

PROVIDENCE MARIAN COMPANY

England & Wales · Charity number 1133491

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06873673
Registered	2010-01-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	4 Melbourn Road Royston SG8 7DB
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Activities

Objects: SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL ADVANCE THE RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK OF THE VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN KNOWN AS THE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE AND OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.

Activities: To support the advancement of the charitable works carried on by the Congregation for the advancement of the Roman Catholic Religion and the well being of those who benefit from the sisters' ministries. By caring for individual sisters, the charity enables and supports the sisters to live out their faith and put that faith into practice through a wide variety of religious and other works.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Belgium
- Camden
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	-	-	-	-
2024-06-30	-	-	-	-
2022-12-31	£524,701	£14,401,201	£2,630,243	5
2021-12-31	£699,506	£4,098,830	£18,807,268	5
2020-12-31	£443,481	£1,189,273	-	-
2019-12-31	£580,892	£3,823,647	£20,148,410	5
2018-12-31	£585,130	£476,650	£21,313,072	5

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SISTER Genevieve Defrenne		2016-02-01
SISTER MARGARET CLOGHESSY		2009-04-08
SISTER MARIE-JOSE HERBEUVAL		2012-06-04
SISTER MARY FLANNIGAN		2009-04-08
SISTER PATRICIA RYAN		2009-04-08
SISTER VERONICA MAGUIRE		2009-04-08
Sister Martha Magdalena Geers		2013-10-13
Sister Marthe Dachet		2016-02-01

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Accounts

**Providence
Marian
Company**

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2022

Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number 6873673
(England and Wales)

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Reference and administrative details of the charitable company, its trustees and advisers
31 December 2022

Trustees

Sister Mary Flannigan
Sister Margaret Cloghessy
Sister Marthe Marie Dacht
Sister Genevieve Cecile Defrenne
Sister Martha Magdalena Geers
Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval
Sister Veronica Maguire
Sister Patricia Ryan

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Charity registration number 1133491

Company registration number 6873673 (England and Wales)

Auditor

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31 December 2022

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	Rathbone Investment Management Limited Port of Liverpool Building Pierhead Liverpool L3 1NW
	Evelyn Partners (formerly Smith and Williamson Investment Management Limited) 45 Gresham Street London EC2V 7BG
Property advisers	Gerald Eve LLP One Fitzroy 6 Mortimer Street London W1T 3JJ
Solicitors	Pothecary Witham Weld 84 Eccleston Square Pimlico London SW1V 1PX

The trustees, who are directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report together with the financial statements of Providence Marian Company (the "charitable company") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 22 to 26 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charitable company's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Constitution

Providence Marian Company is a company limited by guarantee, Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales) and a charity registered under the Charities Act 2011, Charity Registration No. 1133491.

Introduction

The Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception (the Congregation) is an international Roman Catholic religious congregation divided into a number of separate provinces.

The financial statements accompanying this report are the financial statements relating to the Congregation's activities and assets in England.

The objects of the charitable company are to support such charitable purposes which advance the religious and other charitable work, for the time being carried on by, or under, the direction of the Congregation as the trustees, with the approval of the provincial superior, shall from time to time think fit.

The objects of the charitable company are set out in its memorandum of association.

Activities, specific objectives, and relevant policies

Activities and specific objectives

The charitable company aims to support the advancement of the charitable works carried on by the Congregation for the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion and the wellbeing of those who benefit from the sisters' ministries. By caring for individual sisters throughout their lives with the Congregation, the charitable company aims to enable and support the sisters to live out their faith and put that faith into practice through a wide variety of religious and other works.

The works or ministries of the sisters fall into the following main areas:

Social and pastoral work

Members of the Congregation were involved in various forms of social and pastoral work including support of the bereaved, visiting the sick and parish ministry.

The trustees recognise the absolute necessity of ensuring the protection and safety of all those the charitable company serves. The trustees are committed to implementing all policies and procedures of the Catholic Safeguarding Services Agency (CSSA) and Religious Life Safeguarding Services (RLSS).

Activities, specific objectives, and relevant policies (continued)

Activities and specific objectives (continued)

Grants, donations, and support of overseas work

The charitable company's policy throughout the year was to make grants and donations, principally in support of the overseas work of the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception and other causes which further the Christian faith and alleviate poverty.

Two of the charitable company's trustees are members of the General Council of the Congregation, Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval and Sister Marthe Dachet. Those trustees who are members of the General Council withdraw from discussions concerning the awarding of donations to both the Generalate of the Congregation and to the wider Congregation.

Public benefit

All the trustees are conversant with the Charity Commission's guidelines concerning charities and public benefit and have given consideration to them when assessing the charitable company's activities. The trustees believe that they have given due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission and have complied fully with the public benefit requirement contained within the Charities Act 2011.

Investment policy

During the period, the charitable company's investments comprised listed investments, cash held for investment and bank deposits. The listed investments were managed by investment managers who operated within specific guidelines which are set and regularly reviewed by the trustees whilst bank deposit are held with banks regulated in the United Kingdom.

The overall objective with regard to the charitable company's investments is to maximise total return within acceptable levels of risk.

Achievements, performance and future plans

Review of activities and future plans

As noted under future plans included in the trustees' report in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, as members of the Congregation decrease in number, the trustees and the sisters need to discern very carefully which ministries are most required by those to whom the sisters minister and the ministries that are suitable for the aging community.

In the year to 31 December 2022, the sisters continued to reside in a convent in Hertfordshire and the trustees continued to maintain various aspects of activities as were compatible with the age, health and energy of the members. They continued to monitor the needs of the sisters as they grow older, to ensure the provision of care for elderly members and even amidst the limitations that come with ageing, to foster what lies at the heart of the sisters' charism/mission.

Achievements, performance and future plans (continued)

Review of activities and future plans (continued)

As explained under "Reserves policy and financial position", in the financial statements to December 2021, it was the intention of the trustees to apply the financing and Congregational fund towards the financing of grants and donations, including contributions to the Congregation's work overseas. It was expected that a large proportion of the fund would continue to be invested but it was anticipated also that some of the money would be applied directly towards grants and donations.

