



HCPT *The Pilgrimage Trust*

Standing Order Donation

HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust was formed in 1956 after a young doctor, Michael Strode, took four children with disabilities to Lourdes. From the outset he insisted that they should be treated just like other pilgrims, and should be accommodated in hotels rather than hospitals.

HCPT now takes about 2,000 children aged 7-18 from the UK, Ireland and other countries who have a wide range of disabilities, or other needs, to Lourdes at Easter. Throughout the spring and summer seasons a further 2,000 adults, some with disabilities are guests at Hosanna House, owned by the Trust in the village of Bartres, just outside Lourdes. Hosanna House was opened in 1975 in response to requests from young people with disabilities for an opportunity to experience a pilgrimage holiday similar to that offered to the children who come on the annual Easter pilgrimage.

If you would like to help support these children and adults on their journey to Lourdes by making regular donations to the Trust, please complete both sections of the form overleaf.

You will notice when filling in the form the section on Gift Aid. The Gift Aid scheme was introduced by the Government to help increase charitable giving.

- It enables charities to claim back from the Inland Revenue 28p for every £1 donated by a taxpayer, so a donation of £1 is actually worth £1.28 to us.
- The only condition is that the taxpayer has paid income tax or capital gains tax equal to the amount that will be reclaimed. So for example if your donation is £10, you must have paid income or capital gains tax of at least £2.80. If your donation is £100, you must have paid income or capital gains tax of at least £28.00.
- This is the only Gift Aid declaration that you need to sign to enable the Trust to reclaim the tax paid on your donation, as one form covers all future donations.
- We would be grateful if you could let us know if at some point in the future you cease to pay tax, or if you change address.

Once you have completed the form, we would be grateful if you could return it to us and we will make all the necessary arrangements.

Your support for the work of the Trust is greatly appreciated.

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