

National Council of Apostolic Work

National President – Mrs Anne Donaghy (Down and Connor)

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Treasurer – Mrs Margaret Haughy (Elphin)

Report for 2016 – Full details can be viewed at www.apostolicwork.ie

President's Report

The National Council had three meetings throughout the year, all of which were well attended. Over the course of the year we raised €375387.10 from our eleven southern dioceses, and £463026.75 from our three northern dioceses. Apostolic Work continues to supply missionaries with vital financial and material support; however, our membership has decreased over the past few years, and we are concerned with the lack of involvement in some dioceses. It is our duty to encourage others to join in this amazing work of responding generously to the cry of the poor, and supporting our hard-working missionaries, who work tirelessly to spread the Gospel and to bring justice and peace to many parts of the world. We are entering our 95th year of Apostolic Work, so I ask you to pray that we can increase our membership, so that we can sustain our good work.

We would like to thank Clonliffe College for the continued kindness they have shown us, by allowing us to hold our meetings there. Thanks, are also extended to all of the bishops and priests for their support and guidance throughout the year. A special word of thanks to the branch members who give up their time to arrange fundraising events; and also, the diocesan presidents and branch presidents, whose work is greatly appreciated. I would also like to show gratitude to the members of the council who have given me support during the year. All of our work is done by volunteers, without which we could not complete our work.

Project for 2016

The chosen National project for 2016 was the education of the youth. We received four appeals at our November meeting, and it was decided to allocate €3000 to Fr. J Kennedy (South Africa), €3000 to Fr. Connor Donnelly (Kenya), €5500 to Sr. N McGrath (Cameroon) and €5500 to Sr. J Isobella (Zambia)

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Dioceses	Branches		Active Members	Honourable Members	Income €
	Sen	Jun			
Dublin	9		55	100	20077.77
Clonfert	1		4		6211.00
Waterford & Lismore	1		5		11984.99
Kilmore	19		90	300	32582.83
Killaloe	46			1300	164892.67
Ardagh&Clonmacnoise	1		17	50	9667.45
Kildare & Leighlin	12		62	210	13126.39
Elphin	10		30		35890.00
Meath	6		11		4485.00
Tuam	15		100		54229.00
Galway	7		36	200	22240.00
				TOTAL	375387.10
					Income £
Armagh	24		300	5000	135000.00
Down & Connor	63	14	500	3000	323173.00
Derry					4853.75
				TOTAL	£463026.75

Methods of Fundraising in all Dioceses

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
 Marathons

Financial Aid for Projects 2016

	South €	North £
National Project	12000	4100
Education	46060	123980
Medical	6400	29813
Transport	7700	5115
Water, Health, Development	5200	77892
Church Building	20800	83144
Technology	0	0
Irish Missionary Union	220	200
World Missions Ireland	125	250
Affiliation Fees	410	350
Miscellaneous	3790	11862
Website	200	50

Items dispatched to the Missions

Tabernacles	10
Sick Call Sets	168
Nativity Sets	10
Sacred Vessels	971
Divine Office	49
Stoles	762
Mass Kits	301
Altar Books	81
Altar Linens	278
Vestments Alb's	387
Liturgical Goods	10,076

Also, many dioceses dispatched medical, surgical equipment, communication and teaching aids.

Mission Sunday

Kildare & Leighlin

Displays in many churches and speakers from different branches took part.

Down & Connor

Mass was concelebrated in St. Bernadette's Church, Belfast. t Bishop Farquhar was the main celebrant. Canon Murray presided and 12 missionary's priests. Fr. Brian O'Kane SMA gave the homily and thanked everyone for their financial support and prayers to the missions. This was followed by dinner in the Culloden Hotel.

Kilmore

The annual display and distribution of goods and financial help was given to the missionaries by Bishop Leo O'Reilly who complimented the Apostolic workers for their support to the missionaries.

Mass for Deceased Members

Ardagh & Clonmacnois

In November mass was said for al deceased members and honorary members.

Kilmore

Mass was celebrated by the Spiritual Director Fr. John Mc Mahon on 20th November 2016 in the Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan for deceased members.

Armagh

Annual Mass for deceased members was celebrated by Fr.M Anerly (Spiritual Director) on 8th October 2016. A large crowd attended.

Down & Connor

Annual mass for deceased members was held in Xovier House Belfast on 7th November 2016, and was celebrated by Canon Brendan Murray (Spiritual Director)

Waterford & Lismore

Mass was celebrated for deceased members on 23rd November 2016, followed by a coffee morning.

Galway

Masses for deceased were held in Claregalway and Renmore. Attendance was very good. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Retreats

These were held in Kildare & Loughlin, Down & Connor, Armagh, Elphin, and Kilmore and they 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.