

## St John Southworth Caritas Fund

### Annual Report 2014-2015

The St John Southworth Fund is not a separate charity but is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster. Created in 2007 by the amalgamation of a large number of existing legacies and trusts held within the Diocese, some dating back to the nineteenth century, it is held as restricted funds of the Diocese. Its overall purpose is to assist those in poverty or hardship. Between 2007 and 2013 it made over 640 awards to projects, organisations and individuals throughout Westminster Diocese and Greater London, to a value of over £2.4million.

#### Integration of the St John Southworth Fund into Caritas Westminster

In 2012 the diocese set up Caritas Westminster as its new social action agency, with a brief to identify and address poverty and social exclusion in our communities. The St John Southworth Fund was renamed the St John Southworth Caritas Fund and now comes under Caritas Westminster. While these changes were taking place, grant giving was suspended. Consequently so no new applications were taken during 2014.

#### The 2014 Figures

Grants previously awarded paid during 2014		
To individuals - 2013 awards	£2,100	
To organisations - 2013 awards	£14,940	
Large grant payment from 2010	£88,000	
Grant refunded	(£2,000)	
Multi-year year grant payment	£15,000	
Net total paid in grants 2014		£118,040

Year end fund balance 2013		£2,161,748
Donation income	£10,613	
Dividend income	£42,846	
Fees and non-grant expenses	(£26,026)	
Net other income		£27,433
Capital appreciation		£132,392
Total paid in grants 2014		(£118,040)
Year end fund balance 2014		£2,203,533

The Constituent Funds	Year-end balance
The Benevolent Society for the Relief of the Aged and Infirm Poor	383,916
The Zimmerman Trust	53,210
The New Children's Fund	1,360,169
The London Poor	136,620
The Sister Joseph Harding Trust	10,794
The Metcalfe Fund for underprivileged or handicapped children	234,808
The St John Southworth General Fund	24,018
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,203,533</b>

## St John Southworth Caritas Fund and Caritas project grants – 2015 developments

Grant giving restarted around Easter 2015. **Caritas Project Grants** are available to parishes, associated groups or local joint projects based in Westminster Diocese, primarily to seed fund or help the development of new local social action initiatives to alleviate poverty or social deprivation. There are new criteria and applications must fall within Caritas Westminster's strategic priorities. Currently these are:

- Food poverty and debt
- Social isolation of vulnerable groups
- Intellectual disability
- Homelessness
- Human trafficking
- The deaf community
- Youth isolation

Wherever possible grants awarded are taken from the St John Southworth Caritas Fund, which is being developed as Caritas Westminster's grant funding vehicle.

**Hardship grants for individuals** have also re-started, initially to meet crisis needs through Catholic parishes in our East London deaneries only. They will be extended in due course to more of the Diocese.

### Please give to the Fund

We depend on your help to maintain these vital funds so they can carry on helping to alleviate poverty and deprivation across Westminster Diocese. If you are able to, please [donate here](#).

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*Born in Lancashire in 1592, St John Southworth was ordained priest in Douai, France, in 1618. Returning to England, Fr. Southworth ministered in Westminster, in the area close to where the Cathedral now stands. During the plague of 1636, he tended the sick with outstanding devotion and courage. The casket containing his body lies in the Chapel of St. George & the English Martyrs in Westminster Cathedral, the parish where once he laboured for the Lord.*