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Message from Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Crosscare Appeal Saturday 19th / Sunday 20th September 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Every day, across our parishes and communities, people carry burdens that are often unseen. Families struggle to find or keep a home. Young people face uncertainty about their future. Older people experience loneliness and isolation. Many wrestle with financial hardship, anxiety or loss. Others have come to Ireland seeking refuge from war, persecution or poverty, hoping to build a new life marked by peace, dignity and opportunity.

Behind every difficulty is a person created in the image and likeness of God, deserving of respect, compassion and hope. Hope is found in the welcome we offer, in the compassion we show, and in our willingness to accompany those who are struggling.

Across Dublin and Wicklow, Crosscare accompanies people at some of the most challenging moments of their lives. It supports families facing homelessness, young people searching for direction and belonging, individuals experiencing poverty or isolation, and people seeking refuge and safety. Whatever their circumstances, every person who turns to Crosscare is met first with dignity, respect and compassion.

The theme of Crosscare's Annual Report this year is **Hope & Resilience**. Those words describe not only the work of the organisation but, above all, the people it serves.

In recent months, I have reflected on the importance of recognising every person as our sister or brother and of ensuring that our society never loses sight of the God-given dignity of each individual. This is especially important at a time when many people who have come to our country seeking refuge, safety or the opportunity to build a better life may feel uncertain about whether they are truly welcome.

Our own history reminds us what it means to depend on the welcome and generosity of others. Generations of Irish people sought safety, opportunity and acceptance far from home. Today we are called to extend that same spirit of hospitality and solidarity to those who now seek to make their lives among us.

Crosscare accompanies people who have fled conflict and persecution, supports families beginning again in unfamiliar surroundings, helps people experiencing homelessness rebuild their lives, and stands beside individuals and families facing poverty, isolation or crisis. Year after year, your support enables the Church to respond with practical care, professional expertise and compassionate accompaniment.

I am deeply grateful to our priests, parish volunteers, Crosscare staff and volunteers, and to everyone whose generosity sustains this vital work throughout the year. I invite you to support this year's Crosscare Annual Appeal as generously as you can.

Yours sincerely,

✠Dermot Farrell
Archbishop of Dublin

Dear Father,

I want to thank you sincerely for your continued support of Crosscare. The generosity of you and your parishioners in the annual appeal allows us to be flexible in our responses to emerging needs in our communities.

Every day, we meet families worried about keeping a roof over their heads, young people searching for support and direction, people experiencing homelessness, and individuals and families who have come to Ireland seeking safety and the opportunity to build a new life. Alongside these challenges, we also witness extraordinary resilience, courage and determination. Our role is not simply to respond to immediate need, but to help people move forward with dignity and hope.

As Archbishop Dermot Farrell reflects in his message for this year's Appeal, for us to recognise the dignity of every person and to respond with compassion, welcome and solidarity. The Crosscare Annual Appeal is one practical way in which our parish communities put those values into action.

Every contribution, regardless of size, helps ensure that Crosscare can continue to provide practical support, compassionate care and new opportunities for those who need them most. Together, we continue the mission of reaching out to people with love, respect and excellence.

We've tried to make supporting this year's Appeal as straightforward as possible and have enclosed a range of resources to assist you and your parish team.

Your parish pack includes:

- A **Crosscare Annual Appeal poster** for display in your church.
- A copy of **Archbishop Dermot Farrell's message** in support of this year's Appeal.
- **Suggested Prayers of the Faithful** for use during Mass.
- A **return slip & pre-paid returns envelope** for forwarding your parish collection to Crosscare.
- **Ten donation forms with pre-paid reply envelopes** for parishioners who may not have been able to attend Mass on Appeal weekend but who would still like to support Crosscare's work.
- Details of how parishioners can make a secure online donation at **www.crosscare.ie**

Thank you once again for your partnership and your encouragement. Crosscare's work is strengthened by the support we receive from you and from parish communities across the Archdiocese.

With every good wish,



Conor Hickey