



Dear Father,

I hope you are doing well. Thank you for all you do here in this parish, I am so grateful to be part of this community.

I wanted to write to you to share about a charity that I am active in, one which has impacted my own spiritual life, and see whether it is a cause the parish would be willing to support.

Youth 2000 Charitable Trust was established in the UK in 1990 to draw young people into a deep and lasting union with Jesus Christ, through the intercession of Mary. We host retreats and events for young people aged 16-35, where they are given space to encounter God through prayer, inspirational talks, worship and community. Youth 2000 also provides formation for young people like myself, where we are encouraged to become the Missionary Disciples the Lord calls us to be. Over the last 30 years, Youth 2000 has reached over 30,000 young people in the UK and impacted hundreds of vocations to married life, the priesthood and religious life.

As a charity, Youth 2000 relies upon the generosity of donors to fund its mission. In today's culture, the need for young people to hear the Gospel is more pressing than before and therefore we are seeking support to expand the Youth 2000 mission so it can continue to bring the Gospel to young adults across the UK.

This year, we have been blessed to have a generous donor who has agreed to match-fund everything we fundraise up to £35,000! However, more important than the money raised, it is our hope that this match-funding campaign will raise awareness of the mission of Youth 2000, giving many more young people across the UK the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and find authentic young Catholic community.

As the pastor of this community, I'm sure you can relate to the challenges of evangelisation and fundraising. So I am writing to you to ask if it is possible for me to run a parish appeal? I would like to share a short testimony of my experience of faith through Youth 2000 at the end of Mass, and organise a second collection. I would also love to distribute some resources about the mission of Youth 2000. I hope that you will consider this request and help me to spread God's love with other young people in our Parish. I would also be happy to talk to you more about Youth 2000, if you would be interested.

God Bless,