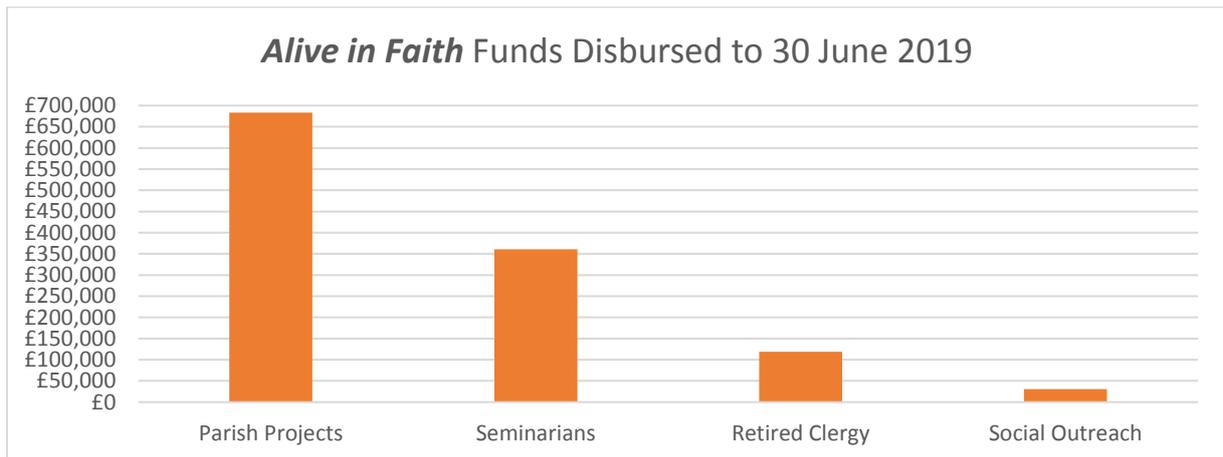




We would like to thank you for your generosity towards the *Alive in Faith* campaign. This newsletter highlights where your contributions are being spent and how they are making a real difference to the life of the Diocese.

The total amount pledged by some 3,500 individuals across the Diocese stands at £6.3 million. Total income received so far is just under £4 million. Total expenditure to the end of June 2019 is some £1.1 million, which is divided across 4 priorities as shown in the graph.



### Seminarians: Five New Priests Ordained

On Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, five men were ordained as priests for the Diocese; the highest number ordained at one time in nearly 20 years. The Cathedral was full to overflowing with people coming to support their new priests. Those ordained to the sacred priesthood were: Rev Jude Belnas (from St Philip Howard, Cambridge), Rev Michael Brookes (from Sacred Heart, Dereham), Rev Simon Davies (from St Neots), Rev Alan Hodgson (from St Edmund's, Bury) and Rev Paul Spellman (from Our Lady and St Joseph, Sheringham). *Alive in Faith* funds have covered the costs of training these men for ministry. There are a further 6 men still in training for the priesthood, who are being supported through *Alive in Faith*. It is a great blessing to have so many men respond to God's call in their lives.

## **Parish Projects**

30 parishes have now started or completed a project in their parish. One recently completed project is at St Edmund's Parish and Primary School in Bungay, where 20 photovoltaic panels have been installed on the roof of the parish and school hall. Head teacher Samantha Barlow said: "We are all really excited to be part of an eco-friendly school project, and we'll definitely be encouraging the children to be more eco-friendly themselves and look at other ways of helping the environment." The firm Green Bricks of Diss installed advanced technology to maximise effective heat capture, and ensure that if one panel fails it does not interrupt the working of the others. In normal use the system has a generating capacity of 5.3kW, and over 20 years will save 56 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.

## **Retired Clergy**

We have recently completed the purchase of a retirement flat at Peterborough. Father Tony Shryane, presently parish priest at Ely, is looking forward to retiring there in the autumn. Work is ongoing to build a retirement bungalow in Newmarket. Further properties will be acquired to match the retirement plans of individual priests.

## **Social Outreach**

### **Caritas Development Worker**

Caritas – which means 'charity' - is an international Catholic agency with member organisations which are at the heart of the Church's mission of serving the poor, vulnerable, dispossessed and marginalized. Caritas is inspired by Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and by the experiences and hopes of people who are disadvantaged and living in poverty. Within the diocese, the work of Caritas oversees the social outreach work carried out by Catholics in East Anglia. *Alive in Faith* funding has recently enabled the group to appoint a Caritas Development Worker, Jacinta Goode, who grew up in Costessey Parish, studied philosophy and theology at Heythrop College in London and now lives in St George's Parish, Norwich. She said: "I'm delighted to have been appointed to serve in this way in East Anglia. Through the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels and of the Church in Catholic Social Teaching, we learn to love our neighbour as ourselves and to value everything we have as gift from God. We are called to serve God in the poor and the marginalised. I'm excited to see how the Holy Spirit leads us to serve Him in East Anglia."

### **Social Outreach Grants**

Applications for Social Outreach grants of up to £10,000 are considered by the Social Outreach Grants Committee. Applications – which must be endorsed by the parish priest – are normally a one-off. After seed-funding a project, it is expected that successful projects will become self-supporting. Most grant applications arise from initial ideas put forward by individuals and groups within parishes, so we would be delighted to hear your suggestions if you, or someone you know, have a proposal for consideration. Grant application forms can be obtained from [caritas@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:caritas@rcdea.org.uk)

### **Fundraising and Administration Costs**

The costs of fundraising were front loaded to the earlier part of the *Alive in Faith* campaign. The total amount finally paid was £1.05 million. This represents an investment of 16p for every £1 raised, which compares favourably to an average of 20p for charities in general. In addition there were initial administration costs, some of which are ongoing, which come to £175,000 to date, of which £29,000 was spent in 2018. We believe this is a reasonable level of cost to oversee a major fundraising effort.

### **Electronic Newsletter**

If you wish to receive an electronic newsletter in future via email, please can you email [AliveInFaith@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:AliveInFaith@rcdea.org.uk) with your name and parish. This will help us to save on printing and postage costs.

### **Thank You for Your Support**

We hope this overview gives you some insight into the benefits to the Diocese of your valuable contribution. Thank you once again for your generosity, your support and your prayers.