

# GLOBAL ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER HIGHLIGHTED AS A WELL IN UGANDA IS DEDICATED TO DIOCESE OF CLOGHER IN AUGUST 2020

*Wells of Life Ireland announced that the Diocese of Clougher will provide a water well in East Africa in 2020*

TATESTOWN DONAGHPATRICK NAVAN, CO. , MEATH, IRELAND, July 31, 2019 / EINPresswire.com/ -- August 2020 will see the dedication of a water well in Uganda to the [Diocese of Clogher](#) through the worldwide work of [Wells of Life](#) Ireland, an international organization which strives to bring life-saving water to the people of East Africa. The dedication of the well will create a further bond between the people of the Diocese of Clogher, a place well-known for its commitment to the people of Africa, and the people there. It also stimulates further awareness of the very real need for people locally to help others less fortunate than ourselves. Therefore, members of the public across all the parishes of Clogher diocese are invited to consider participating in the trip to Uganda from 9 to 15 August 2020, during which the dedication of the Clogher well will take place, thus adding to the others that are dedicated to other Irish dioceses there.



Bishop Lawrence (Larry) Duffy

Wells of Life, a Christian organization made up of individuals, families, schools, churches and businesses in America and worldwide, is a nonprofit body that fights to provide access to clean, sustainable drinking water to end poverty in rural communities in Uganda. Wells of Life drills wells and teaches communities about sustainable hygiene and water supply. Their focus stems from the desire to improve the quality of life of the people there, one well at a time.

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Their mission is to tackle the world-wide crisis of the shortage of clean drinking water in the spirit of Matthew 17:20: If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains so that people everywhere may joyfully draw water from life-saving wells (cf Isaiah 12:3).

Among the supporters of Wells of Life is Pope Francis, who has had Well No. 133 dedicated to him. At a Vatican conference last November, Pope Francis

advocated for global access to clean drinking water when he spoke of the reality that in many parts of the world 'our brothers and sisters cannot have a dignified life because of the lack of access to clean water.

The inclusion of the Diocese of Clogher in this project adds to the positive track record the diocese has with regard to Africa and to environmental and justice issues. A number of parishes have ongoing fundraising initiatives for various projects in Kitui in Kenya and in Uganda, among other places. The Clogher Justice and Peace and Integrity of Creation Group is working hard to increase the awareness of climate change and related justice questions.

A parishioner from Magheracloone in south-Monaghan, Lou Metzger, is an ambassador for Wells of Life. A lecturer in photography in DKIT, Dundalk and a former President of the Carrickmacross Lions Club, Lou is organizing and promoting the trip to Uganda for the dedication of the well to the Diocese of Clogher in August 2020 and he can be contacted on 00 353 42 966 1394 or by email at [loumetzger@mac.com](mailto:loumetzger@mac.com). Mr. Metzger is encouraging people from across the diocese to travel to Uganda for the opening, adding that 'bringing supplies to the schools and orphanages would be a life-changing experience, in addition to being at the opening of this wonderful well that will change the life of a village forever and save many children's lives.'

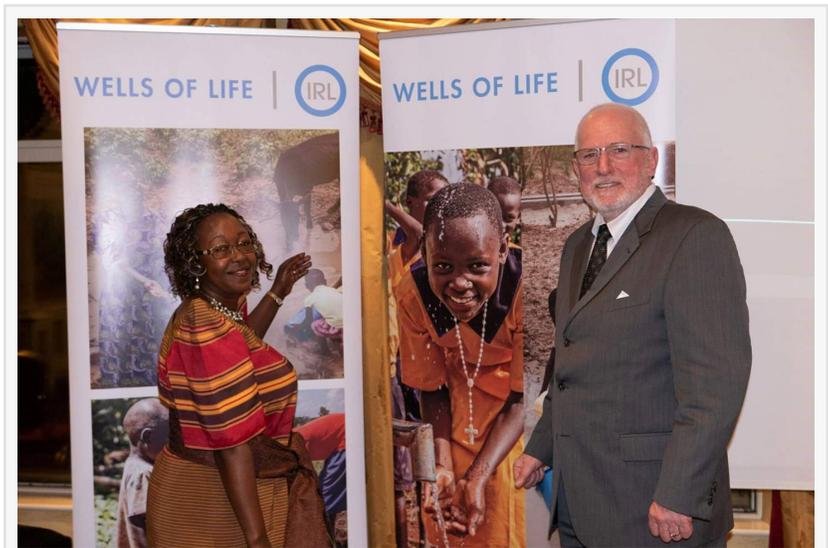
[Bishop Larry Duffy](#) added his support to the initiative and welcomed the fact that the diocese was being included among the wells saying, "The people of this diocese have a long history of generosity and solidarity with the people of Africa and several of our parishes fund various projects in Uganda already. Having worked in Africa myself, I know the immense value placed by people and communities on clean drinking water and its impact on their lives. I am happy that the Diocese of Clogher is being included in the work and mission of Wells of Life in Uganda and I wish Lou and all of the team every blessing in their life-giving work."

For further information on Wells of Life, visit <https://wellsoflife.org/>

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Notes for Editors

1. Bishop Larry Duffy is the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Clogher. He was ordained bishop on 10 February 2019. 2. The Diocese of Clogher encompasses all of Co Monaghan, most



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of Fermanagh and portions of Tyrone, Donegal, Louth and Cavan. It has a Catholic population of 88,000, across 37 parishes, which are served by 58 priests and 1 deacon. There are 85 churches

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