

Greetings from Orlagh.

I write to give you some information about Orlagh and our plans and hopes for the future. I write also to invite you to support our work with a financial contribution, if your means allow that.

For the past few years we have been living from year to year, with uncertainty about what would happen after each year passed. Now the Augustinian Provincial Council have authorised us to plan up to the next Provincial Chapter in June 2013.

We are in the process of planning an extended programme in Orlagh and reaching out from Orlagh to church communities in their own locale.

One of the limitations we face is a lack of funding. We need money to be able to upgrade our facilities in Orlagh, and to employ additional administrative staff and resource personnel. To help us in that, we launched the Friends of Orlagh fundraising campaign over a year ago. To date over €15,000 has been contributed. Some of you have been contributors to this fund and we are extremely grateful to you for your support. Some of you continue to donate to the Friends of Orlagh fund on a regular basis.

As a work of the Augustinian Order (a registered charity for tax purposes), the Friends of Orlagh Fund has been recognised as qualifying for tax relief on donations, when these donations amount to at least €250 in a calendar year. This facility greatly increases the value of a donation.

If you would like to support the work we do, and are not already a contributor, we would be very grateful for any help that you can give, we will be very grateful for any donation. This can either be a single donation, or a contribution on a regular basis. If you wish, you can pay this directly into the Friends of Orlagh Bank account. If you are thinking of regular donations, you might like to consider a standing order. Our bank details are as follows

Bank: Bank of Ireland, 85 James's Street, Dublin 8
Sort Code: 90 08 77
Account: Friends of Orlagh
Account No. 38676874

If your donation qualifies for tax relief, you will need to fill in the appropriate certificate **CHY2 Cert** and return it to us in time for us to forward it to the Revenue Commissioners before December 1st. We can supply you with a copy of that certificate.

Apart from financial considerations I would like to thank you all for your encouragement and support. That is very important to us and helps us to see the value of the ministry we have here. We hope to find new ways in which you will be able to continue this, possibly in some hands-on help around Orlagh.

On behalf of the Orlagh Community and Team, thank you for what has been, and we look forward in hope towards the future.

Yours sincerely,



John Byrne OSA