In late 2022 the trustees of the charitable company decided that as the sisters in the UK were aging, and as they were finding it more difficult to care for themselves and provide the core activity of social and pastoral work, they should move to Belgium. As a result, once this had been achieved, the need for the charitable company to exist in order to care for the Sisters would no longer exist and in due course the charitable company would be wound up.

During the year to 31 December 2022, and until June 2023, the trustees of the charitable company continued with the activities as noted above. During the first half of 2023, the sisters all relocated to Belgium to be cared for as needed by the Generalate. By late June 2023 work began to realise the charity's remaining assets with a view to the eventual winding up of the charitable company.

Further details about the trustees' plans and actions for winding up the charity are given later within this report.

Social and pastoral work

The orientation of the sisters' work continued to vary with the needs of people and the ability of the sisters. The sisters endeavour to help all who required assistance.

Support of the Congregation's work overseas

The charitable company supports the work of the Generalate and overseas provinces of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception. Since 2014, the trustees have been making regular donations to the Generalate to support the Congregation's overseas work in South America and other parts of the world where the need arises. In recent years, donations of up to £1.5 million per annum have been paid. Towards the end of 2022, when the trustees made the decision that the sisters should move overseas, they also decided to liquidate the investments and donate the value realised to support the work of the Generalate and overseas provinces. The expenditure included in the accounts for the year to 31 December 2022 reflects this commitment.

Since the year end, the realised value of the investments has been paid to the Generalate of the Congregation to advance the work of the Congregation, wherever the need arises.

Achievements, performance and future plans (continued)

Review of activities and future plans (continued)

Support of the Congregation's work overseas (continued)

The following are some examples of how the monies donated by the charitable company to the Generalate have been used on various projects in recent years:

In Congo:

- ◆ Support for an orphanage constructed in 2014 in Congo including the pastoral and educational development of children.
- ◆ Help with purchasing resources required to facilitate the ministries – e.g. purchasing a Jeep to transport people and material required for projects that aid in providing education and ensuring the health of those most in need of it.
- ◆ Constructing a hospital and maternity centre in Kinkole, including ensuring that the foundations are sound and there is an adequate water supply by drilling a water well.
- ◆ Purchasing a plot of land for future construction in Kinkole.
- ◆ Providing aid to those affected by the pandemic and natural disasters.
- ◆ Building accommodation including bedrooms and a kitchen for those in Righini.

In Ecuador:

- ◆ Providing support for the disadvantaged during the recent pandemic.
- ◆ Providing finance to the Hospital San Jose Obero, in Quito (reception of destitute persons) to develop a medical service.
- ◆ Assisting with the schooling for the children at a school in a poorer neighbourhood.

In Haiti:

- ◆ Contributing towards the development of the mission to ensure that those in Cté have access to educational, pastoral and health support.

In Colombia-Peru:

- ◆ Supporting the underprivileged during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ◆ Participating in the Yacopi project starting a social project in a poor rural environment.
- ◆ Providing further aid to families experiencing hardship.

Financial review

Income and expenditure

A summary of the year's results can be found on page 19 of the attached financial statements.

Income for the year totalled £524,701 (2021: £699,506) and includes salaries and pensions donated by the sisters of £62,443 (2021: £62,634), donations and legacies receivable of £6,471 (2021: £2,738) and investment income and interest receivable of £454,783 (2021: £395,688).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £14,401,201 (2021: £4,098,830). £212,396 (2021: £214,560) was expended on supporting sisters and enabling them to carry out their work. Grants and donations amounted to £14,067,023 (2021: £3,740,546) and include provision for donating the investment proceeds to the Congregation's generalate as explained above. Further details of the donations payable during the year are given in note 3 to the financial statements. £121,782 (2021: £143,724) was incurred on investment management fees.

Net expenditure for the year before investment losses, therefore, was £13,928,804 (2021: £3,399,324). Net investment losses of £2,300,525 (2021: £1,897,967) resulted in a net decrease in funds for the year of £16,229,329 (2021: net decrease of £1,501,357).

Investment performance

Investments at 31 December 2022 had a market value of £18,695,188 (2021: £22,174,167).

At that date, the charitable company had three portfolios of listed investments with a combined market value at 31 December 2022 of £18,113,119 (2021: £21,663,467) and cash awaiting investment of £582,069 (2021: £510,700).

During the year, the charitable company's income from listed investments was £451,569 (2021: £395,609) and losses on disposal and revaluation of investments were £2,300,525 (2021: gains of £1,897,967), equating to an income yield of 1.9% (2021: 1.9%) and a capital yield of minus 10.6% (2021: capital yield of plus 9.9%).

The investment managers invested in accordance with the trustees' investment policy set out elsewhere in this report. Further details of the investment portfolio are included in note 10 to the attached financial statements. The trustees believe their investment policy continued to be appropriate throughout the year.

As noted above, since the year end, the trustees have liquidated their investment portfolios and donated the realised proceeds to the Congregation's Generalate in Belgium.

Financial review (continued)

Reserves policy and financial position

Reserves policy

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that, given the decision of the trustees that the Sisters should move to Belgium, an inevitable consequence of that would be that the charitable company would be wound up in due course. The winding up will only be possible following the successful move of the Sisters whereupon the disposal of the charitable company's freehold property can commence. Once this has been achieved, the trustees will, after paying all liabilities, donate the remaining funds of the charitable company to the Generalate of the Congregation, hence ensuring that funds are used for the charitable purposes of the charitable company.

Financial position

The balance sheet shows total funds of £2,630,243 (2021: £18,807,268).

Of this £870,292 (2021: £896,984) represents the net book value of the charitable company's tangible fixed assets and an equivalent amount has been designated as a tangible fixed assets fund in recognition of the fact that the assets are required for the charitable company's operations and are not available as a reserve to fund activities or meet future contingencies.

The trustees had set aside £1,500,000 to provide for the sisters in their retirement. The value of the fund had been calculated using actuarial principles to provide for the Congregation's sisters resident in England. Following the decision by the trustees to move the sisters to Belgium, the designation has been released in the attached accounts.

