

# Your **impact** magazine

**60 YEARS**  
OF CHANGE

ANNIVERSARY EDITION

2025



**WEE BOX,  
BIG CHANGE**

**That film called Dignity**

**The Caritas Cup**



**SCIAF**

Uniting for a just world  
Caritas Scotland



**From Rutherglen to Rafah, Aberfeldy to Addis Ababa, Benbecula to Bogota, the SCIAF family is there, building a better world.**

You helped us change the lives of  
**1,117,070** people

**526,966**  
people were helped  
to grow more food  
and earn more money



**595,144**  
people received  
an education  
or skills training



**Humanitarian relief  
was provided across  
38 emergency  
projects**

**...In 2024**

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## Photographs

**Front page pic**  
Jaldessa plays with his friends in Borena, southern Ethiopia. Thanks to your support, his family recently set up a small shop in their village and are recovering well from the drought that plagued their community. At school, Jaldessa is working hard to one day become an engineer!

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Takien and her daughter inside their thriving shop, Tigray, Ethiopia



This year is a truly special year for SCIAF, as we mark 60 years of our work around the world. It was in Rutherglen in 1965 that it all began, and thanks to you, our generous, loyal supporters, we continue to reach out in love to some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

This Jubilee Year has brought change at the centre of our Church too, following the sad passing of Pope Francis. He was a Pope of the poor, for the poor. And like us, he believed that being Catholic meant standing with the excluded and challenging the structures that keep them poor. God rest his soul.

May brought the news that the Cardinals had elected Pope Leo. Known as a humble servant who walks closely with those who are suffering, his emphasis on bridge-building and social justice signal a hopeful new chapter for the Church – and the world. I pray that his extensive

experience working and living in Latin America brings a vital global perspective to his papacy.

Sadly, the last 12 months have also brought increasing global instability – and it sometimes feels like the world is a very uncaring place. But where there is conflict, strife and evil, there is also humanity, love and a will to find peace. Indeed, the depth of your generosity this year has touched and inspired me immensely, with so many of you continuing to pray, act and give while facing struggles of your own.

Your actions give me hope, and the SCIAF family gives me hope, that a better world really is possible. Please enjoy reading the stories of change in this magazine, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the months ahead.

**Thank you.**

*Lorraine Currie.*

Chief Executive



# News and events

**WEE  
BOX**

*Stories 2025*



## Quackers fundraiser

Kaylin sold WEE ducks to pupils at St Aiden's High to raise money for our WEE BOX Appeal, brightening up everyone's day!



## Donations from Duntocher

Pupils at St Mary's Primary in Duntocher raised £165 for the WEE BOX by selling handmade Easter gifts at their Lenten Assembly.

## A peaceful world is possible, thanks to you!

Your incredible generosity helped raise hundreds of thousands of pounds for our WEE BOX Appeal, helping provide a lifeline for those caught up in conflict in Colombia – and around the world.

**Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for helping build a better world.**

## Ecumenism made easy

"We have so much more in common than divides us" – that's the message from Church of Scotland minister Rev Stuart Matthews who has been working with Fr Jim Lawlor in Maryhill to raise funds for the WEE BOX Appeal. "People love the idea of Catholics and Protestants working together – and in the west of Scotland that's a really significant thing."



## Caring Ciaran

Volunteer Ciaran helped SCIAF promote the Big Lent Walk while on holiday in Assisi, Italy. He's also done admin in our office, manned stalls and raised valuable funds for our life-changing work.

**We're so grateful to Ciaran and all our volunteers!**



## Pope Francis

Pope Francis was an unparalleled champion of the poor and the planet. In January, he sent a beautiful papal blessing to SCIAF, to mark the beginning of our 60th year. In it he prayed that you, our supporters, "become even more courageous in serving the world's poor," and that you carry this out with "the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness as the Good Samaritan."



## Pastries in Parliament

Paul O'Kane MSP hosted a classy coffee morning in Parliament in April, raising £150 for the WEE BOX Appeal.

Fancy hosting your own tasty event?

**Find out how at [sciaf.org.uk/fundraise](https://sciaf.org.uk/fundraise).**



## Wemyss Bay gives water

"When we started planning the coffee morning, we hoped to raise £300, enough money for the Real Gift of A water well. However, we were delighted to raise £2,600 – enough for two Water for a village gifts, plus a donation!" Helen McMunn, St Jospeh's and St Patrick's RC Church, Wemyss Bay.

