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Durham Diocesan Deputy Organs Adviser



Dear Sir Daniel Cook,

I am writing to convey my sincere interest and firm commitment to acquire and rehome the pipe organ from St John's Church, Darlington – NPOR [N12161], which we understand has been offered for rehoming. If not mistaken, it will be available for dismantling and removal towards the end of 2025.

My name is Rev. Ric Marpa. I am a Catholic priest from the Philippines. Since 2012, I have been actively advocating for the use of pipe organs in worship within churches across the Philippines. Over the years, I have successfully rehomed several redundant pipe organs from the USA and the UK. I would be happy to share photos or video samples if needed. Here I have attached a couple of deeds of donation for our acquisitions from the USA and the UK.

My early pipe organ projects were made possible through the generous support of Dr. Carl Dodrill, a Methodist from Seattle and President of the Pipe Organ Foundation, USA. He served not only as my mentor but also as the key inspiration behind this advocacy. For reference, here is the link to the foundation's projects: <https://www.pipeorganfoundation.org/projects/projects.html>

With time and dedication, we have developed the capacity to rehome more pipe organs in the Philippines. I have been helped extensively with our rehoming projects by Sirs Chris Hind, Martin Renshaw, George Allan, who are all from the UK.

While we are a small core team, our technicians are highly capable of fully repairing and restoring historic instruments, including electro-pneumatic pipe organs—one of our team members is a graduate of Electronics. The other is a seasoned technician with 13 years of experience in pipe organ building and repair from a prominent local organ shop. He has undertaken restoration and installation projects in Taiwan, Singapore, and as far afield as Russia.

Typically, we request assistance from the donor in preparing the documentation for the deed of conveyance. This helps us avoid exorbitant local tariffs, as the pipe organs are used in religious services in the church. Additionally, we will need help loading the organ's components into the container at the designated location. Rest assured, we will shoulder all trucking and shipping expenses.

We will keep you updated as restoration progresses to ensure that the pipe organ is being preserved, repaired, and prepared to serve in church worship once more.

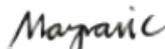
With this, I would like to formally express my earnest intent to acquire your church's pipe organ. I would be truly grateful for your guidance on any additional steps required from my end. I also understand that Mr. Martin Renshaw may have contacted you already. I would appreciate any information you could provide on how we might proceed.

Please know that I am respectfully submitting this request to your church council as well. With a prayerful heart, I hope this letter receives the committee's approval and kind consideration.

I remain at your full disposal should you have any questions or further concerns.

With every good wish and prayerful regards, I remain

Respectfully yours,

  
Rev. Ric Marpa