The trustees had some years ago established the financing and Congregational fund with the broad intention to use the fund to finance grants and donations, including contributions to the Congregation's work overseas. The balance of the fund was £1,565,000 at 31 December 2022 (2021: £14,308,550). Since the year end this balance has been used to fund further donations to the Generalate. Further details about the movement in the fund are given in note 15 to the financial statements.

Funds which are available, therefore, to further the charitable objectives of the charitable company are those shown on the balance sheet as general funds or "free reserves" and amounted to £194,951 at 31 December 2022 (2021: £2,101,734).

The trustees consider the level of free reserves to be adequate but not excessive given future plans.

Tangible fixed assets

Movements in tangible fixed assets during the year are disclosed in the notes to the attached financial statements.

Governance, structure and management

Governance

In terms of Canon law, the Congregation is governed at an international level by the Superior General and her General Council.

In terms of civil law, the charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee (Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales)) and is a charity registered for charitable purposes with the Charity Commission (Charity Registration No. 1133491).

The charitable company's members are the trustees of the charitable company. The trustees are nominated by the Regional Superior of the Congregation taking into account their personal qualities, their understanding and experience of the ministries.

Liability of the members

In the event of the charitable company being wound up during the period of membership, or within the year following, company members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Organisation

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charitable company. They meet regularly during the year to review developments with regard to the charitable company, its activities and make any important decisions. When necessary, the trustees seek advice and support from the charitable company's professional advisers including investment managers, property experts, solicitors and accountants.

The trustees are nominated by the Regional Superior of the Congregation and are elected by the members at the annual general meeting. At any one time there shall not be less than three nor more than ten trustees.

The trustees may be removed at any time by the Regional Superior by instrument in writing.

The Regional Superior and the Bursar General of the Congregation are ex officio trustees.

Trustees

The following trustees were in office during the year and up to the date on which this report was approved:

Trustee

Sister Mary Flannigan
Sister Margaret Cloghessy
Sister Genevieve Defrenne
Sister Marthe Dacht
Sister Martha Magdalena Geers
Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval
Sister Veronica Maguire
Sister Patricia Ryan

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Trustees (continued)

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses for services as a trustee, nor had any beneficial interest in any contract with the charitable company, during the year.

The day to day management of the charitable company's activities and the implementation of policies is delegated to the appropriate members of the Congregation. Management reporting lines are clearly defined and the trustees receive regular reports to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Providence Marian Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities (continued)

Each of the trustees confirms that:

- ◆ so far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- ◆ the trustee has taken all the steps that she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Key management

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charitable company in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charitable company on a day-to-day basis.

All trustees are members of the Congregation and whilst the living and personal expenses of those resident in England are borne by the charitable company, none of the trustees receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as trustees or their work as key management.

Risk management

The trustees recognise their responsibility for the management of risks faced by the charitable company and the sisters.

In line with the requirement for trustees to undertake a risk assessment exercise and report on the same in their annual report, the trustees have looked at the risks the charitable company currently faces and have reviewed the measures already in place, or needing to be put in place, to deal with them.

The key risks for the charitable company, during the year, as identified by the trustees, are described below together with the principal ways in which they are mitigated:

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Risk management (continued)

- ◆ An analysis of the age profile of the members of the Congregation shows that the average age is 90 years. The trustees are aware that there is both a moral and legal obligation to care for the older members. None of the sisters have resources of their own. As the age profile increases, so too does the need to provide care for the sisters. Key elements of the management of this risk are: (a) ensuring that the charitable company has the available financial resources to finance this care both now and in the years ahead by setting aside assets in a designated fund, the value of which has been based on actuarial principles; and (b) ensuring that processes are in place to review regularly the ministries and needs of individual sisters encouraging those who need it to take on less demanding ministries and for identifying those who need extra care and help.

As noted above, in order to manage this risk, the trustees have decided that the Sisters should move to Belgium and that, as a consequence, the charitable company should be wound up in due course.

- ◆ The charitable company donates monies in support of the wider Congregation and other organisations. Most donations sent overseas are to fund projects administered directly by members of the Congregation. Whether or not the funds are used here in Great Britain or overseas, the trustees always ensure that they are fully briefed about and familiar with the work of a potential recipient of funds, that funds are transferred via bank transfer, that proof of receipt is obtained and that, wherever possible (and always in the case of monies sent overseas), a written report of how the monies have been utilised and applied is obtained from the recipient.
- ◆ The charitable company's principal asset comprises listed investments, the value of which is dependent on movements in UK and world stock markets. Throughout the year, the investments were managed by reputable investment managers who adhered to a policy agreed by the trustees. The trustees met with the investment managers and the managers' performance and that of the portfolio were monitored. The investment strategy was assessed regularly to ensure it was appropriate to the charitable company's needs.

As noted above, since the year end, the investments of the charitable company have been realised.

Having assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, the trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charitable company, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

Fundraising policy

The charitable company receives very little income from donations from members of the public. However, it aims to achieve best practice in the way in which it communicates with donors and other supporters. It takes care with both the tone of its communications and the accuracy of its data to minimise the pressures on supporters. It applies best practice to protect supporters' data and never sells data, it never swaps data and ensures that communication preferences can be changed at any time. The charitable company manages its own fundraising activities and does not employ the services of Professional Fundraisers. The charitable company undertakes to react to and investigate any complaints regarding its fundraising activities and to learn from them and improve its service. During 2022, the charitable company received no complaints about its fundraising activities.

Employees, volunteers, and members of the Congregation

The trustees wish to record their recognition of the professionalism and commitment of all their staff, volunteers and the individual members of the Congregation. Their dedication and positive approach are very much appreciated.