## SCIAF stars

The SCIAF family shines bright, made up of millions of stars around the world. And this year, we were happy to add several new media stars to support our work in Scotland. A heartfelt thanks to Elaine C Smith of 'Two Doors Down', Sanjeev Kohli of 'Still Game', and the mighty John McGinn for supporting our mission.



## Help from HEF



Thanks to the Scottish Government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund (HEF), SCIAF partners are responding rapidly to crises around the world – providing cash grants to families hit by drought in Malawi and Zambia, delivering food and medical aid to those caught in conflict in Lebanon, and supporting earthquake survivors in Myanmar with essentials like water, food and shelter.



# DIGNITY FOR ALL

We work with our partners overseas to make all our projects inclusive, ensuring that everyone, everywhere can access a good life. Reaching people with disabilities is vital as too often they are excluded from opportunities and services – but this is now changing in the places we work thanks to you.



Malia

Five-year-old Malia in South Sudan received life-saving surgery and therapy for her recovery. She now attends school where she is working hard to one day become a doctor!



Elvis

Elvis in Zambia received a wheelchair, and with it the ability to attend skills-training classes with our local partners. He now grows multiple crops, the sales of which provide an income for him and his family.



Baison

And in Malawi, our partners have been working in Baison's community to help change attitudes. We work with police and local authorities to fight stigma and bring perpetrators of violence against people with albinism to justice.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US UPHOLD DIGNITY FOR ALL AND MAKING A FAIRER WORLD POSSIBLE.**

## LEARN MORE

Visit [sciaf.org.uk/disability](https://sciaf.org.uk/disability) where you can:



**Listen** to an audio version of this appeal



**Watch** a short film about our work on albinism



Flip the myth with our interactive cards and **learn** the truth about disabilities and why our approach is so important



Please also consider donating to help us continue supporting people like Malia, Elvis, and Baison.

## JOIN SCIAF IN PRAYER

Lord God,

Through the intercession of St. Giles, patron of people living with disabilities, bless the work of SCIAF in upholding dignity, justice, and inclusion.

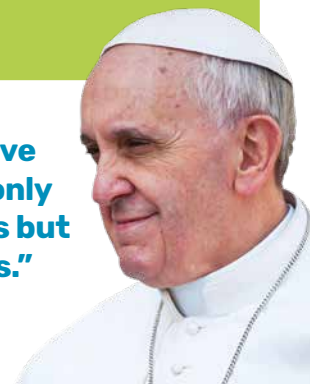
May the people they serve find strength, resilience and the support they need to flourish.

Guide us in our efforts to support SCIAF, so that we may be tangible signs of hope in the world.

Amen

**“Creating an inclusive world requires not only adapting structures but also changing minds.”**

Pope Francis



## THIS TIME LAST YEAR

Last summer, your generosity helped us support 1,500 families badly affected by the 2024 Zambian drought. We provided emergency food aid in the short term and helped farming families access seeds and training to grow more resilient crops for the future.

**“My children hadn’t eaten a proper meal in days. I was losing hope, but then the support came. It was like rain after a long drought – it came precisely when we were at our breaking point.”**

Chetulu, Participant



**URGENT APPEAL  
AFRICA HUNGER  
CRISIS**



# SCIAF's Story: 60 years of impact

Canon  
RooneyMr. J.  
McKee

**Founded in  
a classroom  
in Rutherglen.**

SCIAF Sunday was moved from September to the 4th Sunday of Lent, which remains a **key date for our WEE BOX Appeal.**



We reached out to people devastated by an earthquake in Iran, a cyclone in Bangladesh and the genocide in Rwanda.

Our WEE BOX Appeal brought together **Tommy Burns and Ally McCoist** to launch our 24-hour fast.



**In 1965, SCIAF was founded in a Rutherglen classroom by Monsignor John Rooney and volunteer John McKee. Their aim, which we still live by today, was to help people in the world's poorest places and inspire Scottish Catholics to respond to the Gospel's call for a just world.**

**Thanks to your dedicated support, and the love of generations before you, this is what the SCIAF family has managed to achieve since then.**



**We joined Make Poverty History** and campaigned to 'Make Aid Work' at the G8 Summit in Gleneagles.

22 specific COVID-19 relief projects were developed, providing over **£210,000** to **protect the most at-risk groups.**



You donated more than **£1.2 million** to provide shelter, food and medicines to the people of Ukraine.

