

Our Ref: CH/JC

16 March 2022

Dear Father

Re: Catholic Care Annual Appeal 2022

This year Catholic Care's Annual Appeal in parishes across the Diocese of Leeds will take place over the weekend of **26/27 March 2022**.

We have all experienced a very difficult couple of years in so many ways and it has been no different at Catholic Care with a number of daily challenges. One of these has been trying to support a huge increase in need, particularly with children and families, against a backdrop of almost negligible fundraising. The donations raised through the Annual Appeal are vital to Catholic Care enabling the Charity to continue its mission and develop its services, particularly those in our communities which reach out ever further to help those most in need living amongst us.

We do not have any specific envelopes this year as we are asking for donations via the collection plate. If people would like make a Gift Aid donation please ask them to visit the Catholic Care website where they can make a donation via **Just Giving**.

Prior to the Annual Appeal Weekend I will email out to you 'A *Celebration of Our Year 2021*' - a review of the year highlighting the work of the Charity. I would ask you please to share this with your parishioners via your parish website, notice board in church, or by whatever means you have available.

As is usual, Bishop Marcus will issue a Pastoral Letter to be read out in parishes over the appeal weekend.

This year we are using the raising of the Charity's profile over the Appeal Weekend to launch **Catholic Care Parish Representatives**. Catholic Care would very much like to work closer with parishes so we can deliver our services at the heart of the community to give support to those who need it most. We have a good relationship with parishes across the Diocese of Leeds and we would like to build on that relationship through having a **Catholic Care Parish Representative** in each parish.

These Parish Representatives would promote the work of Catholic Care across the Diocese and especially that which we currently do to support people in your community. They would also engage with parishioners to find out how Catholic Care can support the parish in providing services, or supporting existing services parishioners would or do really value. If the past 2 years of pandemic have taught us anything it is that people want to do their bit to help and to give something back to make the world a better place. The role of Catholic Care Parish Representative also provides people with the opportunity to follow Catholic Social Teaching by putting their faith into action.

All Parish Representatives will be given basic training and full support from Catholic Care.



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Please find attached a Parish Representative Information Sheet

As part of the Catholic Care Annual Appeal 2022 please could you advertise this role within your parish via any platforms you use.

We look forward to growing our relationship between Catholic Care and your parish.

As Catholic Care's Parish Representatives will be representing their parish they will need to get permission from you as the parish priest.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact us:

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On behalf of Catholic Care I thank you most sincerely for your parish's most valuable continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Hill
Director

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