

Homily **Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ** (6.8.17)

**'Missionary Appeal' by the Daughters of Divine Love,  
on behalf of the Sisters' Mission Committee  
of England & Wales**

Sister Maris Stella began by thanking Fr Richard for giving her the opportunity to make this appeal. Leaflets giving details of the work done by the sisters in many parts of the world were given to everyone, as was a prayer card. Sister invited us to read the prayer all together:

**'Lord Jesus, as the Father sent You into the world,  
so You send me to show all people Your love.  
Let my hands be Your hands,  
my words be Your words,  
so that I may give Your love to everyone I meet,  
and help to spread this love to the ends of the earth.'**

The Sisters have a very varied apostolate including healthcare as doctors, nurses and pharmacists in hospitals and nursing homes. Help is also given in Rehabilitation Centres as care givers and counsellors. The Sisters teach right up to university level, assist with chaplaincy work and run retreats. Sister Maris Stella stressed that at times, especially in Northern Nigeria, the work can be very dangerous, but the Sisters are committed to bringing relief from suffering, however caused, and in whatever situation, so as to show all peoples the love and care of Christ. This wonderful mission of the Sisters obviously needs our prayers and financial support.

The parish responded to the appeal by donating almost £800 – a magnificent sum in the holiday month of August!