

Parish of Bangor, Member of Ards Pastoral Community

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FIRST SUNDAY of LENT, 5/6 March 2022

Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on **Monday 7th March 2022** and on every Monday thereafter. Two people are required per hourly session to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended. Should you wish to volunteer please contact the Parish Office to agree a Rota.

To begin with, Adoration will last from after Morning Mass until 4.00pm with the intention of prolonging it later until 9.00pm as heretofore subject to there being sufficient adorers on the rota. Obviously as always individuals and families will be welcome to drop to the Church to worship the Blessed Sacrament.

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The Synod 2021-2023 – Listening Process

Quote from the handbook: "In this sense, it is clear that the purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission (PD, 32). Thus the objective of this Synodal Process is not only a series of exercises that start and stop, but rather a journey of growing authentically towards the communion and mission that God calls the Church to live out in the third millennium." *Found on the Vatican website.*

Cards containing 4 Questions were offered on Ash Wednesday to each person to fill in. These questions when answered should be left back to the parish office. Please find the a copy of the original card online under the page 'Bulletin'.

- Q1. As a Diocese we aspire to 'Open wide the doors of the Church to all without exception'. Who finds welcome and support for their Christian journey and who might feel left out?
- Q2. Every baptised person is called to participate in the mission of the Church. How is dialogue and participation in the life of the Church enabled and how is it hindered?
- Q3. We are called to mission; to put our faith into action. What enables or hinders us in speaking up for the Gospel and acting courageously in society?
- Q.4 What steps is the Holy Spirit calling all of us to take at this time?



BANGOR PRAISH PODCAST

You can listen to the Parish Podcasts by clicking on the audio files on the website or by searching for

"Parish of Bangor Podcast" in the apple or google podcast

Apps. Then subscribe to our channel so that you will receive all the latest podcasts straight to your device.

Mass is Live Streamed and can be accessed via the Parish Website

www.bangorparish.com

FULL COPY OF THE SUNDAY MISSALETTE CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH WEBSITE UNDER "NEWS"

This is a 8 Page Bulletin so please scroll down!

Your prayers are requested for

Month's Mind:

Gerard Finnegan (Derry)

Anniversaries:

Margaret McAnulty, John Smyth, Mary Anderson, Rory O'Kelly, Brendan O'Reilly, Kathleen McMahon, Sarah Doherty, Patricia Gray, John Brannigan, Joseph & Betty Kelly, Sarah O'Hara, May McLaughlin, Jim Reilly, James Williamson, Ann Owens, Brian McCartan, Lily Conlan, John Conlan.

**St Vincent de Paul
Helpline 077 0367 9384**

Bethany Bereavement Support Group
we are here to support and listen.
Confidential. **075 1085 2157**

BAPTISM REGISTRATION

Evenings only until further notice at 7pm.
Wednesdays and Thursdays.
Please register online SIDE BAR under
'Sacramental Preparation'

PRAYING WITH THE ICONS

under **The Four Saints** found in
'Parish Today'

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

For all children not attending
Catholic Schools.



1ST PENANCE & HOLY COMMUNION –

Classes to be held in the Parish
Centre on

Sunday mornings at 9:15 starting in
November 2021.

Please register by contacting the parish
office by email stating the Child's(rens)
Name(s), Primary School, Year Group
and Age.

CONFIRMATION 2022 - Confirmation
Classes will be starting on 23 January
2022 – Please register by email to the
parish office Email:
bangor@downandconnor.org

SUNDAY MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH, DONAGHADEE

Sunday 6th March @ 9.00am

ST COMGALL'S CHURCH BRUNSWICK ROAD

Saturday vigil 5th March @ 6.30pm

Sunday 6th March @ 10am & 12noon

1st Sunday in Lent

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

ALL MASSES ARE SUBJECT TO DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.

*Please note that the Covid sanitising regulations have not changed
and will continue to be strictly observed.*

DAILY MASS NEXT WEEK – 7th to 11th March

Morning Mass: Monday to Friday at 9.30am

During Lent there will be Evening Mass:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7.30pm

[may be changed at short notice due to a funeral]

We have a number of Masses including funerals recorded.
These can be accessed when you click on the link below:

www.churchservices.tv/bangor

Diocese Directories on sale from Sacristy - £4

The Society of St Vincent de Paul offers practical and confidential help to those in need
throughout the North Down Area. We know it can be hard to ask for help but please,
if you need help call us on **our Helpline: 077 0367 9384.**

To help us to help others you can make direct payments to Conferences Bank Account.
St Comgall's, Allied Irish Bank. Sort Code 93-82-03. A/C No is 25302098.
Most Holy Redeemer Ballyholme, Allied Irish Bank. Sort Code 93-82-03. A/C No. 06885061.

