

Easter Sunday, 5th April 2015

Dear Friends

Recent years have seen great changes in the Archdiocese of Dublin. In many ways these have been difficult years, but these difficulties should not cloud the remarkable change for good that is taking place in the Archdiocese.

Parishes and parish groupings have never before been so active. There is a real sense of working together for mission between priest and people, lay and religious. There is a real interest among many in developing a personal adult faith in Jesus Christ as a lifelong process.

The population of the Archdiocese of Dublin is increasing and will continue to increase in the years to come. Our process of change and renewal will have to take on new momentum. If we want the children of the future to be able to experience the joy of the Gospel then we will have to invest in fresh forms of faith education, based in new ways in our parishes.

Today I am writing to you about the *Share* collection which has been taking place at each Sunday Mass now for generations. The progress of renewal that we have made right across the diocese over these years could not have taken place without *Share* and I thank you sincerely for your ready generosity.

In the future we will need new forms of sharing and solidarity to provide services which can resource individual parishes and especially poorer parishes to carry out their functions. In addition to the upkeep and repair of Churches in poorer areas, *Share* supports the central administration of the Archdiocese as it provides vital support in areas such as training in evangelization, financial management, human relations, information technology, child safeguarding and support for our schools. All this depends on *Share* and I appeal to your continued generosity.

With prayerful good wishes

Yours very sincerely
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Domhnach na Cásca 5ú Aibreán 2015

Le blianta beaga anuas tá a lán athruithe le feiceáil in Ard-Deoise Átha Cliath. Is fíor a rá gur blianta an-deacra iad ach ní chóir ligean do na deacrachtaí sin mearbhall a chur orainn faoi na hathruithe suntasacha atá ag tarlú san Ard-Deoise.

Tá paróistí agus grúpaí paróiste níos gníomhaí ná riamh. Tá fíorthuisceint ag daoine idir shagairt agus phobal, - tuata agus baill ord rialta - bheith ag obair as lámha a chéile sa mhísean atá acu. Tá suim mhór ag daoine, creideamh pearsanta an duine fhásta in Íosa Críost, a fhorbairt mar phróiseas saoil

Tá daonra na hArd-Deoise ag méadú agus a leanfaish ag méadú sna blianta romhainn. Is gá fuinneamh nua a chur le próiseas an athraithe agus na hathnuachana atá ar siúl againn. Más mian linn go bhfaighidh daoine óga an todhchaí, an t-eispéireas a bhaineann le lúcháir an tSoiscéil beidh orainn díriú ar mhodhanna úrnua, chun oideachas creidimh a chur ar fáil dóibh inár bparóistí, bunaithe ar chur chuige nua.

Anois tá mé ag scríobh chugaibh mar gheall ar an mbailiúchán SHARE atá ar siúl gach Domhnach ag an Aifreann leis na blianta. Ní fhéadfadh an dul chun cinn san athnuachan atá déanta san Ard-Deoise thar na blianta gan SHARE agus gabhaim buíochas ó chroí libh as bhur bhflaithiúlacht.

Sa todhchaí, beidh gá le bealaí nua dlúthpháirtíochta agus comhroinnte chun seirbhísí a sholáthar, a chabhróidh le paróistí aonair agus go mór mhór paróistí atá níos boichte, chun a gcuid oibre a chur i gcrích. Ina theannta san is gá cabhrú le deisiú na nEaglaisí sna ceantacha bochta. Tacaíonn SHARE le riarachán na hArd-Deoise. Cuireann sé tacaíocht riachtanach ar fáil i réimsí mar, traenáil i soiscéalaíocht, bainistiú airgeadais, daonchaidreamh, teicneolaíocht faisnéise, cumhdach leanaí agus tacaíocht dár scoileanna. Braitheann sé seo go hiomlán ar SHARE agus iarraim oraibh arís bheith chomh flaithiúil agus is féidir.

Le dea-ghuí urnaitheach
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