



The major development in 2018 was the launch of Caritas Diocese of Hallam in May.

This was attended by Bishop Ralph, Dr Philip McCarthy, Director of Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN), and representatives from all the deaneries plus CAFOD, Justice & Peace and SVP. The meeting was very well attended. We heard encouraging comments and presentations from participants. Caritas is about promoting social action in Dioceses throughout the country. It is not a takeover of current projects rather a stimulus to develop and encourage these projects by providing support and training through the network. In order to achieve this, a consultancy group has been established. We were heartened to hear the range and number of social action projects already in existence in such a small diocese.



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The Schools and Community Counselling project...

continues to expand albeit amidst difficult financial times for schools. In total three hundred children, young people and their families were supported through the year in ten primary and four high schools. We were proud to receive the Yorkshire and Humberside award for best well-being service. This has led us to pursue the possibility of a Diocesan Counselling Service in all the deaneries after the success of our development in the Sheffield Deanery; thirty four people received counselling and two hundred and twenty six sessions were delivered. We are seeking funds to ensure the sustainability of this service, and it will be the focus of the Bishop's annual appeal in parishes.

Carmel Care



Carmel Care now has new 'state of the art' kitchen. This has been totally funded by donations, trust funds and voluntary help. Special mention needs to be made to St Vincent's Parish (Eyre Trust), Places for People, Screwfix, Moores' Kitchens and other individuals and groups who made generous contributions. Carmel is a very special project assisting adults experiencing social isolation, loneliness or addiction.



Celebrating Marriage

One hundred and fifty people attended a Mass in thanksgiving for marriage at the Cathedral on July 7th. Our recently updated Diocesan marriage preparation programme 'Preparing for a Lifetime Together' was presented to Bishop Ralph by Charles and Jane Perryman who blessed and dedicated it for use in the Diocese of Hallam.

Married couples were invited to renew their wedding day promises and couples who present the programme were blessed. Newly trained volunteer couple, Sam and Amy Sheridan-Garrity, were presented with a certificate by Bishop Ralph signifying their commitment to this ministry.



All our projects are reliant on the generous giving of benefactors, the annual parish appeal and the Good Shepherd collection in our schools and we ask that you continue to give generously.

Please visit our website

www.hallamdiocese.com/hallam-caring-services to find out how we respond to some of the social care needs in the Diocese.