Thanks to your generosity and the support of our institutional funders, we delivered projects totalling more than **£9 million.**

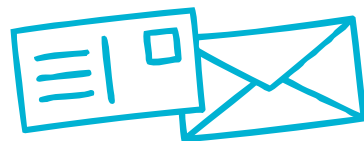


**1965 1968 1983 1989 1995 1999 2001 2004**

**Catholics in Scotland gave over £3,000** to people affected by famine in Biafra (now south-eastern Nigeria).



We launched a **postcard campaign** urging the UK government to stop propping up the apartheid regime in South Africa.



SCIAF supported the **Labour Government** with its international development policy.



Following the Boxing Day Tsunami in Asia, you gave an astonishing **£2.2 million** to our Emergency Appeal.

**2005 2014 2020 2021 2022 2024 2025**

We launched an urgent appeal for refugees fleeing conflict in Syria, **supporting over 43,000 people.** In the same year, we also strengthened our Board by creating new positions for lay people and three expert sub-committees.



By raising your voice, you helped convince the Scottish Government to become the first in the world to **commit funding for Loss and Damage**, making a huge impact at COP26 talks in Glasgow.



We provided emergency **relief in the Holy Land** and welcomed the only Catholic Priest in Gaza to Glasgow.



# Why I volunteer

**From our inception, volunteers have been the lifeblood of SCIAF – raising money, speaking out against injustice, and praying for our sisters and brothers in need. Their dedication has transformed millions of lives.**

**One powerful way you can continue supporting our mission is by volunteering to become a Parish Contact – a vital link between SCIAF and your local parish community. We sat down with Anne-Marie Douglas to hear why she volunteers as a Parish Contact and what the role means to her...**

## How long have you been a Parish Contact for?

I've been supporting SCIAF for over 40 years now – and I've been a Parish Contact at St Peter's in Morningside, Edinburgh for a good portion of that time!

**“Across Scotland, volunteers like Anne-Marie are putting their faith into action. We need more volunteers to build a better world, and your parish is the perfect place to start!”**

Jenna Fulton, SCIAF Community Engagement Officer

## What does a Parish Contact do?

Well, in our parish, I am the one who co-ordinates fundraising events like the 200 Club, and leads on promoting SCIAF's work. So that could mean arranging a coffee morning or afternoon tea for an appeal. I'll put posters up and leave SCIAF prayers at the back of Church. And I'll also help with the Real Gifts stall at Christmas – those sorts of things.

## Tell us about some of your favourite fundraising events...

We've held several 'Junior Bake Offs' in the past which were so lovely in bringing the parish together and involving younger people. Guest judges from SCIAF enjoyed the tasting! Of course, anything with wine seems to go down well, too. Finally, our Alternativity Lunch during Advent is a special one, where we reflect, learn about issues in the world, and eat a simple meal together.

## Do you receive much support from SCIAF?

Jenna from the SCIAF Engagement Team is always on hand – and she comes along to update parishioners about SCIAF appeals and thank them for their kind donations. At our parish, we've set up an Outreach Team, so there's lots of enthusiastic people to help with charitable events.

## What motivates you to support SCIAF?

It's part of our faith to support those who are in need, wherever they are in the world. Being a Parish Contact allows me to live out my faith – and I'd encourage anyone to take up this role!

**Find out more about becoming a Parish Contact at [sciaf.org.uk/parishcontact](https://sciaf.org.uk/parishcontact), or email our Community Engagement Team via [getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk)**

**“I recently used some SCIAF stickers to repurpose an old collection box at the back of church. It has a hole for donations, and it's amazing how much money people pop in, all year round. It's a great idea for Parish Contacts around Scotland!”**

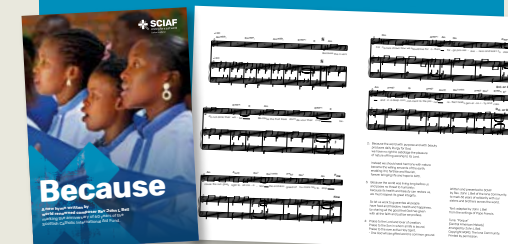
Anne-Marie Douglas



## Parishes! New SCIAF hymn

Rev John Bell, acclaimed hymn-writer, has written SCIAF a new hymn to celebrate our 60th Anniversary! 'Because' draws inspiration from Pope Francis' 'Laudato Si' and was finished the day after the Holy Father passed.