Approved by the trustees of the Providence Marian Company, Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales) and Charity Registration No. 1133491 and signed on their behalf by:

Mary Flannigan

Trustee

Approved by the trustees on: 27/09/2023

Independent auditor's report to the members of Providence Marian Company

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Providence Marian Company (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- ◆ have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – basis of preparation

We draw attention to the principal accounting policies on pages 22 and 23 which explain that the trustees of the charitable company have resolved that the remaining Sisters here in the UK should move to Belgium in 2023. This will enable the trustees to dispose of the charitable company's freehold property whereupon the remaining net assets of the charitable company will be donated to the Generalate of the Congregation and the company will be wound up. Therefore, the trustees do not consider that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report and Financial Statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Other information (continued)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- ◆ the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ◆ the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ◆ adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- ◆ the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ◆ certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- ◆ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- ◆ the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- ◆ The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- ◆ We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with trustees and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- ◆ We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the activities of the charitable company. These included but were not limited to the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); and
- ◆ We assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of trustees and review of minutes of trustees' meetings.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- ◆ Making enquiries of trustees as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- ◆ Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- ◆ Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- ◆ Tested and reviewed journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- ◆ Carried out substantive testing of expenditure;
- ◆ Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- ◆ Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ Agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- ◆ Reading the minutes of meetings of trustees; and
- ◆ Enquiring of as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

We did not identify any irregularities, including fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Amanda Francis (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor
130 Wood Street
London
EC2V 6DL

28 September 2023

Statement of financial activities Year to 31 December 2022

		Unrestricted funds	
	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Income and expenditure			
Income from:			
Donations	1	68,914	65,372
Investments and interest receivable	2	455,568	395,688
Surplus on the disposal of tangible fixed assets (freehold property)		—	238,439
Other sources		219	7
Total income		524,701	699,506
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds			
. Investment management fees		121,782	143,724
Charitable activities			
. Charitable grants and donations	3	14,067,023	3,740,546
. Support of members of the Congregation and their ministry	4	212,396	214,560
Total expenditure		14,401,201	4,098,830
Net expenditure for the year	6	(13,876,500)	(3,399,324)
Net investment (losses) gains	10	(2,300,525)	1,897,967
Net movement in funds for the year		(16,177,025)	(1,501,357)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2022		18,807,268	20,308,625
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2022		2,630,243	18,807,268

The trustees of the charitable company have resolved that the remaining Sisters here in the UK should move to Belgium in 2023. This will enable the trustees to dispose of the charitable company's freehold property whereupon the remaining net assets of the charitable company will be donated to the Generalate of the Congregation, all activities will discontinue and the company will be wound up.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities.

Balance sheet 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		870,292		896,984
Investments	10		—		<u>22,174,167</u>
			870,292		<u>23,071,151</u>
Current assets					
Investments	10	18,695,188		—	
Debtors	11	16,126		10,397	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,549,905		<u>2,665,680</u>	
		21,261,219		<u>2,676,077</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(19,501,268)		<u>(1,548,210)</u>	
Net current assets			1,759,951		<u>1,127,867</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			2,630,243		24,199,018
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	13		—		<u>(5,391,750)</u>
Total net assets			2,630,243		<u>18,807,268</u>
The funds of the charitable company:					
Unrestricted funds					
. Tangible fixed assets fund	14		870,292		896,984
. Designated funds	15		1,565,000		15,808,550
. General funds			194,951		<u>2,101,734</u>
			2,630,243		<u>18,807,268</u>

Approved by the trustees of the Providence Marian Company, Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales) and Charity Registration No. 1133491 and signed on their behalf by:

Mary Flannigan

Trustee

Approved on: 27/09/2023

Statement of cash flows Year to 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash used in operating activities	A	(1,743,423)	(1,832,002)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income and interest received		449,194	393,428
Proceeds from the disposal of tangible fixed assets		—	596,678
Proceeds from the disposal of listed investments		3,953,411	4,961,691
Purchase of listed investments		(2,703,588)	(5,452,892)
Cash withdrawn from bank deposits held as fixed asset investments		—	2,189,259
Net cash provided by investing activities		1,699,017	2,688,164
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(44,406)	856,162
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2022	B	3,176,380	2,320,218
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2022	B	3,131,974	3,176,380

Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 31 December 2022

A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash used in operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)	(16,177,025)	(1,501,357)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	26,692	30,808
Surplus on disposal of tangible fixed assets	—	(238,439)
Losses (gains) on listed investments	2,300,525	(1,897,967)
Investment income and interest receivable	(455,568)	(395,688)
Decrease in debtors	645	63,541
Increase in creditors	12,561,308	2,107,100
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,743,423)	(1,832,002)

B Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	As at 1 January 2022 £	Cash flows £	As at 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	2,665,680	(115,775)	2,549,905
Cash held by investment managers	510,700	71,369	582,069
Total cash and cash equivalents	3,176,380	(44,406)	3,131,974

No separate statement of changes in net debt has been prepared as there is no difference between the movements in cash and cash equivalents and movement in net cash (debt).

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 December 2022 with comparative figures given in respect to the year to 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ determining the discount rate to be applied to future donations when accounting for them within creditors;
- ◆ assessing the useful economic lives attributed to tangible fixed assets and used to determine the annual depreciation charge;
- ◆ the assumptions applied in determining designated funds; and
- ◆ estimating future income and expenditure flows and the charitable company's financial position (see "assessment of going concern" below).

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of at least one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Assessment of going concern (continued)

The trustees of the charitable company have resolved that the remaining Sisters here in the UK should move to Belgium in 2023. This will enable the trustees to dispose of the charitable company's freehold property whereupon the remaining net assets of the charitable company will be donated to the Generalate of the Congregation and the company will be wound up. Therefore, the trustees do not consider that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of going concern.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charitable company has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises donations, income from investments, bank interest and income from other sources.

Donations, including salaries and pensions of individual religious received under Gift Aid or deed of covenant, are recognised when the charitable company has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charitable company is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charitable company and it is probably that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Investment income is recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable.

Income from other sources is recognised in the period in which the charitable company is entitled to receipt, the amount can be measured reliably and receipt is probable.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure recognition (continued)

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The majority of expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and any apportionment between headings is negligible. All expenditure is applied towards charitable activities and the classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ The provision of charitable grants and donations relate, in the main, to the support of the Congregation's own work and the support of other Roman Catholic charitable organisations to relieve poverty, suffering and promotion of education or religion in connection with the Roman Catholic faith. Charitable grants and donations are made where the trustees believe there is a real need following a review of the details of each particular case. Grants and donations are included in the statement of financial activities when approved for payment. Provision is made for any material grants and donations approved but unpaid at the end of the financial year.

The unwinding of any discount factor in respect to donations payable is included within grants, donations and support of missionary work and ministry and is described as a financing cost.

