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Dear parents/carers

Lenten Fundraising

As we enter the season of Lent, our school community will be working hard to raise money for our charities. This year we are fundraising for two charities: The Good Shepherd Appeal; the diocesan charity appeal that fundraises for Catholic Care, and CAFOD; the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

We are looking forward to taking part in CAFOD's annual 'Big Lent Walk'. We will be walking to celebrate the life of John Carmel Heenan, our school's namesake. This year we are challenging each year group to walk a total of 606 miles, outside of school. The number of miles represents significant moments/places in the life of Cardinal Heenan. The 606 miles will take place virtually, ending in Westminster. Our planned virtual route begins in London, then passes through Ushaw, Durham, Leeds, Liverpool and ends in Westminster.

John Carmel Heenan studied at St Ignatius College, Stamford Hill and moved to Ushaw Seminary near Durham at the age of 17. He became a priest in 1930. In 1951 John Carmel Heenan was named Bishop of Leeds and then in 1957 he became Archbishop of Liverpool. In 1963 he moved to the Archdiocese of Westminster and in 1965 was created a Cardinal.

There is an option to sponsor your child on Parent Pay. If you are able to make a donation we would be very grateful, however simply getting involved and logging the miles is a wonderful way to support us.

Students have been invited to fundraise as a form. In previous years our students have put in a lot of effort to come up with a wide-range of ways to raise money. Please discuss with your son/daughter different ways they can work with their peers to fundraise in their forms.

We hope that, as all of us work together as one body, our school can raise money, the awareness of the work of these fantastic charities and more about the life and work of Cardinal John Carmel Heenan. Thank you, as ever, for your support in this area.

Yours faithfully

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Associate Assistant Headteacher for RE & Catholic Life

