



SUPPORT FOR POVERTY RELIEF AND THOSE WHO ARE VULNERABLE

'Feed the hungry is an ethical imperative for the universal Church' Caritas in Veritate #43

Caritas Plymouth works in partnership with Catholic and other charities to support outreach to the poor and marginalised. Our focus is on strengthening parishes, schools and existing charitable institutions to increase our Mission of Charity across the Diocese of Plymouth, which covers Devon, Cornwall and most parts of Dorset. This note sets out the local poverty-relief activities of Caritas Plymouth, The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) and St Vincent de Paul (SVP) to increase understanding of our respective roles and responsibilities.

Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) CCS(P) is a voluntary organisation supporting families of all faiths and none within the Diocese of Plymouth. The charity has an essential grants programme which aims to relieve the urgent material needs of children, young people and families by providing essential household items and clothing, such as cookers, washing machines, beds and school uniforms. CCS(P) also offers patchwork parenting programmes. For more information about CCS(P) please visit www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/about-us/

St Vincent De Paul (SVP) Society (England & Wales) is part of an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need. There are SVP groups in many of our parishes supporting people in poverty or who are isolated. Every group, or 'Conference', meets regularly to discuss how to help people in their area. Each group's work reflects local need, this may include visiting and befriending older or lonely people, running a soup run or food bank, supporting homeless people or vulnerable families. You can find out more at <https://www.svp.org.uk/membership>

Caritas Plymouth works with existing organisations to put the Church's social teaching into action and provides a network to share good practice. In terms of poverty relief, we support parishes, schools and catholic groups to provide direct help to people by providing supermarket vouchers or small grants for essential items. For more information about **caritas crisis grants** contact caritas@prcdtr.org.uk. In addition, Caritas Plymouth administers **school transport grants** to help with the cost of transport for children attending Catholic or joint Catholic/Church of England schools within the Diocese of Plymouth. For more information, please contact your parish priest for an application form. The deadline is 31 July for the following academic year. For more information about Caritas Plymouth please visit www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/caritas/

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