Donations can also be made to SVP Giving Page at www.svp-ni.co.uk. If you are a UK income tax payer please
consider Gift Aiding your donation, which will enhance your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you. Gift Aid
forms are available on the Parish website, or on request, via SVP Helpline number, as above.

The Society wishes to thank you for your tremendous response to our Annual Appeal, on the theme of "Impossible
Choices" Through your generosity St Comgall's Conference were able to assist over 150 families in the month of
December, and Most Holy Redeemer Conference Ballyholme provided assistance to 108 families and individuals over the
same period To include those donations enhanced by Gift Aid, the Appeal raised over £10,000. We thank you on behalf of
the Society, and on behalf of those we assisted.

The Society is always on the lookout for new Members, and if you are interested and can spare a few hours
per week please speak to a Conference Member, or leave your name and contact number on the Helpline and
we will return to you promptly. You will be warmly welcomed and full training will be given.

***We can now accept donations of Good quality furniture –
please call our Helpline or speak to a member of the Society.***

Storehouse North Down - Storehouse continues to help St Vincent De Paul provide non-perishable food for those in need. Storehouse welcomes donations of foodstuff at their premises, 12 Balloo Avenue, Bangor on Mondays and Thursdays between 10.00am to 3.00 pm. Cash donations are also very acceptable.

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT – 5 & 6 March 2022

Lord Jesus, you have said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.' I come to you in faith and trust, in love and hope. Let me know your closeness to me and your care for me and for all who are dear to me.
My intention: Hear my prayer (*mention intention*); grant what I ask, and may I always trust that in all that happens in life, you will be close to me as my friend, guide and saviour. And so, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Penitential Act: I confess to the almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PRAYERS AT HOLY COMMUNION

Spiritual Holy Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and
I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you have already come,
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.
composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

ANIMA CHRISTI

Prayer to the Most Holy Redeemer

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
From the evil enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
and bid me to come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you
for age upon age. Amen

CALENDAR OF SAINTS DAYS

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2022

Sunday 6th March 1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT	Thursday 17th March Saint Patrick, Principal of Ireland
Monday 7th March Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs	Friday 18th March Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor
Tuesday 8th March Saint John of God, Religious / Saint Senan, Bishop	Saturday 19th March Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 9th March Saint Frances of Rome, Religious	Sunday 20th March 3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT
Friday 11th March Saint Aengus, Bishop & Abbot	Monday 21st March Saint Enda, Abbot
Sunday 13th March 2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT	Wednesday 23rd March Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop

FRIENDS OF SAINT COLUMBANUS

Dear Friend of Columbanus, The launch of the Columban Way/Turus Columbanus took place last weekend in Co Carlow. Many thanks to FoCB member, Charlie Reid and his wife Rachel, who represented us at the launch. On behalf of FoCB, Charlie delivered a short speech (see attached photograph) to congratulate our Southern colleagues on the successful development of the start of the pilgrim route in Ireland. Please see attached report below from Charlie about the event.

I know that some of you would have liked to travel to Carlow for the launch but were unable to do so due to other commitments and the bad weather that was forecast for the weekend in the form of Storm Eunice. If there is enough interest, I will organise a trip for members to visit Carlow in early summer at the end of May or beginning of June. If you are interested, please let me know.

Deborah Girvan, Chair of Friends of Colmbanus Bangor

Visit the link below to the Irish Independent to read the story of Paul McGrath, former Irish international footballer, who officially opened the Columban Way/Turus Columbanus.

<https://www.independent.ie/news/its-not-about-where-you-are-going-but-the-journey-itself-paul-mcgrath-on-how-walking-helps-his-mental-health-41365917.html>

The Columban Way starts in Co Carlow on a 1,400 foot high saddle between Mount Leinster and Slieve Bawn in the Blackstairs Mountains. The starting point is marked by a Cairn modelled on a beehive cell similar to those which still stand on the exposed peak of Skellig Michael far out in the Atlantic. There is a large monastic bell set into the monument similar in form to the smaller bells Columbanus and other journeying monks would have carried to summon the faithful and act as a focal point for the new churches they founded on their extensive travels.