**To find out more visit [sciaf.org.uk/because](https://sciaf.org.uk/because)**





# A BETTER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

**Conflict, climate change, chaos in our politics: a quick glance at the news can make it feel like there's little hope left in our world.**

But at SCIAF, we believe that a better world is possible – and know that by working together we can help everyone live life in all its fullness. Here's how your donations, prayers and actions are building a better world for all:

## A JUST WORLD IS POSSIBLE

Thanks to your donations, and support from the Scottish Government, our £8 million 'Climate Just Communities project' in Rwanda is rebuilding homes destroyed by extreme weather and helping families grow more food, earn more money, and build climate resilience.

**"The funding came at the right time. I'm confident that my house is now strong. I don't think a landslide will affect it again."**  
Solomon, Rwanda



## A LOVING WORLD IS POSSIBLE

Our Development Education work in Scotland inspires young people to see themselves as part of a global family. It helps them understand the challenges faced by others around the world, recognise our shared humanity, and embrace charity and action as core to their Catholic identity.

**"SCIAF helps children to think about life outside of their own little bubbles – about how we are all interconnected, and how everyone should reach out to those who are less fortunate than themselves."** Claire, Teacher St John's Academy, Perth



## A PEACEFUL WORLD IS POSSIBLE

This year's WEE BOX Appeal highlighted our peacebuilding work in Colombia, from sports projects for children, to the vital role of the Church in accompanying people displaced by conflict.

**"I've learned that I must respect my classmates, and they must be respectful of me too – that we should love each other like brothers and sisters."** Lauren, Colombia

## A GREEN WORLD IS POSSIBLE

People in the world's poorest places are being hit hardest by climate change – despite doing the least to cause it. Thanks to your support, however, SCIAF brought the voices of these people to the heart of COP29 last year.

Together with our global partners, we shared powerful stories from the communities we serve, showing both the damage being done and the power of local solutions. With the global Catholic community and the Holy See, we urged leaders from Scotland, the UK and across the world to step up funding and deliver meaningful action for those living on the front line of the climate crisis.

**"Sometimes climate change feels too big to solve – but not when you work with SCIAF! They not only deliver life-changing projects for communities in my country but also amplify our calls for climate justice at the highest possible levels."**  
Julius, SCIAF partner, Malawi



## BIG BANNER FOR YOUR CHURCH

Want to promote SCIAF in your parish? Contact [getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk) and we'll get a big banner to you!





# The CARITAS CUP

*written by Bailey*



L-R: Co-founders  
Daniel, Bailey, Adam

## Kick off

Hi, I'm Bailey, one of the founders of the Caritas Cup, an initiative started five years ago at St Margaret's High School in Airdrie. In our 6th Year, my three friends and I were working on the Caritas Award – but we wanted to do something different with it. And that's how the Caritas Cup kicked off!

Its purpose was to unite communities and schools in their shared Catholic faith through sports, namely football and netball. And this mission still holds strong today. Thousands of pupils from across Scotland – and now in other parts of the world – play sport together, with faith at the forefront.

## Striking out to Rome

In June this year, ten young men from the Diocese of Motherwell took the Caritas Cup to Rome for the Jubilee of Sport. This was a wonderful occasion, with over 800,000 people participating in various activities.

We met with people from all different areas of the Church and ended the trip with a football festival, with players from all over Europe. Being able to see the

new Pope in The Vatican was a brilliant and moving moment for us all.

Plans are now in place for the Caritas Cup to develop in many countries and continents around the world. We are truly humbled by this and thank God for the blessing that this project has received.



## Working with SCIAF

SCIAF has been with us right from the start, by sharing our messages, connecting us with people around the world, and providing us with advice and tools we simply couldn't access otherwise. We are truly grateful for their support.

Crucially, SCIAF's projects have been the focus of the fundraising element of the Caritas Cup. And that's the beauty of the project: it allows young people to put their faith into real action and support those in need around the world.



SCIAF is built on the talents of volunteers like Bailey. If you'd like to get involved in fundraising for SCIAF, please get in touch with our community engagement team at [getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk) or visit [sciaf.org.uk/fundraise](https://sciaf.org.uk/fundraise)



# CANCEL DEBT CHOOSE HOPE



**Right now, many of the world's poorest countries are trapped in a spiralling debt crisis. Countries like Zambia and Malawi are forced to spend more on repaying debt than on healthcare or education for their people. That's not right!**

Our Jubilee Year campaign, Cancel Debt, Choose Hope, calls on world leaders to cancel these unfair debts, change debt systems and offer real support to communities in need.



Chimwemwe, Malawi

Ask for a  
**petition sheet** for your  
Parish by contacting  
[getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk)



## ZAMBIA'S JOURNEY INTO UNFAIR DEBT

Every country's path into debt is different, shaped by history, global events, and decisions made far from the people most affected. But one story helps us understand how the crisis has unfolded.

