



KAG Advocacy (KAG) is a not-for-profit charity, established in 1988 to help vulnerable people have a say in decisions that affect them, and how they live their lives.

We do this by providing independent advocacy support to individuals at no direct cost to them. Advocacy is provided by our specialist employed staff and trained volunteers.

Everybody should have a say in how their lives are run, whatever their abilities and circumstances. However, not everybody is able to express their views and make clear their needs for a variety of reasons.

KAG has specific programs of services available to help. All our services are operated and governed by our core beliefs- social justice, self determination and commitment to the individual. We listen to our clients, understand their needs, ensure they are aware of their rights and provide relevant information. Finally, we support them in speaking up for themselves (self advocacy) or where this is not possible, speak for them (advocacy).

**How Church of the Holy Name has supported KAG....** In the past we have helped KAG with an annual donation. They always want volunteers, no experience needed as training will be given.

[www.kag.org.uk](http://www.kag.org.uk)

## Our Twinning Project In Mexico

*This Twinning project was started up in 2002 when the Justice and Peace Group had been discussing ways of setting up a link with another Parish or village in a more economically-deprived part of the world.*

Father Barry and Bishop Rodrigo met and became friends many years ago. Since then they have worked in very different directions to serve the Lord. Bishop Rodrigo was delighted with the suggestion that we could arrange a mutually beneficial partnership and thus the Parish of Santa Ana in Matahuela, was suggested as an ideal 'twinning'

*Matahuela* Diocese alone is bigger than the land mass of Ireland. In the remote Parish of Santa Ana, the Priest drives more than 3000 kilometres a month (often giving lifts to Parishioners on the way), to reach the hamlets and remote outposts of his 'flock'. Indeed, sometimes if the Priest needs to contact the Bishop, the nearest telephone is some 25 kilometres drive away!

**How Church of the Holy Name has supported Santa Ana .....** Initially we assisted the Matahuela Diocese by funding the services of an Information Technology expert for one year, as well as helping to provide computers for some of his Diocese. Simply by helping the Bishop, priests and parishioners to communicate with each other more easily will be a great help. We have had a few social evenings to raise some money for other needs such as spectacles for those who need them. In 2004 we held a Christmas Shopping Night and also a Mexican Quiz Night. A very generous donation from one of our parishioners was gratefully received and has been invested and will fund many worthy causes including an irrigation project and educational needs.



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**The Cardinal Hume Centre.** "Transforming Lives". Cardinal Hume founded the Centre in 1986 to provide a complete service to homeless young people. The Centre is located near Westminster Cathedral. Its objective is to enable the homeless young to fulfil their potential, gaining confidence and skills so as to live independently. Today it has two hostels, a drop-in-centre, education and training programmes, skill development, resettlement and aftercare, a family centre and a surgery. So many have benefited from these facilities over the last 20 years but every year regrettably there are more young lives to be rescued. Along with many other parishes in Greater London, we have contributed to the work of the Centre and seek to continue this good work.

**How Church of the Holy Name has supported The Cardinal Hume Centre .....** An appeal was made after Mass in 2005 for The Cardinal Hume Centre and £1,041 was collected.

£580 was raised at a quiz night and £320 from the Lent lunches

The generous Harvest Festival gift from the children at St Paul's School this year and last year were given to the Centre. These gifts of provisions were exceptionally generous and very gratefully received.

[www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk](http://www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk)



The Passage runs London's largest voluntary sector day centre for homeless and vulnerable people: each day more than 250 men and women are helped.

A six-strong team of Street Link workers make contact, often late at night or early in the morning, with those sleeping rough in Victoria as they are bedding down or getting up. A 49-bed emergency night shelter, Passage House, was officially opened on 1 March 2000.

For the past three years the charity has run Montfort House, which contains 16 self-contained studio flats with staff support on site for those preparing for independent living.

Of the more than £3.5 million a year it costs to keep The Passage going, only half is funded from statutory sources; the rest comes from donations from individuals, church organisations, charitable trusts and companies.

**How Church of the Holy Name has supported The Passage ...**once every 5 weeks, a team of 4-6 people from the Church of The Holy Name travels up to Victoria to spend a Sunday morning helping at the Passage Day Centre, which provides food and hot drinks for the homeless. A 2005 Advent Retiring Collection raised £544.

[www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk)