

## Lenten Campaign 2017

1. The Diocesan Lenten Organization Committee under the Chairmanship of Rev. Deacon Andrew Au held its meeting on 17 November 2016 to prepare for the Lenten Campaign 2017. The Committee had proposed the theme “Upholding Marriage and Family values with the Love of God” with subthemes “God bestows life, let us be generous in sharing His gifts”, “The Lord’s merciful countenance gives us strength to keep His Word”, “God grants living water to relieve the thirst of the poor”, “Follow God’s guiding light in righteousness and truth”, and “Christ’s glorious resurrection opens up the door to the Father’s house” dedicated for reflections in each week during Lent.

2. A seminar session was held on 18 February 2017 at Rosary Church to elaborate the theme of the year with Rev. Dominic LUI as the Speaker.

3. With the support from Caritas Hong Kong, a taskforce was set up to strengthen the promotion and educational programmes through Lenten Charitable School Award activities, a total of 1,770 submissions were received from over 100 schools for various competitions;

a) 四旬愛心親子填色比賽	870 submissions
b) 四旬愛心四格漫畫繪畫比賽	620 submissions
c) 四旬心聲網誌創作比賽	200 submissions
d) 四旬愛心短文創作比賽	80 submissions

4. A prize presentation ceremony was held on 20 May 2017 at Newman Catholic College.

5. The Campaign appeals to the community to make contributions to help the deprived. In response, a total sum of \$7.445 m was collected:

	2017	2016	Changes (percentage)
Total Collections	\$7,445,688.28	\$7,075,593.54	+ 5.23%
Breakdowns (by category)			
Parishes	\$3,374,124.32	\$3,173,572.48	+ 6.32%
Schools	\$3,430,308.03	\$3,445,534.56	- 0.44%
Individuals	\$ 358,757.20	\$ 210,335.00	+ 70.56%
Caritas Units	\$ 191,015.83	\$ 178,341.80	+ 7.10%
Diocesan Organizations	\$ 91,482.90	\$ 67,809.70	+ 34.91%
Total	\$7,445,688.28	\$7,075,593.54	

6. The Diocesan Lenten Collection Allocation Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Bernard Chan held its meeting on 25 October 2017 to deliberate the allocation of the funds collected. The Committee resolved that the funds collected in the year should be distributed and any justified new initiatives would be supported through the reserve held in hand.

7. The Committee after deliberations, made the following recommendations with a total allocation of \$7.8 m :

- (a) \$91,400.00 to 37 Catholic Secondary Schools to encourage their students to undertake community service projects,
- (b) \$712,450.00 to 18 Parishes to help their parishioners overcome difficulties,
- (c) \$6,496,150.00 to 6 welfare agencies to support them in carrying out relief service programmes;
- (d) \$500,000.00 be set up as a token of universal solidarity to meet overseas brothers appeals to seek help in their rehabilitation programmes arising from natural disasters to be administered by Caritas Hong Kong.

A list of the recommended allocations is attached as Appendix A to this report.

8. We are deeply grateful to all School Principals, Parish Priests , Organizations and Individuals for their efforts in the promotion of the Lenten Campaign 2017 as a witness to answer the appeals raised by Jesus : “ what you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me”( Matt. 25:-40).

The Diocesan Lenten Collection Allocation Committee  
9 November 2017.

## Appendix A

### List A – recommended grants to Catholic Secondary Schools

Hong Kong	HK\$
1. Yu Chun Keung Memorial College No.2	2,500.00
2. Caritas Wu Cheng Chung Secondary School	2,500.00
3. Marycove School	2,500.00
4. Caritas Chong Yuet Ming Secondary School	2,500.00
5. St. Clare's Girls School	2,500.00
6. Salesian English School	2,500.00
7. Precious Blood Secondary School	2,500.00
8. St. Louis Secondary School	2,500.00
<b>Kowloon</b>	
9. Choi Hung Estate Catholic Secondary School	2,000.00
10. St. Paul's School (Lam Tin)	2,500.00
11. Sing Yin Secondary School	2,500.00
12. St. Teresa Secondary School	2,500.00
13. Leung Shek Chee College	2,500.00
14. Newman Catholic College	2,500.00
15. St. Francis Xavier's College	2,500.00
16. Cheung Sha Wan Catholic Secondary School	2,000.00
17. Kit Sam Lam Bing Yim Secondary School	2,500.00
18. Tack Ching Girls' Secondary School	2,500.00
19. Shun Lee Catholic Secondary School	2,500.00
20. St. Joseph's Anglo-Chinese School	2,500.00
21. Tak Nga Secondary School	2,400.00
<b>New Territories</b>	
22. Caritas Yuen Long Chan Chun Ha Secondary School	2,500.00
23. Tuen Mun Catholic Secondary School	2,500.00
24. Daughters of Mary Help of Christians Siu Ming Catholic Secondary School	2,500.00
25. Catholic Ming Yuen Secondary School	2,500.00
26. Caritas St. Joseph Secondary School	2,500.00
27. Pui Shing Catholic Secondary School	2,500.00
28. Caritas Charles Vath College	2,500.00
29. Yuen Long Catholic Secondary School	2,500.00

30. Lai King Catholic Secondary School	2,500.00
31. Caritas Fanling Chan Chun Ha Sec School	2,500.00
32. Caritas Ma On Shan Secondary School	2,500.00
33. Caritas Tuen Mun Marden Foundation Secondary School	2,500.00
34. St. Francis of Assisi's College	2,500.00
35. Sai Kung Sung Tsun Catholic School	2,500.00
36. De La Salle Secondary School, NT	2,500.00
37. Shek Lei Catholic Secondary School	2,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>91,400.00</b>

List B – recommended grants to parishes

<b>Hong Kong</b>	<b>HK\$</b>
1. Star of the Sea Church	30,000.00
2. Our Lady of Rosary Church	9,000.00
<b>Kowloon</b>	
3. St. Edward's Parish	20,000.00
4. Notre Dame Parish	85,000.00
5. Christ the Worker Parish	19,500.00
6. Mother of Good Counsel Church	56,000.00
7. Holy Family Parish	35,000.00
8. Mary Help of Christian Parish	50,000.00
9. Resurrection Parish	10,000.00
10. St. Joseph Parish, Kowloon Bay	56,000.00
11. St. Francis of Assisi Parish	25,000.00
<b>New Territories</b>	
12. Church of Annunciation Parish	36,000.00
13. St. John the Apostle Parish	55,000.00
14. Holy Redeemer Parish	10,000.00
15. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish	33,550.00
16. St. Alfred's Parish	130,000.00
17. SS. Peter and Paul Church	17,400.00
18. St. Jerome's Church	35,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>712,450.00</b>

List C – recommended grants to Welfare Agencies

<b>Agencies</b>	<b>HK\$</b>
1. Caritas – Hong Kong	6,243,250.00
2. Faith & Light Community – HK	7,500.00
3. St. Camillus Benevolent Association	24,500.00
4. Catholic Secondary Schools North East New Territories Deanery Council	8,500.00
5. The Diocesan Reception Group	180,000.00
6. St. Peter’s Revival Association	32,400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,496,150.00</b>