**Here's how Zambia ended up in debt:**



**2004**



Zambia was paying \$377 million a year to repay its debts, more than it spent on healthcare. At the same time, 9 million people were living on less than \$2 a day.



**2005**

A global campaign helped cancel \$4 billion of Zambia's debt. This gave the country space to spend more on critical services like schools, hospitals and clean water.



**2015**

Zambia started borrowing again – this time from private lenders who charged high interest. Debt repayments began rising fast.



**2020**

COVID-19 hit, and Zambia couldn't keep up with its debt. It became the first African country during the pandemic to miss payments and default.



**2024**

Zambia faced its worst drought in 20 years. While children went hungry, the government still had to send millions to banks and rich lenders. A new deal could cut payments by \$1.4 billion, but some lenders refused to help.



**2025**

Zambian Bishops helped launch the global Jubilee Debt Campaign: a global campaign to cancel unjust debts in places like Zambia and beyond.

## ACT NOW

Sign our Cancel Debt, Choose Hope petition at [sciaf.org.uk/debt](https://sciaf.org.uk/debt)

## IN THE NEWS

In February, our International Accountant Lee Dornan hit the headlines after he scaled Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh. He carried a huge sack of debt on his back to demonstrate the uphill struggle many of the poorest countries face.

Lee said: **"By campaigning for change, we can cancel debt and choose hope. We want as many people as possible sign the petition."**





# WEE BOX in South Sudan



**In 2021, your generous donations to our WEE BOX Appeal raised over £2.8 million, including £1.3 million in match funding from the UK government. In the years since, this outpouring of love has supported some of the most vulnerable children in South Sudan.**



**565 children** with disabilities helped to access education



**4,195 schoolgirls** provided with reusable menstrual pads



**4 new wheelchairs, 19 crutches, 5 braille sets**



**8 schools** repaired and improved



**83 teachers** trained in inclusive education



**60 school uniforms** gifted to the poorest families

## VAIDA'S STORY

"As I grew up, walking became really difficult. I couldn't go anywhere – it was frustrating because, like any child, I wanted to move around. I was a burden as people had to carry me; it made me feel really bad.

"I was given a tricycle, as well as an elbow crutch, my school uniform, menstrual pads and soap. SEM staff visit me regularly to do therapy on my legs, which is why I'm now able to move around using the crutch!

"At school, I feel smart in my school uniform. The sanitary pads and soap have allowed me to stay in school too. We used to buy menstrual products from the market – but when there was no money, it meant that I missed school due to my periods.

"I want to say a big thank you to SCIAF and SEM who have helped me with all these things. If it was not for their presence in my life, I would have been so miserable. May God bless them and allow them to continue helping others in need."

**"We will not change the world, if we do not change education."**

Pope Francis



Interested to learn more about our work with disabilities? Visit [sciaf.org.uk/disability](https://sciaf.org.uk/disability) to find out how you can support us.

## EXTREME POVERTY

While South Sudan is the newest country in the world, it's also one of the poorest and most at-risk of conflict and climate-related disasters. More than 80% of the population live in extreme poverty – and almost half are in need of humanitarian assistance.

**Reaching the most marginalised people in the toughest places is at the heart of SCIAF's mission.**



# THAT FILM CALLED DIGNITY

In January, we premiered our latest documentary 'Dignity' at the Glasgow Film Theatre. We are immensely grateful to everyone who came along to this special evening, marking the start of SCIAF's 60th Anniversary and this important Year of Jubilee.



Catherine,  
Zambia



Ricky,  
GFT Glasgow



Caritas Kabwe,  
Zambia

"I've been delighted to support the life-changing work of SCIAF for a number of years. I've seen first-hand the impact that donations from Scotland have on some of the poorest people in the world."

Ricky Ross of Deacon Blue

## HOST YOUR OWN PREMIERE

If you are interested in hosting a screening of 'Dignity' in your parish or community space, please get in touch with our friendly team at [getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk)

Or grab yourself a cup of tea and watch at home today: [sciaf.org.uk/dignity](http://sciaf.org.uk/dignity)

"I would certainly encourage as many parishes as possible to view this documentary. It certainly had an impact on our parishioners and inspired us to continue praying for and supporting the work of SCIAF."

