



Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph

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Trustees Report for Charities Commission From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 Registered Charity Number 1050485

The Trustees are at present:

Sr Julie Marsh-Collis, OP
Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, OP
Sr Michelle Hawkes, OP
Sr Mary Benedicta Obiora, OP

Our core principle remains the nurturing, teaching and celebration of the Roman Catholic faith. Yet again, 2023 has seen our apostolate reach further afield.

We continue to run an after-school club and held retreat days in our Priory for this school, covering various year groups. Other schools have requested our presence throughout the south of England.

Our main thrust is to teach and train catechists and therefore we have run two courses, online, for Essential Catechist Training and then Further Catechist Training. This has made us start the process of producing a two-year course for Catechists. The ministry of a Catechist is now recognised as an important role, and we intend, through the formation we provide, to help people who want to be catechists.

One of our apostolates that is growing, is the inclusive catechist's group which has come into being to help parents and catechists teach the Catholic faith to children with additional needs. There is a great need for help in this area.

Our apostolate of Faith formation, Light of Truth, has taken off very well. We have been asked to help at various locations, mainly giving Catechists Day input. We have travelled to Clifton, Shrewsbury, Abergavenny, Nottingham, Exeter, Limerick, Winchester and Reading. We also took part in a Parish Mission in Guernsey. Our on-line courses have included various subjects ranging from Baptism, Reconciliation and the Mass, also including Understanding the Vatican II documents and The Last Four Things.

We continue to help at a local Parish Youth Group once a month and have given retreat days to RE Head Teachers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Teams of Our Lady and various groups. We have also offered parish support for a family-led catechesis project that we have developed.

In total, the Light of Truth apostolic activities we have undertaken in 2023 have included:

- 91 online sessions of formation in the Catholic faith
- 24 radio shows
- 56 in-person events

These 173 formation sessions have taken us to 12 dioceses in England, Wales and Ireland.

Our online sessions have included 16 courses, 2 monthly events, and 6 single events, for a total of 2,587 participants.

We have helped set up a small Lay Dominican fraternity in our area who meet at our premises, and we spiritually guide them.

Our annual Summer Camp was held at Kintbury near Newbury this year. It was a very successful camp, and many young people were able to come together and share their faith together.

With the extra travelling we have now undertaken it was necessary for us to invest in a higher-grade car and we purchased a second-hand car to meet these needs, which has proved invaluable.

Our old and faithful boiler finally gave up working and this necessitated us investing in a new boiler. We investigated the best green eco friendly system and have ended up with two LPG boilers. Unfortunately, due to our location, we are not on any mains services and already have a tank for LPG which heats our Chapel and runs our cooker in the kitchen. We also invested in an extra 10 solar panels together with a Tesla battery that has helped us when the power has gone down.

We have upgraded our Broadband lines and made the switch to a cloud phone system (VoIP) to help with the on-line ministry that we carry out.

We keep our Chapel open to the public and have been able to welcome people from all walks of life and chat with them. The live streaming of our services is also continuing to make an impact on a wider audience, and we have had various people visit because they have watched us on the livestream.

This year we have received legacies which has given us a boost to our current funding. We hold a sum of money that we hope to use for an extension to our premises as we grow in numbers.

We are governed by a Trust Deed where four Trustees are named. Our charity is run by the Trustees together with Finally Professed Sisters where regular Chapter Meetings are held and decisions are made. Appointment of the Prioress (main Trustee) is decided by secret ballot held every three years and is set out in our Constitutions for our Congregation.

We have been able to write and review our Safeguarding Policy and various policies covering all aspects of our ministry.

We are supported by generous benefactors who have set up standing orders to help support us financially. We receive payments for the various courses we have been running, mostly on-line, and in person events. We look forward to 2024 with renewed optimism as our new ventures grow.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.



Sr. Julie Marsh-Collis, OP
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20th September 2024

The Dominican Sisters of St Joseph – Reg. No. 1050485

We certify that the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet for the year 2023 have been prepared from the books and records of the Community of the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and are in agreement with them.



Brian Arthur FCA

25th September 2024



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Profit and Loss

From: Month 1, January 2023
To: Month 12, December 2023

Chart of Accounts:

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Sales			
Donations	46,159.29	46,159.29	
Legacy	19,700.70	19,700.70	
Fund Generation - Charity Shop	11,152.43	11,152.43	
Fund Generation - Fund Raising	203.15	203.15	
Investment Income	1,379.80	1,379.80	
Other Income	56,006.34	56,006.34	
Standard Earned Income	47,631.50	47,631.50	
	182,233.21		182,233.21
Purchases			
Charitable Expenditure - Grants Payable	3,038.42	3,038.42	
Cost of Charitable Activities	14,285.59	14,285.59	
	17,324.01		17,324.01
Direct Expenses			
Charitable Expenditure - Stock for Charity Shop	5,495.09	5,495.09	
	5,495.09		5,495.09
Gross Profit/(Loss):	<u>159,414.11</u>		<u>159,414.11</u>
Overheads			
Support Costs - Rent and Rates	2,510.72	2,510.72	
Support Costs - Heat, Light and Power	13,983.75	13,983.75	
Support Costs - Travelling Expenses	14,224.95	14,224.95	
Support Costs - Printing and Stationery	4,104.09	4,104.09	
Support Costs - Telephone and Computer	7,536.78	7,536.78	
Support Costs - Equipment Hire and Rental	1,260.00	1,260.00	
Support Costs - Maintenance	25,197.69	25,197.69	
Support Costs - General Expenses	52,569.29	52,569.29	
Management & Admin - Bank Charges and	96.31	96.31	
Management & Admin - Gross Wages	6,097.88	6,097.88	
Management & Admin - Professional Fees	3,440.17	3,440.17	
Management & Admin - Depreciation	13,060.00	13,060.00	
	144,081.63		144,081.63
Net Profit/(Loss):	<u>15,332.48</u>		<u>15,332.48</u>

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Balance Sheet

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Property	0.00	1,549,690.45	
Office Equipment	27,890.20	30,090.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	(3,903.00)	2,546.75	
Motor Vehicles	15,179.00	18,629.31	
	39,166.20		1,600,956.51
Current Assets			
Stock	0.00	700.00	
Deposits and Cash	232.98	280.58	
Bank Account	0.00	152,683.58	
	232.98		153,664.16
Current Liabilities			
Creditors : Short Term	(13,665.82)	(503.13)	
Bank Account	37,732.52	0.00	
	24,066.70		(503.13)
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:	(23,833.72)		154,167.29
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:	15,332.48		1,755,123.80
Long Term Liabilities			
	0.00		0.00
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Capital & Reserves			
Funds	0.00	1,739,791.32	
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