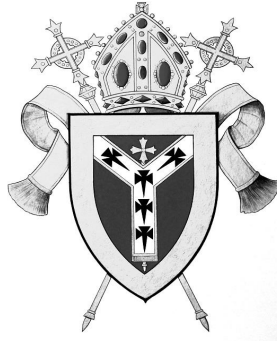


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## **Housing Appeal for Refugees in our Country**

To all clergy in United Dioceses, Hon. Secretaries of Select Vestries, all Principals of Schools, in United Dioceses, both Primary and Secondary, University Chaplains.

In the face of the personal impoverishment of enforced emigration, we who are significantly better off can frequently find that we feel powerless in a world picture that is beyond our grasp. It is in response to this need that a group within the Diocesan Councils has come up with a project partnership on behalf of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough. The Diocesan Review has details of this project which will be carried through in partnership with the Irish Refugee Council (IRC) / Association of Missionaries and Religious in Ireland (AMRI). The Diocesan review article is appended to this letter.

I wish to emphasise that the provision of all this very sizeable new accommodation will have the very positive benefit of not adding even more to the demands of our already existing and esteemed accommodation/homeless Agencies and public services here. Indeed, by supporting this Appeal, these existing services and agencies will have a further and additional heavy weight taken off them and be more "freed up" to get on with further developing their existing good works and services.

The Diocesan group that researched this particular Project undertook some months of extensive research and discussion with a number of our homeless agencies. That group unanimously proposed supporting this AMRI/IRC Project, because it had the double knock-on effect of directly and indirectly benefitting both our own current homeless/accommodation challenges and also all those who will require accommodation from our Reception Centres, and, as refugees, coming to our shores.

**Our aim with this appeal is to raise €100,000 for each of the next three years, starting this year.**

The twin aims of this IRC/AMRI Project are:

1. Accommodation provision being made available in both Dublin and other parts of our country, in support of the Government's accommodation initiative for Syrians.
2. Accommodation provision being made available in both Dublin and other parts of our country for the thousands of people awaiting housing in our Reception Centres, in some cases for a number of years, of whom a third are children.

Appeal funds raised will be used to fund the major renovation and modernization requirements of existing properties that are being generously donated by AMRI.

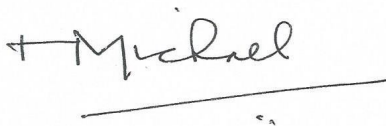
Raising €100,000 in each of three successive years may seem ambitious. However, we are a large United Dioceses with a significant number of parishes and schools and university colleges. We have shown ourselves in the past willing and able to raise in one year €150,000 for the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City. There are so many ways in which monies can be raised: by direct individual and parish and institutional giving; by personal fund raising initiatives, by a range of imaginative and safe sponsorship activities and by coffee mornings and other such tried and tested initiatives. We are also entering the Seasons of Advent and Christmas when there will be Carol Services and other gatherings of people to celebrate the coming of God into the world in the person of Jesus Christ. I wish to encourage you to participate in this Project Appeal, in ways both small and large. I wish also to encourage you to inform Lynn Glanville Diocesan Communications Officer email address [dco@dublin.anglican.org](mailto:dco@dublin.anglican.org) of the initiatives you take so they can be shared on the Diocesan Website and the Diocesan Facebook Page. Monies can be forwarded by cheque to the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough marked "Housing appeal" or directly to the bank account (details below). Donations may attract a tax rebate through the completion of either a CHY3 or CHY4 form.

Christmas is a time in the Bible of enforced migration: "So Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and sought refuge with them in Egypt." (St Matthew 2.14.). Millions of people are today in transit as refugees from the Biblical Lands and elsewhere. This project includes a well-structured opportunity to offer practical welcome to those who will arrive in Ireland in the near future.

I should like to thank you for giving this initiative and appeal your consideration and pray that you will find it in your heart to contribute. I also hope that you will enjoy this in the company of friends, family and community.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

+Michael

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Links to relevant forms on Revenue.ie:

CHY3 and CHY4 forms are downloadable here:

<http://www.revenue.ie/en/personal/charities.html>

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