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Diocese of Carlisle choose SunSystems from Sapphire

SunSystems selected to offer improved reporting and charity management capabilities.

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LONDON, UK – 5 June 2006. Sapphire Systems today announced that they are to implement and support the SunSystems financial accounting solution at the Diocese of Carlisle.

Neil Barrett, Assistant Diocesan Secretary (Finance), and his two assistants in the finance team at the Diocesan office required a new finance solution since the existing system, Sage Line 100, was unable to cope with the complexity of charity accounting and VAT partial exemption – a new requirement since their recent VAT registration.

The team reviewed several potential solutions before deciding to select SunSystems. On making their selection Neil said “We decided that SunSystems would be the best fit for us as it is extensively used in other Diocesan offices, and appears to be able to cope with the shortfalls that we had been experiencing on the old system. I already knew about the SunSystems solution and know that it has an excellent reputation for it’s strong reporting capabilities - which is another important factor for us.”

The Diocese of Carlisle approached Sapphire regarding the implementation and support of their SunSystems application on the recommendation of another Sapphire client - Diocese of Manchester. Neil commented “The presentation that Sapphire gave us was excellent and made a real impact. We were very impressed with what they had to offer.”

Once SunSystems goes live Neil states “The Diocese will benefit from better reporting capabilities from an easier reporting facility. We will also be able to cut down on duplication of work and the use of spreadsheets - with our current system we have to enter the same information numerous times and have to further manipulate information in Microsoft Excel. I am also looking forward to the ease of use we will have with SunSystems.”

Ian Caswell, Managing Director at Sapphire remarked “We are very pleased to be working with the Diocese of Carlisle on upgrading their financial accounting solution. SunSystems has functionality specifically developed for charitable organisations which is one of the reasons it is used to such good effect by Diocesan organisations. We look forward to supporting Neil and his team at the Diocesan office in their implementation and use of the solution.

About Sapphire Systems plc

Sapphire is the worlds leading reseller of SunSystems – a title which it has held for the past 4 years. Since 1986, Sapphire has offered their clients wide-ranging practical expertise in selecting and implementing advanced financial accounting and business management solutions and today provides software, services and support for hundreds of customers worldwide from their offices in London and Manchester. Sapphire is a founder member of the British Application Software Developers Association and is featured in the Deloitte & Touche Fast 50 Technology 2005 rankings. www.sapphiresystems.co.uk

About the Diocese of Carlisle

The Diocese of Carlisle is responsible for 351 churches and 109 church schools in England’s Lake District and the surrounding area. www.carlisediocese.org.uk