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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