

# THE BISHOPS FOUNDATION

## *Newsletter*



Greetings everyone. We are already into the month of March. It is like yesterday since Christmas. January and February seem to have flown away in the wind overnight. Getting back to work, settling children back to school, facing the challenges of the new year, all combine to keep us busy and so the time flies by and suddenly we are in March and Easter is on the horizon.

It has been a busy time also for the Foundation. Twenty five new names have been added to the list of members. The income for January was R70 000 and the income for February was R145 000.

That was due to a number of large deposits by people who asked for Section 18A certificate for SARS when completing their returns for the 2015-2016 Tax Year.

I should remind everyone that as well as a Section 18A certificate the Foundation also offers a BEE compliance certificate.

The list of the Beneficiaries for 2015 was published in the last new letter. We disbursed R500 000 to a number of organizations needing support.

Looking forward in this year of 2016, I appeal again to each one of you to be a recruiting agent and try to enrol at least one other member. A grateful word of thank to those of you who did so. Remember that it starts in the family, a son or daughter, a brother or sister, whoever, anyone who is working and able to make a donation should be approached to support the charitable outreach of the Church. At present we are in the process of buying water tanks for the diocese of Aliwal North which has been badly affected by the drought. Aliwal North is a very rural Xhosa speaking diocese to the south of Bloemfontein. It only has 16,000 Catholics. The vast majority of wage earners leave to work in the major urban cities like Johannesburg and Cape Town. They leave the old folk and children at home so there is little income for the diocese.

We are also in the process of updating and re-launching the Foundation. We will keep you informed as we go along.

Fr. Barney for the Executive Committee.



From the desk of Father Barney McAleer