The Way was officially launched on the 19th February 2022 on a fine, bright breezy day sandwiched between the passing of Storms Eunice and Franklin. After the official launch at the Columbanus Cairn, a large group of about 70 walkers of all ages and abilities set off gently downhill along a single track road which hugged the mountain slopes giving great views west over County Carlow. The route was extremely well waymarked with a combination of brown tourist finger posts, granite stone pillars and recycled resin waymark posts. The first section runs 6 miles along quiet public roads to the attractive village of Myshall which is also rich in Columban connection and ecclesiastical history. Apart from one short section the route was all downhill losing around 1000 feet along the way, with mountain scenery giving way to commercial forestry and then farmland and country lanes.



At Myshall community hall soup and sandwiches were provided for the walkers, and old friends and new were able to relax and discuss future outings along the Columban Way. Charlie and Rachel Reid

Prayer Online: Come and join us at... www.soulparemission.com Who are we? We are a new interactive prayer website created by Jacinta Crockford DipTH, Spiritual Director living in Down and Connor. What's on offer? A variety of PDF meditations on Mother Teresa, St John Paul II, Ignatius Spirituality to name but a few. Lots of content to Dive into! There you will find - Podcasts on Faith, Friendship & Knowledge; Rosaries, Prayers and Marian Consecration. Come and join us and be part of the prayer movement online!

Saturday at 4.30pm (live) Rosary and later **Saturday at 8.30pm** I will be leading prayer with Eucharistic Adoration on the Catholic Internet TV – Shalom World.org Just click on the following link to access this time of prayer. www.swprayer.org Please be assured that I will be including all the parishioners and their families during this live Eucharistic Adoration.

Knock Shrine - Daily Masses continue to be broadcast on the Knock Shrine website and Facebook page at 12 Noon and 7.30pm, with Rosary at 7pm. Sunday Mass is broadcast at 12 noon, Rosary at 2.30pm and Mass at 3pm. For further details, please see www.knockshrine.ie

Right To Life UK has launched a [tool](#) (the tool will be taken live at 12pm on Friday 4 March) on our website which enables members of the public to easily contact Peers. If you could attach the message below in your church newsletter, website or social media pages, that will help us to get the word out on this important issue.

Stop new abortion threat

Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP now. It only takes two minutes. In light of this news, we'd like to further encourage your support, and ask that you continue to include us in your prayers.

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND "There are very few men who realise what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves entirely to his hands." (St. Ignatius of Loyola) Join us at the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, from Friday 11 – Sunday 13 March 2022. You are invited to take this opportunity to carve some time out of your busy schedule, in order to listen to what God might be saying to you and what He might be calling you to. It may be that He is calling you to serve as a priest in His Church. If you wish to attend this weekend or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien Tel: 02890614567; Email: vocations@downandconnor.org

"Patrick Kavanagh – A Poet for Spring" with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD

hosted by Drumalis via Zoom from 11:00 am – 12:15 pm (9 & 16 March 2022)

"As we embark on the season of spring, we celebrate in poetry the way Kavanagh senses the stirrings of his soul as the earth comes alive in Spring. His liturgy of the seasons enhances his poetic pilgrimage from Monaghan to the Grand Canal." (Una Agnew SSL) Suggested Donation: £30 per person. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28272196/28276455 or email drumalis@btconnect.com

South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust

Carer Support Service

Are you an unpaid carer who cares for a family member of friend?

You are invited to come along to the Carer Support Service Carer Hub in Bangor.

When: 1st Wednesday of every month

Where: North Down Community Wellbeing Hub, Main Street

Time: 10.30 – 1pm

No need to book, just call in at any time during the morning for carer information advice and guidance. Join us for tea/coffee and scones, we would love to meet you.

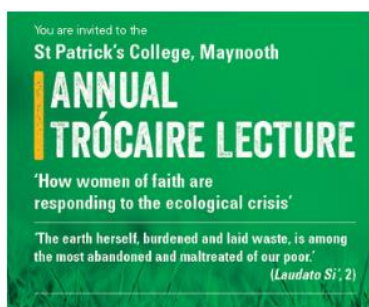


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1. Online at www.trocaire.org.
2. By phone: 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI),

You can register here on this link for our workshops-

<https://forms.gle/jbb8mxLt8t1NpSzU8>



Dr Carmody Gray (Assistant Professor of Catholic Theology at University of Durham) and **Lucy Vokhiwa** (Chairperson of Catholic Women Organisation, Archdiocese of Blantyre, Malawi) will co-deliver the keynote address.

