

How do I become a sponsor?

Ideally, a sponsor would undertake to donate £550 per year for four years. However, this is quite a large sum for most individuals to pay each year and we would welcome anyone who is willing to donate a reasonable amount towards this goal.

We ask you to give a commitment to maintain the donation (whatever the amount), for a fixed length of time, normally four years. Circumstances do change, and we understand if someone can not maintain the commitment.

Any individual, group, society, school, parish or diocese may join the scheme. Sometimes friends club together just for this purpose.

Donations can be sent on an annual, quarterly or monthly basis and are made either to the MISSIO Office or by banker's order directly to our bank account.

**To join the scheme please contact the
MISSIO Office at the address below and we
will be pleased to make the necessary
arrangements.**

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The Society of Saint Peter the Apostle



Student Sponsorship

The Church in the Developing World

A fruit of the missionary endeavours of the last century has been the firm establishment of the Church in many Mission Areas. The Lord has blessed this triumph of Faith, by calling many young men and women to priesthood and religious life.

Indeed so many young people are responding to the Lord's Call that seminaries, have often to turn away suitable candidates because of a lack of finance.

Our Society (The Society of St. Peter the Apostle) is the Church's organisation which builds and assists in the running of seminaries in Mission areas.

Each year the society gives about £550 for every seminarian in Major Seminaries and £300 for those in Junior Seminaries and Noviciates. The funds raised do not go to the student, but are sent to the seminary as part of the seminary's annual grant.

In some areas this is quite sufficient to maintain the seminarian for the whole year. In other places it is quite inadequate. However the Society can only distribute the funds which it receives from all over the world. Currently (2006) there are in excess of 30,000 seminarians and 10,000 religious to be supported.

Scotland and Kaduna

The St. Peter's Society in Scotland has made a link with the newly—opened Good Shepherd seminary in Kaduna City, Nigeria. Such was the need that the seminary opened before the buildings were completed. They are still working on electricity and telephone connections. There is one well which serves both staff and students.

Each year Scotland will try to support these students by providing the annual grant for their seminary.

The Sponsoring Scheme

The Society asks individuals or groups to assist with the funding of a seminarian, by agreeing to give a fixed sum of money for four years.

The donors will be put into contact with a particular seminarian in the last four years of his training. Hopefully, letters will be exchanged between them . Of course they will be linked in prayer for each other.

To avoid any unnecessary demands on sponsor's generosity, the donor's address is not made known and all correspondence is carried out through the MISSIO Office.

Of course the Society of St. Peter the Apostle can not guarantee that every student will be ordained. For a variety of reasons people do leave seminaries and religious life. This is why the sponsoring scheme links with only those in the last part of their training, when they hopefully will have discerned their path for life.

It is good to remember that seminarians and religious who have left before ordination and final profession, most often make good use of their education and offer another type of service to the wider church and community at large.



The Student Body at Kaduna