

# Enabling Our Mission Campaign

The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham



Following on from the announcement at Mass this past weekend, we are pleased to share that Bishop Patrick has invited our parish to take part in the **Enabling Our Mission** campaign over the coming months.

This fundraising endeavour aims to make our Diocese and its parishes more outward-looking and missionary-focussed. Through this initiative, the Diocese will also strengthen our communications and improve accountability to both clergy and laity. The three key priorities are:



- Equipping our priests and lay leaders with the tools and resources they need to lead a move to mission



- Alleviating the ever-growing administrative workload of clergy



- Responding effectively to the local requirements of parishes and helping laity grow in their faith

## Campaign progress



Launched in Winter 2024



32 parishes engaged to date



Over £2 million received in pledges



100% of the funds raised are held in a restricted bank account and can only be spent on the three priorities



Many parishes are already receiving their share of the funds, directly benefitting their communities

## Helpful information

The following provide an insight into the campaign so far:

- [Hear from Fr Andrew Cole and Fr David Cain](#) about what the campaign meant to them
- [Canon Matthew speaks of his experience](#)
- [Enabling Our Mission Impact Report](#)

## Case study

Fr. David Cain led the initiative across his two worshipping communities last year, raising £205,473 from 71 families and exceeding their £190,000 target. He said, *“Without doing the campaign, we would not have had a chance of raising our parish share of £80,000. Thank you to everyone that has supported.”*

The parish used a portion of the funds raised (supplemented by a successful application to the Mission Enabling Fund) to run a five-day summer camp for 50 children from the Holy Family community, teaching them about missionary discipleship through activities like dance, crafts, and sports.

## Next steps

In the weeks ahead, all parishioners will be invited to:

1. Reflect on how you might support this effort
2. Be open to learning more
3. Pray for the success of the **Enabling Our Mission** campaign

Your decision can help ensure our parishes and our clergy are provided with adequate support for years to come.

# Frequently Asked Questions



## Why is this campaign needed now?

Despite the many challenges we face, our Church is changing and evolving in exciting ways. If we are to support our communities and become more missionary, then we must ensure we have the resources to do it.

Additionally, we need to alleviate the ever-increasing workload our priests must contend with, so they can focus on delivering the word of God.

Finally, this campaign will also enable us to stabilise income in our parishes and provide an opportunity for growth.



## How will the Diocese deliver this campaign?

It is expected that the campaign will finish before summer 2026, having taken just over two years.

Due to the size and nature of this endeavour, we have retained the services of a professional firm who can provide the level of expertise and practical support needed to ensure success. They have many years' experience in running similar campaigns and will be supported by the Curia, helping us to build our own internal capacity.



## Does the Diocese not have funds that could be used?

The Diocese is very grateful for the ongoing support and sacrifices our parishioners continue to make. However, Mass numbers continue to steadily decline, and many parishes are finding it hard to survive. Our annual diocesan offertory has decreased by nearly £1.5 million since COVID-19.

We need to be able to generate additional funding to help these parishes and to achieve our vision of becoming more missionary. This campaign will enable us to plan for our future.



## Is this similar to other campaigns the Diocese has run in the past?

Unlike the previous campaign for Sick and Retired Clergy, this initiative is focused on helping our Diocese to become more missionary, through supporting parishes and mission focused projects.

Furthermore, the campaign will support a commitment from the Diocese to increase communications (through regular updates), showcasing the impact your support has had.



## Who do I contact if I have any further questions?

If you have any further questions about the **Enabling Our Mission** campaign, please contact your parish priest or get in touch with the Campaign Office by email at [enablingourmissioncampaign@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:enablingourmissioncampaign@dioceseofnottingham.uk)