International Women's Day, 2022
Tuesday, 8 March, 7 p.m. GMT

This is a free online event and registration is essential

Please register using this link:

<https://trocaire.org.zoom.us/j/859M-zzRS5n4awZc6WdQ>



Trócaire

In preparation for these workshops- please have a look at our resources for Lent on our parish page; <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/len-2022/>

REFLECTION DAYS AT SMA DROMANTINE

Sun. 6th March 9.30am - 5.30pm

'A Lenten Day of Reflection' provides time and space to reflect and pray on Lenten Themes in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter.

Led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA.

Cost (including full lunch) £35/E40

'The Wonder of Creation: the Miracle of Life'

Fri. 11th 5pm – Sun. 13th March (2pm)

Message of Hope and challenge in a Planetary Emergency.

In contemplating the wonder of our Common Home and current threats to its integrity, we will explore an ecological vision in responding to the cry of the poor at this time of unprecedented planetary change.

Led by Sr. Nellie Mc Laughlin RSM

Cost: including full board £220 / E260

Tel.(028)30821964

email:admin@dromantineconference.com

DROMANTINE CONFERENCE NEW WORKSHOP 2022 - BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place: TEL: 028 (048 from ROI) 3082 1964

EMAIL: admin@dromantineconference.com

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short-term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life and say the following daily prayer. **PRAYER:** "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."



Please find the information below for your Parish bulletin. The Living Church office will be facilitating the Lenten programme, 'No Greater Love' over Zoom for this Lent.

NO GREATER LOVE

Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. Why not join **Living Church** as we reflect together over Zoom on the final moments of Jesus' life. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, **No**

Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guide us through the final hours of Christ's life. Over 5 weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. At each session there will be the opportunity to meet others from across the Diocese to pray, share and reflect together. There are 5 online sessions – one for each week of Lent which will lead us into Holy week. To book your place on our online program please e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org

There are 6 options for you to choose from:

Monday 14th March at 11am or 7pm

Tuesday 8th March at 7:30pm

Wednesday 9th March at 7:30pm

Thursday 10th March at 11am or 7pm

We are delighted that the **2022 Church of Ireland Theological Lecture at Queen's University**, Belfast, will be given by renowned scholar, theologian, author and communicator, Professor Alister McGrath. Professor McGrath is the current Andreos Idreous Professor of Science and Religion in the Faculty of Theology and Religion at the University of Oxford, and the title of his address is 'Theology: Why it matters to the academy and the churches'.

The lecture will take place on **4th April 2022 at 6pm** in the Isdell Courtyard at Riddell Hall, 185 Stranmillis Road, Belfast, with reducing covid restrictions permitting, tea & coffee on arrival from 5.15pm.

More information can be found on our website

<https://thehubelfast.org/2022/02/22/tickets-available-for-theological-lecture-at-queens-2022/>

Of you can do directly to reserving seats here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/theology-why-it-matters-to-the-academy-and-the-churches-tickets-261838825977>

We would love to see you there, and please feel free to share the invitation or publicity found on any of our social media channels (simply search for 'The Hub Belfast') with others.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/629759561452493>

Icon Painting Workshop Knock, Co. Mayo

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting

September 26 - October 1, 2022

Alexian Brothers Monastery
Knock, Co. Mayo



The Alexian Brothers Monastery is excited to welcome back master iconographer Theodore Papadopoulos! Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodore Papadopoulos from Greece. This Virgin Mary icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are a beginner or an advanced artist, you will be able to follow the instructor for an outcome of a beautiful icon.

Your tuition fee of €480 includes all materials.
Space is limited. Please register early to secure your spot.
The Alexian brothers have excellent accommodations.

For registration and more information visit the website
www.theodoreicons.com/knock
or contact Theodore Papadopoulos at: theodoreicons@gmail.com

Preparing for Marriage? Catholic Engaged Encounter

A Marriage Preparation course is planned for **9/10 April 2022** in **The Drummond Hotel**, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This 2-day **non-residential** course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

Could you provide a long term foster home for Paul*?