- ◆ Expenditure on the support of members of the Congregation and their ministry comprises those costs which support the members of the Congregation and which enable those members to carry out their individual ministry, the work of the charitable company in the areas of the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith and the provision of social and pastoral work.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charitable company (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice. All expenditure on governance is attributed directly to the charitable activities of supporting members of the Congregation and enabling their ministry as any costs in relation to donations payable is considered to be negligible.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,500 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

- ◆ Freehold land and buildings
Freehold land and buildings are included on the balance sheet stated at cost, or where cost is not available then at 1997 or 1998 valuations which were determined by the trustees on the basis of replacement cost for existing use with additions since those dates included at cost.

Tangible fixed assets (continued)

As permitted by FRS 102, with effect from 1 January 2014 the value assigned to these properties is now deemed to be cost. Additions subsequent to 31 December 1998 are stated at cost.

Specialised buildings comprise the large residential convent. Depreciation is provided at 2% per annum on a straight-line basis to write the buildings off over their estimated useful economic life to the charitable company.

- ◆ Furniture, fixtures, plant and equipment
Expenditure on the purchase and replacement of furniture, plant and equipment is capitalised and depreciated over a five year period, based on the estimated useful life of the asset, on a straight line basis. Items classified as fixtures or plant are capitalised and depreciated over a fifteen year period on a straight line basis, in order to write the assets off over their estimated useful life.
- ◆ Motor vehicles
Motor vehicles are capitalised and depreciated over a four-year period, on a straight line basis, in order to write off the cost of each vehicle over its estimated useful life.

Investments

Listed investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

Investments are classified as fixed assets unless there is an intention to divest funds within twelve months of the balance sheet date and not reinvest them in which case investments are classified as current assets.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

As noted above the main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Realised gains (or losses) on investment assets are calculated as the difference between disposal proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value is acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value at that date. Realised and unrealised investment gains (or losses) are combined in the statement of financial activities and are credited (or debited) in the year in which they arise.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Fund structure

The funds of the charitable company are unrestricted and therefore are available for use in furtherance of the charitable company's objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Within the total unrestricted funds of the charitable company are amounts representing tangible fixed assets and funds the trustees have designated for specific purposes. Details of these are provided in notes 14 and 15 respectively.

Services provided by members of the Congregation

For the purposes of these financial statements, no value has been placed on administrative and other services provided by the members of the Congregation.

Pensions

The charitable company offers its employees membership of a defined contribution pension scheme administered by the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST). Contributions to the scheme are debited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are payable to the scheme. The assets of the scheme are held by an independent corporate trustee, whose activities are governed by the National Employment Savings Trust Order 2010, made by the Secretary of State in exercise of powers confirmed under the Pensions Act 2008.

1 Income from: Donations

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries and pensions of individual religious received under Gift Aid or Deed of Covenant	62,443	62,634
General donations	6,471	2,738
	68,914	65,372

General donations include restricted donations of £1,500 (2021: £1,200) (see note 3).

2 Income from: Investments and interest receivable

	2022 £	2021 £
Income from listed investments		
. UK fixed interest stocks	62,243	48,489
. Overseas fixed interest stocks	16,015	6,890
. UK equities	155,810	143,035
. Overseas equities	87,888	60,565
. UK unitised funds	54,553	62,315
. Overseas unitised funds	75,060	74,315
	451,569	395,609
Interest receivable		
. Interest on money held by investment managers	3,214	—
. Bank interest receivable	785	79
	455,568	395,688

3 Expenditure on: Grants and donations

The charitable company makes grants and donations, principally in support of the overseas work of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception and other causes, which further the Christian faith and alleviate poverty.

	2022 £	2021 £
Generalate and overseas provinces of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception		
. In support of the Congregation's overseas work in South America and the Caribbean	—	3,088,800
. In support of the Congregation's overseas work in the Congo	1,500	1,300
. In support of the Congregation's overseas work generally	14,043,250	640,000
Financing cost – Unwinding of discount factor on donations committed	14,600	4,900
Church of St Thomas of Canterbury and the English Martyrs	2,000	—
Aid to the Church in Need	660	780
Other grants and donations	5,013	4,766
	14,067,023	3,740,546

The donation of £1,500 (2021: £1,200) to support the Congregation's overseas work in the Congo has been financed from a restricted donation received in the year (see note 1).

3 Expenditure on: Grants and donations (continued)

Two of the charitable company's trustees (Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval and Sister Marthe Dachet) are members of the General Council of the Congregation. Those trustees withdraw from discussions concerning the awarding of donations to both the Generalate of the Congregation and to the wider Congregation.

Further details of the donations payable to the Congregation's Generalate are shown in notes 12 and 13 to the financial statements.

Other grants and donations include a donation of £2,400 (2021 - £2,400) to a former member of the Congregation to supplement her living expenses. The charitable company had agreed to supplement this former member's living expenses for the immediate future given her financial position. Following the decision move the Sisters to Belgium and then to commence winding up the charitable company, the trustees have agreed subsequent to the year end to pay a final donation of £5,000 to the former member in 2023.

4 Expenditure on: Support of members of the Congregation and their ministry

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff wages (note 7)	97,364	89,079
Premises	49,177	53,093
Sisters' personal expenses	22,968	33,181
Education, training and spiritual renewal	1,180	1,365
Other expenses	4,977	9,290
Professional fees	3,300	—
Governance costs (note 5)	33,430	28,552
	212,396	214,560

5 Governance costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Legal and professional fees	33,430	28,552

6 Net expenditure for the year before net investment (losses) gains

This is stated after charging:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs (note 7)	97,364	89,079
Auditor's remuneration		
. Statutory audit services		
.. Current year	20,050	13,600
.. Previous year	400	500
. Other accountancy related services	12,500	10,600
. Company secretarial services	480	360
. Other advice re NEST pension scheme	—	1,512
. Taxation related services	—	1,980
Depreciation	26,692	30,808

7 Staff costs, key management and trustees' remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	92,989	85,222
Social security costs	2,566	2,236
Pension contributions	1,809	1,621
	97,364	89,079

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more (including taxable benefits) during the year (2021 – none).