Marie Seenan, Parish Contact, St Vincent De Paul Parish in East Kilbride

## THE KUMENA PROJECT

'Dignity' showcases the incredible impact of the Kumena Project in Zambia. Over six years, it supported 1,588 of the poorest farming families – and it was only possible thanks to your support and funding from the Scottish Government.

The project was hugely successful and made real, lasting change for everyone involved. Families learned new ways to farm, earn income, build energy-saving stoves, and produce eco-friendly charcoal. Kumena also championed the wellbeing and rights of women and girls – boosting school attendance and

cutting child marriage in targeted communities.

Kumena helped families thrive. It gave them the tools to build better lives and brighter futures. And so, it was a real privilege to see those involved in Kumena on the big screen – hearing from them about how their lives have changed and sharing this with SCIAF's supporters. It was incredibly powerful.

– **Aisling Gallacher**,  
Zambia Programme Officer



## TEACHERS TAKE NOTE!

We've created a new interactive learning resource for senior phase pupils, so they can continue learning about the Catholic Vision of Dignity after watching the film. It links to the 'This is Our Faith' curriculum, and tackles big issues like rights, justice and global inequality. Perfect for follow-up work or fresh learning, it inspires young people to reflect, respond and take action.

Visit [sciaf.org.uk/resources](http://sciaf.org.uk/resources) to get started today!

## ON SOCIALS



- Pleased to have attended tonight. Great work being done by your staff and volunteers. How lucky we are!  
**Patricia Dickinson**
- We came along tonight. The film (and short films) and everyone involved are awesome! It will certainly inspire further contributions to some fantastic work SCIAF do. **Emma Dickson**
- Great to see how SCIAF are working in partnership with other agencies and what an amazing difference the support of the Scottish Government has made to the project. **Karen Berry**



# Reflecting on SCIAF's impact

**Dr Duncan MacLaren was the first full-time employee of SCIAF and the first SCIAF Director. He is now a member of SCIAF's Integral Human Development Advisory Group and was made a Knight Commander of St Gregory the Great by Pope Francis in 2016 for his work for the Church.**



Water for a village, Borena, Ethiopia



Duncan with Bishop Toal, 2016

I was initially employed as SCIAF's Education Officer to go round parishes and schools to inform them of the agency's work and advocate on behalf of the poor. I remember that my first call was from a head teacher who used some outdated language to talk about SCIAF's work. I realised a lot had to change.

Soon after, I visited CAFOD in London and Trócaire in Dublin where it became clear that we had to set up a small professional team at SCIAF and move away from doing solely missionary projects. We needed to promote partnership, embrace Catholic Social Teaching and become professional – but always with, as Pope Benedict XVI later wrote, 'a heart that sees'.

The Scottish Bishops' Conference was persuaded, and, for the rest of my 13-year tenure, I saw the emergence of a butterfly from a chrysalis. We built a small but brilliant staff team, joined Caritas and CIDSE, and became – in the words of the very supportive Cardinal Thomas Winning – 'the jewel of the Scottish Church'.

Sixty years on, SCIAF is an internationally respected aid, development and advocacy agency cherished by the Scottish Government; its peers in Caritas Europa, CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis; by our Bishops' Conference and the Catholic

community – priests, religious and the laity; and by the youngsters in our schools whose enthusiasm keeps us all going.

Above all, our staff are our main witnesses to our professionalism by acting in close affective solidarity with our partners around the world, trying together to transform the lives of the poorest. All the time, SCIAF follows integral human development principles arising from the social teaching of the Church, founded on scripture and embellished by the tradition of the Church over centuries – and today fostered in our own era by Pope Francis and now Pope Leo XIV.

As I look proudly on at the accolades being showered on SCIAF in its sixtieth year, Pope Francis's words come to mind: "An authentic faith always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave the earth somehow better than we found it."

Everyone who has worked for, or supported SCIAF over these sixty years, has contributed to this sage advice by following the option for the poor, being in solidarity with the marginalised, caring for our common home, and opposing oppression and injustice wherever we find it. **Happy birthday and God bless all of you!**



Arcadio, Colombia



# Remember SCIAF in your Will

**For 60 years, thanks to you, we've given people in the poorest parts of the world the skills, tools and training they need to support their families, achieve new realities, and build brighter futures.**

Remembering SCIAF in your final wishes is a wonderful gesture of love, enabling us to continue standing with the world's poor. Please contact Lucy, our friendly legacy expert, to help build a better world for the next generation.

**[sciaf.org.uk/wills](http://sciaf.org.uk/wills)  
0141 354 5555**



Mass in Tigray, Ethiopia

## **Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund**

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