We are looking for a two adult household who can offer Paul a long term foster home.

Paul is a happy, gentle and loveable 12 year old boy. He has blonde hair, blue eyes and is of slight build. Paul has poor eyesight and is registered blind and has limited mobility.

Paul has Down syndrome and has global developmental delay, which limits his understanding of the world around him. Paul is very happy when he is around those he is familiar with. He recognises their voices and will respond by smiling or giggling. Paul loves to cuddle up with his foster family and know that they are near him.

Paul's foster carers will receive:

- ✓ full training
- ✓ fee of £39,000 per annum plus fostering allowances

Read more about Paul here:

<https://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/could-you-foster-paul/>

We are hosting 2 information sessions for anyone interested in caring for Paul.

Face to face information event

📍 Waterfoot Hotel, Derry

📅 Tuesday 1 March

🕒 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Virtual information event

📅 Wednesday 2 March

🕒 7.30pm – 8.30pm



The banner features the HSC logo and a smiling sun icon. Text includes 'Northern Ireland Adoption & Foster Care', the phone number '0800 0720 137', the website 'adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net', and social media handles for Facebook (@HSCAdoptionAndFosterCare) and Twitter (@HSCAdopt_Foster). Below the main banner is a purple bar with four icons and labels: 'Working Together' (two people), 'Excellence' (star), 'Openness & Honesty' (speech bubbles), and 'Compassion' (heart).

Open to anyone across Northern Ireland email your name, postcode and telephone number to:

info@fostering.hscni.net **not his real name*

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<https://www.acnireland.org/n-donate>

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Bibles and Catechisms for Young Venezuelan Catholics

VENEZUELA IS GOING THROUGH A CRISIS. THE CHURCH IS DETERMINED TO STAY CLOSE WITH THE PEOPLE DURING THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES AND GROW THEIR FAITH. ACN HAS HELPED PROVIDE ONE DIOCESE WITH THOUSANDS OF BIBLES AND CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS. By ACN Staff

Bibles and Catechisms for young Venezuelan Catholics/ (Credit: Aid to the Church in Need)

For several years now, Venezuela has been going through a crisis almost without parallel – a crisis only further exacerbated by the pandemic. **Nearly 80% of the country's approximately 33 million citizens suffer extreme poverty, and many live in hunger.** There is a dire lack of basic necessities, including water, electricity and fuel, making life almost impossible in many regions of the country. On top of this, there is galloping inflation. **Some people survive only thanks to support from relatives abroad. In contrast, others find themselves forced to turn to illegal activities – which in turn has led to a widespread increase in organised crime and drug trafficking.** Meanwhile, at least 5 million Venezuelans have simply left the country.



Bibles and Catechisms for young Venezuelan Catholics/ (Credit: Aid to the Church in Need)



Today, the Catholic Church is almost the only body in Venezuela that is still standing resolutely by its suffering people. Not only by providing practical support, wherever possible, but also – conscious of the need to bring hope to struggling souls and above all to the young – by **helping to prepare them, from a perspective of Christian faith, so that they can work for a better future for their country.** For there are many people who have a deep hunger for the Word of God.

Bishop Juan Carlos Bravo Salazar of the Diocese of Acarigua-Araure wanted to be able to equip the young people in his diocese with the necessary tools to be able to grow in their faith, from a solid moral and spiritual foundation, and find the strength in their relationship with God to be able to help shape the future of their country. To this end, **he asked ACN to send him 2000 copies of the Bible and 496 copies of the Youth Bible. He also asked for 480 copies of YOUCAT,** the youth catechism

based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church that is designed for young people and young adults, which presents the most important fundamentals of the Catholic faith in a simple and easy-to-understand question-and-answer style. **His aim was to deepen and intensify the catechetical outreach in the parishes – with additional online facilities available especially during the time of the pandemic.**

Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, we were able to provide the necessary **€15,546** to fund the project and meet the bishop's request. As it happens, Bishop Bravo Salazar was recently appointed to another diocese, but he has nonetheless written to thank us: *"Thanks to the Bibles and the YOUCAT, we have been able to begin a marvellous task. We would like to thank you once again for the help you have given us in providing the faithful with a better religious instruction, since we are all called to help build up the Church of Christ. We give thanks to God for the goodness He has shown through each and every one of you and we pray that He may bless you all abundantly."*