



NONCIATURE APOSTOLIQUE
AU BURKINA FASO

Ouagadougou, Ash Wednesday 2024

Right Reverend and dear Mgr O'Brien,

I acknowledge receipt of the generous offering of **€600 from the 2023 Lenten campaign** of the parish of Ballyhea for the needs of the apostolate of the Church in Burkina Faso.

I am pleased to inform you that the parish donation has been forwarded to the *Sister Disciples of the Divine Master* here in Ouagadougou who run the *Mother Scholastique formation centre* that trains girls and young women in activities such as sewing, embroidery and cookery so that they may be equipped with professional skills to make a livelihood. In addition, the centre also provides remedial courses in reading and writing, as many of the girls and young women, because of extreme poverty, were not able to attend primary or secondary level education.

In accepting the generous gift of the Parish of Ballyhea, Sr. Marguerite Ouédraogo, Delegate of the *Sister Disciples of the Divine Master* in Burkina Faso, has asked me to extend the gratitude of the sisters for this greatly appreciated donation which will contribute to this noble and much needed apostolate to socially and economically marginalised girls and young women.

Entrusting you and your parishioners to the maternal intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, please be assured of my prayers and blessings throughout the Lenten season.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

✠ Michael F. Crotty

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