## Did you hear the Bishop's Appeal?



The Bishop of Lancaster asked all his priests in parishes of the Diocese to read the following appeal at all Masses this weekend (1/2 April 2017):

'My dear Young People.

This year the Diocese celebrates the 90th Anniversary since the very first official Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in France.

Thankfully for 2017, there has been a great uptake from both able-bodied and sick pilgrims alike from across the Diocese. However, the numbers of our young people coming are still quite low.

Consequently, I now personally appeal to all our Catholic young people (15-21yrs) to please consider coming on our pilgrimage this summer (19-29 July). It really is a most enjoyable and valuable experience of faith, friendship and service - it will be great to have you - and your friends - with us. Those young people who have been before will tell you that you will not be disappointed!

Please do speak to your Parish Priest after this Mass as the Parish may be able to help you with fundraising. For details of the Youth Section of the Pilgrimage go directly to the Castlerigg website: <a href="http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/lourdes-2017">http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/lourdes-2017</a> or email: <a href="mailto:youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk">youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk</a>

I look forward to being with you in Lourdes!

Thank you and your parents for your support.

As ever in Christ,

+Michael Bishop of Lancaster'