All staff costs relate to support of members of the Congregation.

There were 5 part time employees during the year (2021 – five).

Key management

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charitable company in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charitable company on a day to day basis.

All trustees are members of the Congregation and whilst the living and personal expenses in respect to those resident in England are borne by the charitable company, none of the trustees receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as trustees or work as key management (2021 - £nil).

As members of the Congregation, none of the trustees have resources of their own as all earnings, pensions and other income have been donated to the charitable company under a Gift Aid compliant Deed of Covenant. During the year, the total amount donated by the trustees to the charitable company was £62,073 (2021 - £60,980).

8 Taxation

Providence Marian Company is a registered charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income on gains derived from its charitable activities, as they fall within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Specialised land and buildings £	Furniture, fixtures plant and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2022 and at 31 December 2022	1,011,817	96,847	24,699	1,133,363
Cost	561,817	96,847	24,699	683,363
Deemed cost: 1997 and 1998 valuation	450,000	—	—	450,000
At 31 December 2022	1,011,817	96,847	24,699	1,133,363
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	161,888	49,792	24,699	236,379
Charge for the period	20,236	6,456	—	26,692
At 31 December 2022	182,124	56,248	24,699	263,071
Net book values				
At 31 December 2022	829,693	40,599	—	870,292
At 31 December 2021	849,929	47,055	—	896,984

All land and buildings are freehold.

As permitted by FRS 102, with effect from 1 January 2014 the value assigned to land and buildings owned as at that date is now deemed to be cost. Additions subsequent to 1 January 2014 are stated at cost. Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

Following the decision to move the Sisters to Belgium, the freehold property is being marketed for sale together with the above plant and equipment. Net disposal proceeds of tangible fixed assets are expected to be in excess of the net book value above. Hence no provision for impairment is considered necessary.

10 Investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Listed investments		
Fair (market) value at 1 January 2022	21,663,467	19,274,299
Additions at cost	2,703,588	5,452,892
Disposals at book value (see below)	(4,168,448)	(4,834,375)
Net unrealised investment (losses) gains	(2,085,488)	1,770,651
Fair (market) value at 31 December 2022	18,113,119	21,663,467
Cash held by investment managers	582,069	510,700
	18,695,188	22,174,167
Cost of listed investments at 31 December 2022	15,343,910	16,233,154

10 Investments (continued)

Disposals at book value included above are made up of the following:

	2022 £	2021 £
Proceeds	3,953,411	4,961,691
Realised losses (gains)	215,037	(127,316)
Disposals at book value	4,168,448	4,834,375

Listed investments held at 31 December 2022 comprised the following:

	2022 £	2021 £
UK fixed Interest stocks and bonds	2,075,464	2,166,852
Overseas fixed interest stocks and bonds	887,511	746,467
UK equities	5,093,312	5,813,104
Overseas equities	4,355,581	5,271,991
UK unitised funds	2,008,392	2,795,343
Overseas unitised funds	3,692,859	4,869,710
	18,113,119	21,663,467

At 31 December 2022, no individual listed investment holdings were deemed material when compared with the overall portfolio valuation at that date.

All listed investments were dealt in on a recognised stock exchange.

Following the decision by the trustees to dispose of the charitable company's listed investments, the listed investments previously classified as fixed assets have been reclassified as current assets as at 31 December 2022,

11 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Interest and investment income receivable	15,391	9,017
Other debtors and prepayments	735	1,380
	16,126	10,397

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Donation payable to the Generalate of the Congregation (note 13)	19,435,000	1,485,400
Monies administered on behalf of individual religious	7,573	7,573
Social security and other taxes	2,009	1,823
Accruals	56,686	53,414
	19,501,268	1,548,210

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Donations payable	—	5,391,750

In 2021 the charity increased and extended its commitment to donating £1,500,000 per annum for each of the years 2022 to 2026 inclusive. The liability at 31 December 2021 in notes 12 and 13 represented those donations which the trustees had committed to paying discounted to present value using a discount rate of 4% per annum, the rate of return expected to be earned by the charitable company on its investments and cash holdings. The notional interest was debited to the statement of financial activities as the discount was “unwound”. In the current year the trustees paid the donation of £1,500,000 as planned. During December 2022, the trustees made a decision to wind down the operations of the charity and to achieve this they decided to realise the investments and donate the proceeds to the Generalate.

The donations payable are as follows:

	Discounted amounts		Gross amounts	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Creditor payable as follows:				
Within one year (note 12)	19,435,000	1,485,400	19,435,000	1,500,000
After more than one year				
· Between one and two years	—	1,428,250	—	1,500,000
· Between two and five years	—	3,963,500	—	4,500,000
	—	5,391,750	—	6,000,000
	19,435,000	6,877,150	19,435,000	7,500,000

The movement in the creditor for the donations is as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Total donations payable at 1 January 2022	6,877,150	4,783,450
Donations committed during the year	14,043,250	3,088,800
Donations paid during the year	(1,485,400)	(995,100)
Total donations payable at 31 December 2022	19,435,000	6,877,150

14 Tangible fixed assets fund

	2022 £	2021 £
At 1 January 2022	896,984	1,286,031
Net movement in year	(26,692)	(389,047)
At 31 December 2022	870,292	896,984

The tangible fixed assets fund represents the net book value of the charitable company's tangible fixed assets. A decision was made to separate this fund from the general fund and other designated funds of the charitable company in recognition of the fact that the tangible fixed assets are essential to the day-to-day work of the charitable company and as such their value should not be regarded as funds that would be realisable with ease, in order to meet future contingencies.

15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charitable company included the following designated funds set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	2022			2021		
	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congregational fund £	Total £	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congregational fund £	Total £
At 1 January 2022	1,500,000	14,308,550	15,808,550	1,600,000	15,768,950	17,368,950
Designated in the year	—	—	—	—	1,628,400	1,628,400
Released/utilised in the year	(1,500,000)	(12,743,550)	(14,243,550)	(100,000)	(3,088,800)	(3,188,800)
At 31 December 2022	—	1,565,000	1,565,000	1,500,000	14,308,550	15,808,550

Sisters' retirement fund

The sisters' retirement fund comprised money which the trustees had set aside in order to provide for the sisters in their retirement. The amount of the fund had been calculated using actuarial principles. The funds have been released following the decision to move the sisters to Belgium.

