

# Parish volunteers help get *Laudato Si'* themed project off the ground

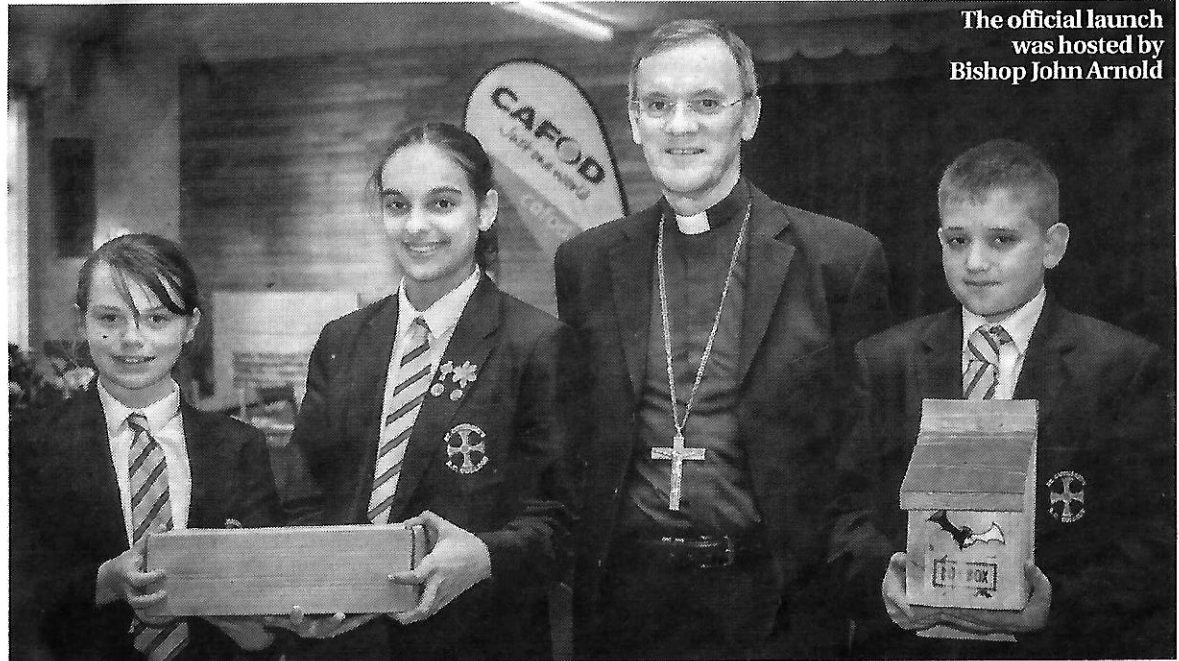
**Norden, Rochdale:** Volunteers from the parish of St Vincent de Paul's, have been supporting their local CAFOD office to run a pilot scheme of the 'B.O.B. box' – bird or bat box – in the Rochdale area.

The B.O.B. box, a dual-purpose bird nesting or bat roosting box, was created as a practical response to *Laudato Si'* and Pope Francis' call for us all to care for our common home. Parishioners are building the boxes together, which come flat packed, to encourage more wildlife into the environment.

In a true community effort, around 50 volunteers from local schools and churches rallied to support the B.O.B. box scheme at its launch in June, in an event led by the Bishop of Salford, John Arnold.

Since then, volunteers such as Graham Sivills, a local Catenian, have been continuing to work tirelessly to get the project off the ground.

Graham has been helping to coordinate the project, organising the business elements as well as working on logistics. He said: "It's been really rewarding to work on the B.O.B box scheme and support CAFOD in this way. The whole community has rallied together to help, and we feel



in Rochdale."

The money raised by the boxes goes to support CAFOD's work with the poorest people in over 40 countries worldwide, with parishes using the money they have raised to buy products from CAFOD's *World Gifts* range for communities overseas.

Rochdale, Steve Burrowes, said: "The parish of St Vincent's have been so supportive, volunteering individually as well as hosting the launch. The work CAFOD does would be impossible to complete without the help of our committed volunteer base, to which we are very grateful."

a range of different presents that will transform lives, including the 'Brilliant Birds' gift. By purchasing this gift, parishioners are helping people across the world to create their own sustainable businesses and become self-sufficient.

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