**ST LAWRENCE CHARITABLE FUND**

**Are you familiar with the social teaching of the church? Do you perhaps want to put your concern for others in the broader context of scripture especially at this time of year?**

**AN INVITATION TO THE SLCF 30TH ANNIVERSARY MASS OF**

**THANKSGIVING AND CELEBRATION**

**ON 8TH DECEMBER 2018**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**FOLLOWED BY**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**AND**

**A TALK IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BY**

**SR MARIA McGUINNESS**

**ON THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

**AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR US**

**The St Lawrence Charitable Fund was registered by the Charity Commission on 8th December 1988. It was established as a result of the plight of a homeless young woman brought to our attention by one of the nuns resident in the parish at the time. As individuals, a few parishioners were able to accommodate her, assist in finding her more permanent housing and help her enrol for an FE course, but the parish had no structure to deal with the situation. The Parish Council subsequently decided to set up a charitable fund to assist the disadvantaged locally.**

**Generously supported by parishioners and currently run by a management committee of 11, the Fund has flourished ever since and has developed a close working relationship with Bexley Social Services Department. The SLCF continues to support educational and youth-work projects but expenditure is mainly for welfare purposes, particularly as a result of domestic violence. Current spending is about £2000 per month and the budget is quite separate from parish funds.**

**Please come to the Mass, join the celebrations, listen to the talk and perhaps even get involved?**