



Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal

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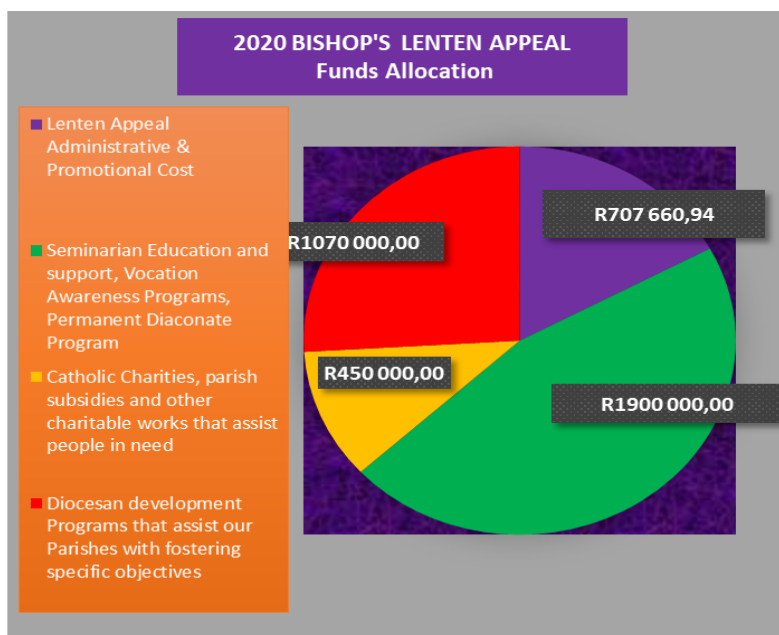
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Dear people of God,

This has been a real challenging year for all of us, two weeks of Bishops Lenten Appeal collections and over 150 days of lockdown on different levels, leaving us now on level 2. This has truly been a hard time for you the laity adopting to use social media for Holy Mass as well. But we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the true dedication shown throughout this pandemic and your commitment shown to being faithful to the Church during this challenging time of the covid-19 pandemic. I thank the Lord for your generosity.

During the first two weeks of Lent our different parishes held their annual collections for the Bishops Lenten Appeal and a total amount of R 3 903 235,27 was collected , which is 39% of what collected last year. For this we are so in debt to you all. As a member here at Khanya House said *we are lucky to have received more than R 500 000*. And yes, I would say we are most blessed by your support shown to the poor and needy and the works of the Church during these difficult days.

With the R3.9 million that we received through your generosity we would like to give you a financial break down as to how we intend to use the money during this coming financial year:



Unfortunately this will leave us with a deficit of - R 224 425, 67

With our Zoom meetings with the different Diocesan Lenten Appeal directors we brought this deficit to their attention and asked that if there was any more money outstanding that this should be forwarded to the Bishops Conference as soon as possible. Below is a list of collections received from the different Dioceses up until the 26th August 2020:

DONATION INCOME	2020	2019	% proportion to last year
Aliwal North	R 24 825,00	R 95 691,55	26%
Bethlehem	R 30 757,60	R 99 942,40	31%
Bloemfontein	R 21 643,20	R 81 123,00	27%
Cape Town	R 801 572,09	R 1 681 043,68	48%
De Aar	R 9 930,00	R 28 982,90	34%
Dundee	R 153 876,45	R 161 281,70	95%
Durban	R 565 910,96	R 1 360 060,85	42%
Eshowe	R 51 439,20	R 102 234,80	50%
Ingwavuma	R 42 603,00	R 70 982,00	60%
Johannesburg	R 652 472,89	R 1 765 989,21	37%
Keimoes/Upington	R 50 000,00	R 240 000,00	21%
Kimberley	R 186 070,00	R 479 755,90	39%
Klerksdorp	R 5 000,00	R 239 050,00	2%
Kokstad	R 88 079,65	R 194 711,45	45%
Kroonstad	R 51 838,30	R 107 391,99	48%
Mariannahill	R 45 217,20	R 371 993,01	12%
Manzini	R 14 554,63	R 49 585,84	29%
Mthatha	R 111 981,10	R 225 582,94	50%
Oudtshoorn	R 55 658,85	R 141 496,30	39%
Polokwane	R 29 170,00	R 128 801,70	23%
Port Elizabeth	R 251 098,10	R 498 132,60	50%
Pretoria	R 271 805,09	R 636 173,00	43%
Queenstown	R 45 872,33	R 126 955,09	36%
Rustenburg	R 85 326,95	R 229 387,05	37%
Tzaneen	R 45 546,00	R 160 187,00	28%
UMzimkulu	R 26 902,00	R 107 503,60	25%
Witbank	R 109 046,50	R 385 472,64	28%
Other(not locatable)	R 8 730,00	R 8 493,70	103%
St John Vianney	R 6 224,40	R 12 070,00	52%
Daughters of Charity	R -	R 3 500,00	0%
FMM Sisters	R 500,00		
FCSCJ-Matikwe Sisters	R 4 000,00		
MFG	R 15 000,00	R 12 000,00	125%
Franco Phone Community	R 5 000,00		
Zim Catholics in SA		R 3 771,00	133%
TOTALS	R 3 867 651,49	R 9 809 346,90	39%
Opening balance	R 16 387,30		
Returned Grant (WTB)	R 25 000,00		
Bank Charges	-R 5 803,52		
Grand Total	R 3 903 235,27		

To conclude this message, I once more, on behalf of the Bishops Lenten Appeal Office and the Bishops of the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference, would like to thank you all for your generous support amidst this pandemic.

With thanks for your generous support

Sincerely in Christ
Bro Ashley Tillek, OFM