

**TROCAIRE- UNTIL LOVE CONQUERS FEAR**  
**LENT 2018 FOCUS-SIERRA LEONE by Fr Eddie**  
**Gallagher Diocesan Representative to Trocaire**

Last year the people in the Derry Diocese contributed over £500,000 to the 2017 Lenten campaign and this was followed by a further £250,000 to the emergency appeal to East Africa. Once more the generosity of the people of Derry Diocese was abundantly clear as they supported Trocaire's work throughout the world for a more just world and responding to a crisis wherever it may occur.

This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign features Koroma family in Freetown, Sierra Leone who were affected by recent landslides in their area. This tragic event affected the Koroma family in various ways and cost them their home, possessions, work tools and changed the course of this family's future forever.



Kumba from Freetown, Sierra Leone holds the Trocaire box with her image

This year our Trócaire box tells the story of Kumba, a seven-year-old girl from Sierra Leone. The beginning of Lent marked the six month anniversary of the devastating mudslide that destroyed her home and killed over 1,000 people in the area of Freetown where she lives. Only 20% of her community survived. The campaign also highlights Trocaire's ongoing work in this country with the countless thousands of families who were affected by the Ebola crisis in 2014.

There are many ways you can assist Trocaire in their work. There is the traditional way through the use of the

Trocaire, please remember to Gift Aid your donation if you are able to do so. You could also take part in the Trocaire Romero Family Award which was launched as part of Trocaire's contribution to this year's World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August. Further details on this can be found at [www.trocaire.org/romeroaward](http://www.trocaire.org/romeroaward). Finally you could organise a fundraising event among friends, family or parish community like the members of the local An Caislean Glas agus Sperrin Og GAA Clubs did last summer in my own parish of Greencastle, Co Tyrone. They even managed to get their Parish Priest to take part in Couch to 5K programme as you can see in accompanying photos and raised the princely sum of £810.

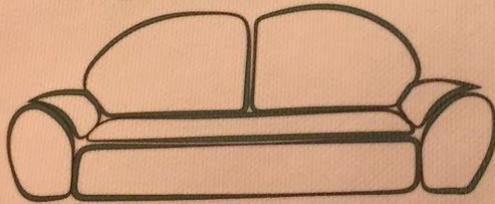




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Join Trócaire in prayer and thanksgiving this Lenten season to celebrate the resilience, hope and steadfast

spirit of the Koroma family and the people of Sierra Leone and thank you once again for your steadfast support of Trocaire over many years.