



THE  
CATHOLIC BISHOPS'  
FOUNDATION

2016  
(PROJECTS)



# What is the Bishop's Foundation and what is its purpose?

The Foundation is a legally-registered body set up by the Catholic Bishops with a board of Trustees appointed to manage the money donated to it. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial support to a number of charitable projects that request funding from the Bishops. Our aim is to support organisations and individuals involved in strengthening the Catholic Church in Southern Africa through Catholic Social Action which in turn, strengthens the impact of the Catholic Church in Southern Africa and abroad.

# Why should I make a donation and does it count?

Every parish and every diocese has its own specific needs and projects to be supported. The Foundation's aim is to support projects on a national level rather than a local level. Individuals, groups, organisations, even non-Catholic groups appeal from time to time for assistance and the Foundation's aim is to create a fund so the Bishops can support these requests. The Foundation gives you the opportunity to share the charitable work of the Church nationally.

You **ARE** the Church. It is your support that ensures the Church will be there for you and your family - now and in the future. The Church as an institution needs your support and it is your opportunity to bless others as you have been blessed by the Lord. It is your opportunity to share special way in the work of the Church which basically is to build the Kingdom in the minds and hearts of people.



# Roman Catholic Women's Shelter

TZANEEN



In 2016 the average number of women at the shelter on any given night has been between 60 and 70 with an average of 20 minor children. The numbers fluctuate depending on the time of year and seasonal work on the farms.

Many of the women are traumatized due to being robbed or molested on their way to South Africa. The majority are extremely poor and they come to South Africa with the hope of getting piece jobs to support their families back home. Half of the R25 000 donation from the Foundation was used as a deposit for 58 new mattresses.

# Dominican School for the Deaf

CAPE TOWN

The school is situated in Wynberg, a residential area with little greenery. The donation from the Foundation (R50 000) enabled the school to re-plant a field and install an irrigation system. Quoting from the Principal, Mrs Lucinda Rutter “the beneficiaries are the learners. It gives them an opportunity to play on a soft surface among the concrete jungle of the school. The different surface allows for learners to walk, run, and play on something different to the rest of the school.

Boarders living in the hostel can have a picnic or sit outside and relax on the grass. It can also be used by the staff for fundraising activities such as a tea garden or sports activities.”



# St John the Baptist Old Age Home

PRETORIA



The Foundation provided R30 000 for the building of a Lapa for the old folk. They used to sit and relax under two large trees but both trees fell during a heavy storm. There are 60 old people in residence and during the week another 30 or so locals come to join in the activities and have lunch, three times a week. Social interaction has improved immensely since the arrival of the lapa.



# Wendy House, McTaggerts Camp

KEIMOES-UPPINGTON



Due to a shortage of space a Wendy House was erected on the Church property to enable Mrs Cecelia Erasmus to tend to a number of local children who are in need of care. The Foundation donated R30 000 for the project. Presently there are 17 children and now they have a little place of their own where they can meet, eat and be taught catechism.





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# Drought in the Diocese of Aliwal North

The Drought has been severe in the Eastern Cape as whole and in the Diocese of Aliwal they have five centers for vulnerable children where they grow much of their own food. With the drought their little plots dried up. The Foundation provided R50 000 for the purchase and erection of 5 water tanks so that water could be stored and used to irrigate the plots in a sustainable manner.





# Fire Disaster

PLASTIC VIEW - PRETORIA



No doubt many of you read or saw on TV (last July) that there was a fire in an informal settlement called Plastic View near Moreleta Park in Pretoria. Five people burned to death and 300 shacks were burned to the ground. All together 1 600 people were left without a roof over their heads. When I spoke to one of the relief coordinators, she told me that there was a magnificent response in terms of clothes and food from the public but that they were short of toiletries and kitchen ware. So in the name of the **Foundation** I went on a shopping spree with Geraldine Hedley, our accountant, for pots, kettles, frying pans, mugs, spoons, bins, Vaseline, tooth brushes, and toothpaste to the value of R25 000. Women are so much better at this kind of thing than men are.

# Other Beneficiaries

Mercy House for Abused Women (R50 000)  
Ministry of Human Trafficking (R26 000)  
Knights of da Gama and blankets for the Poor in Winter (R25 000)  
Youth Project in the Diocese of Kroonstad (R50 000)  
Evangelisation project in Harding, Diocese of Umzimkulu  
Youth Project at Lourdes Mission in Umzimkulu (R25 000)  
Childline SA (R25 000)  
CWL Pretoria (R25 000)



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Thembelihle, Mthatha (R50 000)  
Fundraising Dominican School (R50 000)  
UMZ Jungle Gym (R26 000)  
UMZ Youth Ministry (R35 000)  
Catechism (R25 000)  
Kokstad Youth Programme (R29 000)  
PE Marian Villa, Vulnerable Women  
Programme (R50 000)

## Thank you...

Greetings everyone, I have just completed my first year being responsible for the Bishop's Foundation. My original aim was 1000 Catholics at R100 a month. It sounded like a practical, achievable goal to get the Foundation up and running. It proved to be more difficult than I had imagined. At present we have 720 regular contributors which really is a good start. If everyone could recruit at least one other friend or family member, we would double our membership. We distributed R750 000 in 2016 among the beneficiaries which you see listed in this book. Looking back over the year, there is no doubt, the Foundation is gaining momentum. I am very conscious of the economic situation, and the demands of Parishes, Diocese, schools and community projects on people's disposal income. Nevertheless, we can't ignore the needs of the less fortunate in the church. I want to thank all those who support the Foundation and assure them that they are included in my prayer time every morning. God Bless you all.

- *Father Barney*

# How to give to the Foundation

## DIRECT DEPOSIT OR EFT

I have deposited my gift of R \_\_\_\_\_ directly into your account:

Name of account: SACBC Foundation  
Name of Bank: Nedbank  
Address: Cnr Andries and Church Street, Pretoria  
Branch: 160445  
Account Number: 1604879564  
Swift Code: NEDSAJ

*For EFT deposits, please use your phone number as a reference.*

## DEBIT ORDER

I wish to sponsor by debit order the amount of R \_\_\_\_\_ from month \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ and each month thereafter until cancelled by me.

Type of account: Current  Transmission  Savings

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Name/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

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