

National Council of Apostolic Work
National President – Mrs Anne Donaghy (Down and Connor)
Vice President – Mrs Mary O'Connor (Armagh)
Secretary – Mrs Catherine Murphy (Kildare)
Treasurer – Mrs Margaret Haughey (Elphin)

Report for 2017 – Full details can be viewed at www.apostolicwork.ie

President's Report

The National Council had four meetings during the year, all of which were well attended. During the year, our nine southern Dioceses raised €282,556 and our two northern Dioceses raised £512,060. I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year, although I have a number of concerns; the lack of involvement of some dioceses particularly in the south and our failure to expand to every diocese in the country. This is particularly important as the number of requests, if we want to continue to see the progress missionaries have made in these countries both in improving quality of life, and their spreading of the Gospel. Also, as we are approaching our 95th year of Apostolic Work an increasing number of our members are getting older, and it is becoming more and more difficult to recruit young people to join our organisation – would it be possible for us to raise more awareness for our work in schools? As many of you will be aware my six years of office is up in May; I have thoroughly enjoyed my six years of being the National President, and I have met so many wonderful people and Priests during that time. I am so appreciative of the support which I have been given over the years, and I want to thank the council for their help and support throughout this time, and I wish to also like to extend thanks to the Bishops and priests for their continued guidance and help throughout the year; also, to the Diocesan Presidents for attending the meetings over the course of the year and for the encouragement they give to the members of branches in their dioceses. Finally, a special thanks to the branch members who give up their time to attend meetings and arrange and attend fundraising events – they are the silent army. Wishing everyone all the best and God bless in the future.

Project for 2017

Our chosen project for 2017 was water. It was agreed after careful consideration that Fr. Patrick Devine (SMA) would receive €7000, Sr. Mary Sweeney (St. Joseph of Cluny Sisters) would receive €7000, and Fr. John Dempsey (Comboni Missionary -, Uganda) would receive €2000. The following Presidents offered to donate financial aid - **Elphin** for Fr Lazarus (Zambia), **Killaloe** to Fr. Guidance (Tanzania), **Galway** to Sr, Anne Finnety (Texas) and **Kildare & Leighlin** to Sr. Noreen McGrath (Cameroon)

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Dioceses	Branches		Active Members	Honourable Members	Income €,
	Sen	Jun			
Dublin	9		50	100	18,683.00
Waterford & Lismore	1		5		7768.30
Kilmore	21		86	260	33,770.81
Killaloe	45	6	100		148,841.30
Limerick	4		20	24	1900.00

Kildare & Leighlin	13	40	60	9500.00
Elphin	9	30		39,941.40
Meath	6	11	8	1000.00
Galway	7	36	200	21,152.00
			TOTAL	€282,556.81
				Income
				£
Armagh	23	200	5000	163,446.00
Down & Connor	63	500	3000	343,819.00
Derry				
	4	25	560	4795.00
			TOTAL	£512,060.00

Sale of Work
 Dances
 Church door collections
 Honorary Members
 Whist drives
 Bingo
 Christmas wreaths – table centres etc
 Coffee mornings
 Cake sales
 Car boot sales
 Making and selling Sr Brigid's Crosses
 Fashion shows
 Sale of knitted chicks for Easter
 Lenten lunch
 Pub Quiz
 Wine and cheese parties
 Concerts
 Charity shop
 Book sales

Financial Aid for Projects 2017

	South €	North £
National Project	9,700	4,500
Education	59,450	92,585

Medical	21,200	35,355
Transport	6,000	11,100
Water, Health, Development	7,000	82,433
Church Building	19,450	58,442
Catechists	33,400	24,440
In House	750	
Aff Fees/Website/World Mission		300
		21,600

Miscellaneous

Total €156,950.00 £330,755.00

Items dispatched to the Missions

Albs	316	Rosary Beads	2512
Alter linens	173 doz	Stoles	374
Purificators	404 doz	Scapular Vestments	132
Corporals	343 doz	Tabernacles	6
Finger Towels	375 doz	Turible & Boat	22
Alter Cloths	385	Vat & Sprinkler	6
Bells	145	Sick Call Sets	48
Boys Surplices	63	Cruets Sets	21
Cope and Veil	12	Candles	36
Crucifix1	49	Holy Water Bottles	10
Chalice	345	Vestments	575
Ciborium	267	Cinctures	203
Divine Office	48 sets	Holy Pictures	208
Lectionaries	3 Sets	Mass Kits	267
Missals	63	Monstrance	39
Nativity Sets	4	Oil Stocks	133
Pyx	361		

Also, many dioceses dispatched medical, surgical equipment, communication and teaching aids, along with children and adults clothing, Wedding Dresses, Bridesmaid Dresses, and Holy Communion Dresses.

Mission Sunday

On Mission Sunday the following either held a Mass or their Annual Display.

Limerick, Galway, Elphin, Armagh, Down & Connor, Kildare & Leighlin, Kilmore, Waterford – Lismore and Killaloe.

Mass for Deceased Members

Mass for deceased members was held in the following Dioceses.

Waterford – Lismore, Kilmore, Kildare & Leighlin, Down & Connor, Armagh, Elphin and Galway.

Retreats

These were held in Dublin, Galway, Elphin, Armagh, Down & Connor, Kilmore and Killaloe. were well attended.

Displays

Dioceses in the South of Ireland hold displays at different times during the year.

They have a mass celebrated by a missionary Priest, a display of Vestments, Mass Kits, Sacred Vessels, Liturgical goods etc. these would be then distributed to the missionary priest also cheques given out for their work on the missions.