Financing and Congregational fund

This fund has been established to finance grants and donations including contributions to the Congregation's work overseas.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund £	Tangible fixed assets fund £	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congregational fund £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	—	870,292	—	—	870,292
Investments	—	—	—	—	—
Net current assets (liabilities)	194,951	—	—	1,565,000	1,759,951
	194,951	870,292	—	1,565,000	2,630,243
	General fund £	Tangible fixed assets fund £	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congregational fund £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	—	896,984	—	—	896,984
Investments	—	—	1,500,000	20,674,167	22,174,167
Net current assets (liabilities)	2,101,734	—	—	(973,867)	1,127,867
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	—	—	—	(5,391,750)	(5,391,750)
	2,101,734	896,984	1,500,000	14,308,550	18,807,268

16 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

	2022 £	2021 £
Total unrealised gains on investments included above	2,769,209	5,430,313
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains		
Unrealised gains at 1 January 2022	5,430,313	4,438,240
Less: in respect to disposals in year	(575,616)	(778,578)
Add: net gains arising on revaluation in the year	(2,085,488)	1,770,651
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2022	2,769,209	5,430,313

17 Ultimate control

The charitable company was controlled throughout the period by the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception by virtue of the fact that the members of the charitable company are members of the Congregation. The trustees are nominated by the Regional Superior of the Congregation before being elected by the members at the annual general meeting. The Regional Superior and the Bursar General of the Congregation are ex-officio trustees.

18 Related party transactions

Four of the charitable company's trustees are members of the General Council of the Congregation. The charitable company makes donations to both the Generalate of the Congregation and to the wider Congregation to support its overseas work (see note 3). Those trustees who are members of the General Council withdraw from discussions concerning the awarding of such donations.

The amounts due to the Generalate of the Congregation are shown in notes 12 and 13.

Amounts donated to the charitable company by its trustees are disclosed in note 7.

During the year ended 31 December 2021, one of the trustees, Sister Margaret Cloghessy, inherited £487,473 from the estate of a relative. She donated £440,000 to the Generalate of the Congregation and £40,000 to charities in Ireland of her choice. The balance remaining of £7,473 is included within creditors in note 12 as monies administered on behalf of individual religious. There were no such transactions in the year ended 31 December 2022.

There were no other related party transactions during the year (2021 – none).

19 Liability of the members

In the event of the charitable company being wound up during the period of membership, or within the year following, company members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

PROVIDENCE MARIAN COMPANY

England & Wales - Charity number 1133491

Accounts

**Providence
Marian
Company**

Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2021

Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number 6873673
(England and Wales)

Charity Registration Number 1133491

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Reference and administrative details of the charitable company, its trustees and advisers
31 December 2021

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31 December 2021

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The trustees, who are directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report together with the financial statements of Providence Marian Company (the "charitable company") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 24 to 28 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charitable company's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Constitution

Providence Marian Company is a company limited by guarantee, Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales) and a charity registered under the Charities Act 2011, Charity Registration No. 1133491.

Introduction

The Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception (the Congregation) is an international Roman Catholic religious congregation divided into a number of separate provinces.

The financial statements accompanying this report are the financial statements relating to the Congregation's activities and assets in England.

The objects of the charitable company are to support such charitable purposes which advance the religious and other charitable work, for the time being carried on by, or under, the direction of the Congregation as the trustees, with the approval of the provincial superior, shall from time to time think fit.

The objects of the charitable company are set out in its memorandum of association.

Activities, specific objectives, and relevant policies

Activities and specific objectives

The charitable company aims to support the advancement of the charitable works carried on by the Congregation for the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion and the wellbeing of those who benefit from the sisters' ministries. By caring for individual sisters throughout their lives with the Congregation, the charitable company aims to enable and support the sisters to live out their faith and put that faith into practice through a wide variety of religious and other works.

Activities, specific objectives, and relevant policies (continued)

Activities and specific objectives (continued)

The works or ministries of the sisters fall into the following main areas:

Social and pastoral work

Members of the Congregation are involved in various forms of social and pastoral work including support of the bereaved, visiting the sick and parish ministry.

The trustees recognise the absolute necessity of ensuring the protection and safety of all those the charitable company serves. The trustees are committed to implementing all policies and procedures of the Catholic Safeguarding Services Agency (CSSA) and Religious Life Safeguarding Services (RLSS).

Grants, donations, and support of overseas work

The charitable company's policy throughout the year was to make grants and donations, principally in support of the overseas work of the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception and other causes which further the Christian faith and alleviate poverty.

Four of the charitable company's trustees are members of the General Council of the Congregation, Sister Martha Magdalena Geers, Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval, Sister Marthe Datchet and Sister Genevieve Defrenne. Those trustees who are members of the General Council withdraw from discussions concerning the awarding of donations to both the Generalate of the Congregation and to the wider Congregation.

Public benefit

All the trustees are conversant with the Charity Commission's guidelines concerning charities and public benefit and have given consideration to them when assessing the charitable company's activities. The trustees believe that they have given due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission and have complied fully with the public benefit requirement contained within the Charities Act 2011.

Investment policy

During the period, the charitable company's investments comprised listed investments, cash held for investment and bank deposits. The listed investments were managed by investment managers who operated within specific guidelines which are set and regularly reviewed by the trustees whilst bank deposit are held with banks regulated in the United Kingdom.

The overall objective with regard to the charitable company's investments is to maximise total return within acceptable levels of risk.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

Social and pastoral work

The orientation of the sisters' work continues to vary with the needs of people. The sisters endeavour to help all who require assistance.

Support of the Congregation's work overseas

The charitable company supports the work of the Generalate and overseas provinces of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception. Since 2014, the trustees have been making regular donations to the Generalate to support the Congregation's overseas work in South America and other parts of the world where the need arises. In recent years, donations of £750,000, £850,000 and more recently £1m per annum have been made. The expenditure included in the accounts for the year to 31 December 2021 reflects the latest commitment of the trustees to pay £1.5 million per annum to the Generalate for each of the years through to 2026.

