabled us to not only develop the website but also to allocate part time staff time until mid-2017 to expand its reach and plan for the next phase. We are now seeking funding for this second phase of work to focus on the significant development of the site and our digital media presence, supported by an extensive publicity and relationship-building programme linking the resources available to a range of stakeholders working in palliative care, care homes, hospices, and others.

It is also envisaged that a video diary series will be created and published on the Art of Dying Well YouTube channel. First-hand story-telling and lived human experience will help to disseminate the message and bring the insights of the website to life.

We are therefore seeking second phase funding of £200,000 to enable a £100,000 spend per year over two years to take forward this development. This would include a full time digital manager role (£40,000) together with creating new content for the website, including animation, and a publicity programme (£60,000).

This project is overseen by an excellent reference group under the chairmanship of Bishop John Sherrington. The group includes: Professor Eamon Duffy (Historian, Cambridge University), Dr Kathryn Mannix (Palliative Care Consultant), Fr George Bowen, Professor David Jones (Anscombe Centre).

The fundraising requirements are as follows:

	2017	2018	Total
Digital manager	£40,000	£40,000	£80,000
Publicity programme	£60,000	£60,000	£120,000
Total	£100,000	£100,000	£200,000

Total amount required for 2017-18 = £200,000

Support for Catholics in prison

The need

Out of a prison population of 85,000 there are approximately 15,000 men, women and young people registered as Catholic. Their pastoral needs are met by a network of Catholic chaplains and lay volunteers at the local level who are in turn supported by their dioceses and by the principal Catholic prison chaplain. There are a number of practical pastoral needs at the local level which require a response from the principal Catholic prison chaplain at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Mgr Roger Reader, the Principal Catholic Prison Chaplain, works closely with Bishop Richard Moth who holds the Conference portfolio for Prisons.

The response

One of the simple but profound pastoral needs is for suitable prayer materials. In 2016 the principal Catholic prison chaplain compiled a special version of Morning and Evening Prayer for prisoners, modelled on the breviary, to help prisoners in their daily spiritual life. Over 20,000 copies have been distributed so far free to prisoners, and there is evidence in every prison of its active use.

The initial print run was made possible through a donation of £15,000 which has been spent on the printing and distribution of the booklet. A commitment has now been made to include a regular reprint each year as part of the core activities of the Bishops' Conference. This will allow the maintenance of the free distribution of Morning and Evening Prayer to prisoners. A special icon has also been created for distribution to prison chaplaincies to commemorate the Year of Mercy. Funding is also needed to reproduce the prayer card for ongoing distribution.

In addition, new catechetical resources are being created with the help of Redemptorist Publications. An initial donation of £12,000 has paid for the design costs. We are seeking a further donation of £10,000 for printing and distribution of the leader's pack to all prisons, and a further £10,000 in 2017 and 2018 to run suitable training courses. The aim is to raise funding at the local level through parishes and deaneries for prisoners to purchase copies of Faith Inside to use in local prisons. Over time, local funding will replace the seed funding we are seeking to raise now at the national level.

The details

The fundraising requirements are as follows:

	2017	2018	Total
Training courses for prison Catechists	£10,000	£10,000	£20,000
Faith Inside – Catechetical resource (one-off payment)	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
Total	£20,000	£20,000	£40,000

Total amount required for 2017-18 = £40,000



Governance and due diligence

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is the permanent assembly of Catholic bishops in these two countries. It is an expression of the collegiality of the Bishops. Through it they proclaim the Gospel to the people of England and Wales.

All the Bishops of England and Wales meet together twice a year to decide policies for the Church at a national level. These week-long gatherings occur soon after Easter and in November.

Each committee of experts dealing with a specific area of concern for the Church is chaired by a Bishop. Committees are grouped into departments for practical purposes. Each of the projects in this document is the responsibility of an individual Bishop.

The administration of the Bishops' Conference is funded by a levy on each diocese, varying according to its size. A General Secretariat in London co-ordinates and supervises the Bishops' Conference administration activities.

General Secretariat

The General Secretariat of the Catholic Bishops' Conference has responsibility for overall administration of the Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW).

CaTEW was established by the Bishops' Conference as the main civil law vehicle through which its activities at a national level are carried out.

CaTEW is a registered charity (No. 1097482) and also a company limited by guarantee (No.4734592) incorporated on 15 April 2003. It took on the assets, liabilities and operations of various predecessor bodies. Its governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Its principal aims are to promote the Catholic religion, primarily but not exclusively in England and Wales, and to support the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, its agencies and offices. The Bishops themselves are the members of the company, and therefore both own it and appoint the Board of Directors.

The CaTEW Board brings together clergy and lay people with relevant experience and expertise to oversee the efficient and effective administration of the Trust, and to ensure that through its activities it gives effect to the policy decisions and intentions of the Bishops of England and Wales.

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Internal Accountability

The work of the Fundraising Department is overseen by the CaTEW Fundraising Reference Group, which meets approximately four times a year. All grants from fundraising sources are based on value for money. CaTEW's policy is that (a) grants be applied to a specific project so long as this is achievable, or to general funds at the donors' request; (b) the grant beneficiary should provide evidence of the project and its progress; and (c) the relevant department will review the outcomes of the project.

The annual costs of the fundraising function are apportioned to each project on a pro-rata basis.

Grants issued to projects through CaTEW are made through the CaTEW board and are subjected to scrutiny and due-diligence. Details of CaTEW's policy and process are available on request.

Reporting to Donors

Donors to CaTEW receive a regular update on the progress of Faith in the Future in addition to an annual detailed report on particular projects supported. The CaTEW Annual Accounts can be supplied to donors upon request.

CaTEW Bank details

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