

Most Rev Bishop William Crean DD
Cloyne Diocese
Cloyne Diocesan Centre
Cobh
Co Cork



16th December 2016

Dear Bishop Crean

I would like to thank you most sincerely for donations to the value of €122,785 received from the parishes of the Diocese of Cloyne for the 2016 Lenten campaign.

We also would like to thank you for the support which your diocesan rep, Fr. Tom McDermott gives to Trócaire, we sincerely appreciate his help. We also hope we can work collaboratively on our new parish volunteer initiative.

Trócaire's 2016 Lenten campaign focused on drought-affected communities in Kenya. Helping families to survive in the face of the region's growing drought crisis is a major focus of Trócaire's work. Pope Francis's recent encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, addressed the dangers posed by climate change to the world's poorest people. We see those dangers every day and respond to them through agricultural programmes and humanitarian interventions.

Our work in Kenya also seeks to improve the protection of human rights and access to social services for marginalized groups, especially young people and women. We support several clinics in urban slum areas which provide treatment and care to poor communities.

In addition to our work in Kenya, the Lenten campaign is vital for continuing our work throughout the developing world. Last year, we brought support and relief to 2.4 million people in 25 countries. That level of impact is possible only due to the generosity of parishioners and the public in Ireland, especially during Lent and also at Christmas and throughout the year.

We would like to thank you for the continued support and commitment that we receive from the clergy and the people of the Diocese. It is only together that we can continue the fight for Justice, and help families and communities around the world transform their lives.

With every good wish and blessing for Christmas from all in Trócaire.

Yours sincerely,

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