



DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE

**CARITAS HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE FUND  
GRANT REPORT**

**Name of Group:** Proud Catholics

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**Date & Amount of Grant Awarded:**

24/03/2022 - £1750.00

**What did you want the grant for?**

We wanted to increase our publicity to attract more members but we lacked the financial means to do this. So we applied for a grant to develop our publicity.


**What did you do with the grant awarded?**

We had posters and flyers printed to be displayed in parishes of the Diocese as well as in other relevant locations. We also had T-shirts printed with our logo so that we could be a visible presence in Catholic and LGBT+ contexts.

We haven't been able to increase our social media publicity due to difficulty in opening a bank account. This has now been resolved, but we are still waiting for a credit card to make payments for our publicity on social media (the majority of the grant received). For this reason, we haven't been able to use the full amount of the grant within the year. We have been grateful to receive an extension, so that we can start using this part of the grant when the credit card has been issued.

**What impact has your project made (*what difference has it made to the mission of the Church in your community? If you are able to include some data giving an idea of how many people were helped etc, that would be very welcome*)**

Members of the group were able to be visible wearing T-shirts at Northern Pride (July 2022) and this prompted reflection and reactions from people and some good conversations about faith and belonging to a faith community as LGBT+ people. The distribution of posters and flyers is ongoing, due to limited response from parishes, so it is difficult to evaluate the impact of this as yet. We hope it will help to raise awareness of Proud Catholics in the Diocese.

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Date: 03/05/2023