

NEWSLETTER



THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' FOUNDATION

Greetings everyone. This is the first issue of the Foundation Newsletter to keep in touch with all of you and keep you abreast with what is happening in the Foundation.

The Foundation was formed in 2010, registered with SARS in 2011 and permitted by SARS to issue section 18(A) certificate for tax relief to donors.

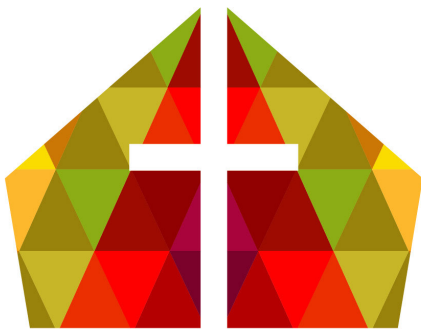
After five years, in January 2015, the Trustees decided to re-launch the Foundation as it had become forgotten by the public. Fr. Barney McAleer was appointed to the task of bringing it once more into the public awareness. In the last five months of this year, 2015, we have been slowly building up the support group of the Foundation, particularly in the Johannesburg area. The strategy adopted for this initial re-launch was to build up a cohort of 1000 Catholics who were willing to make a commitment by means of a debit order of R100 a month. This is not a lot of money in today's economy. But it would yield an amount of R100,000 on a monthly basis.

Because of the registration with SARS, 75% on money accruing must be used on education, social and humanitarian projects or on what we in the Church call "Catholic Social Action". For example, in April, following on the Xenophobia attacks in the Durban area, R100,000 was donated to the Diocese of Durban for the relief of the victims of the xenophobia. The diocese of Durban runs two refugee camps, particularly for the refugees from the Great Lakes area of Africa. Those refugees from Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe can easily get a bus home if they so wish. It is much more difficult for others from further away.

By becoming part of the Foundation you have a personal participation in the charitable work of the Church. It is your Church. You can be proud of what the Church is doing.

I know that everyone is pressurized for time and so I do not want to write a long spiel. As we go along I will share other news. God bless you all. Fr. Barney

From the desk of Father Barney



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Cardinal Napier and Fr. Barney at the moment of the handing over of R100,000 for the support of the victims of xenophobia. The diocese of Durban has two centers for the refugees of the xenophobia violence, especially those from the Great Lakes region of Africa. Fr. Peter Lafferty and Hupenyu Magusha of the Durban Hurley Institute are the responsible people for the refugee operation.

