



CREATING PHOTO MOSAICS FOR PARISHES AND SCHOOLS

**In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify
your Father in heaven.**

Matthew 5.16

In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ commands us to 'let our light shine before others' and tells us that our eyes are 'the lamp of our bodies', revealing the light we hold within us (Matthew 6.26).

Each of us, in our various ways, are witnesses to God's love and glory in our parishes, schools and communities. For the Year of Vocation, we want to celebrate how we bear Christ to our communities through our own lives and witness and suggest that one way we might do this is through a creative use of images.

The suggestion is that members of your community submit photos of their faces or of themselves living out their life in Christ to build up a 'photo mosaic'.



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Using a simple computer program, you can turn a large number of images from your community's life into a mosaic of, for example, your Church building or Christ.

This image could then be turned into a large poster to feature in your school or church (perhaps surrounded by some of the original photos of people and why they were chosen). The images could also be used to sell as tea-towels, mugs or smaller posters for congregations/parents.

1. Schools and parishes will first need to buy TurboMosaic (www.turbomosaic.com) for use on Macs (Mac OS X 10.9 or later) and Windows (Windows 10/8/7/Vista) operating systems. It costs £20.69 (permission for organizational use). Other programmes are available.



TurboMosaic
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2. Open TurboMosaic and select a size for your photo mosaic. You can choose a size from a list of default sizes, or you can create any custom size.
3. Select the main picture for your mosaic (a clear photograph of your church or Christ, for example) on Turbo Mosaic.
4. Add the pictures, gathered from your community (making sure suitable permissions are sought), that might be used for the tiles of your community mosaic.
5. Generate mosaic.
6. The image can then be sent to a local printer or an online printing company such as www.vistaprint.co.uk for production as posters for your church or turned into tea-towels & (www.countrysideart.co.uk).