The following are some examples of how the monies donated by the charitable company to the Generalate have been used on various projects:

In Congo:

- ◆ Continued support for an orphanage constructed in 2014 in Congo including the pastoral and educational development of children.
- ◆ Purchasing a Jeep to transport people and material required for other projects that aid in providing education and ensuring the health of those most in need of it.
- ◆ Constructing a hospital and maternity centre in Kinkole, including ensuring that the foundations are sound and there is an adequate water supply by drilling a water well.
- ◆ Purchasing a plot of land for future construction in Kinkole.
- ◆ Providing aid to those affected by the pandemic and natural disasters.
- ◆ Building accommodation including bedrooms and a kitchen for those in Righini.



Achievements and performance (continued)

Review of activities (continued)

Support of the Congregation's work overseas (continued)



Achievements and performance (continued)

Review of activities (continued)

Support of the Congregation's work overseas (continued)



In Ecuador:

- ◆ Providing support for the disadvantaged during the recent pandemic.
- ◆ Providing finance to the Hospital San Jose Obrero, in Quito (reception of destitute persons) to develop a medical service.
- ◆ Assisting with the schooling for the children at a school in a poorer neighbourhood.



Achievements and performance (continued)

Review of activities (continued)

Support of the Congregation's work overseas (continued)

In Haiti:

- ◆ Contributing towards the development of the mission to ensure that those in Cté have access to educational, pastoral and health support.



In Colombia-Peru:

- ◆ Supporting the underprivileged during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ◆ Participating in the Yacopi project starting a social project in a poor rural environment.
- ◆ Providing further aid to families experiencing hardship.



Financial review

Income and expenditure

A summary of the year's results can be found on page 21 of the attached financial statements.

Income for the year totalled £699,506 (2020: £443,481) and includes salaries and pensions donated by the members of £62,634 (2020: £74,548), donations and legacies receivable of £2,738 (2020: £2,841) and investment income and interest receivable of £395,688 (2020: £361,043).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £3,454,080 (2020: £1,189,273). £214,560 (2020: £209,128) was expended on supporting sisters and enabling them to carry out their work. Grants and donations amounted to £4,098,830 (2020: £859,456). Further details of the donations payable during the year are given in note 3 to the financial statements. £143,724 (2020: £120,689) was incurred on investment management fees.

Net expenditure for the year before investment gains, therefore, was £3,399,324 (2020: £745,792). Net investment gains of £1,897,967 (2020: £906,007) resulted in a net decrease in funds for the year of £1,501,357 (2020: net increase of £160,215).

Investment performance

Investments at 31 December 2021 totalled £22,174,167 (2020: £22,211,462).

The charitable company has three portfolios of listed investments with a combined market value at 31 December 2021 of £21,663,467 (2020: £19,274,299), cash awaiting investment of £510,700 (2020: £747,904) and cash held on deposit with bankers of £nil (2020: £2,189,258).

During the year, the charitable company's income from listed investments was £395,609 (2020: £354,323) and gains on disposal and revaluation of investments were £1,897,967 (2020: gains of £906,007), equating to an income yield of 1.9% (2020: 1.9%) and a capital yield of 9.9% (2020: capital yield of 4.8%)

The investment managers have invested in accordance with the trustees' investment policy set out elsewhere in this report. Further details of the investment portfolio are included in note 10 to the attached financial statements.

The trustees continue to take a long-term view and believe their investment policy continues to be applied and remains appropriate.

Financial review (continued)

Reserves policy and financial position

Reserves policy

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves i.e those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that, given the nature of the charitable company's work and the age profile of the sisters, the level of free reserves should equal up to five year's ongoing expenditure excluding charitable grants and donations.

In particular, at the current time, the reserves need to be sufficient to enable the charitable company to operate in the circumstances created by the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current geopolitical and macroeconomic climate.

Financial position

The balance sheet shows total funds of £18,807,268 (2020: £20,308,625).

Of this £896,984 (2020: £1,286,031) represents the net book value of the charitable company's tangible fixed assets and an equivalent amount has been designated as a tangible fixed assets fund in recognition of the fact that the assets are required for the charitable company's operations and are not available as a reserve to fund activities or meet future contingencies.

The trustees have set aside £1,500,000 (2020: £1,600,000) to provide for the sisters in their retirement. The value of the fund has been calculated using actuarial principles to provide for the Congregation's sisters resident in England, but is not meant to guarantee sufficient resources. It is merely an estimate designed to recognise, and make some provision for, the financial undertaking implicit in the relationship between a religious congregation and its members.

The trustees have established the financing and Congregational fund with the broad intention to use the fund to finance grants and donations, including contributions to the Congregation's work overseas. Whilst the trustees continue to consider the future, further work has to be done on deciding exactly how these funds are to be applied. The balance of the fund stood at £14,308,550 at 31 December 2021 (2020: £15,768,950). Further details about the movement in the fund are given in note 15 to the financial statements.

Funds which are available, therefore, to support the work of the sisters in the future are those shown on the balance sheet as general funds or "free reserves" and amount to £2,101,734 (2020: £1,653,644).

At the date of the balance sheet, the trustees consider that the level of free reserves were adequate but not excessive given the inherent volatility on world stock markets at the current time. In particular, the level of reserves is deemed sufficient when the impact of the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current geopolitical and macroeconomic climate are considered.

Financial review (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Movements in tangible fixed assets during the year are disclosed in the notes to the attached financial statements.

Future plans

As members of the Congregation decrease in number, the trustees and the sisters need to discern very carefully which ministries are most required by those to whom the sisters minister and the ministries that are suitable for the aging community.

The sisters reside in a convent in Hertfordshire and the trustees plan to maintain various aspects of activities as are compatible with the age, health and energy of the members. They will continue to monitor the needs of the sisters as they grow older, to ensure the provision of care for elderly members and even amidst the limitations that come with ageing, to foster what lies at the heart of the sisters' charism/mission.

As explained under "Reserves policy and financial position", it is the intention of the trustees to apply the financing and Congregational fund towards the financing of grants and donations, including contributions to the Congregation's work overseas. It is expected that a large proportion of the fund will continue to be invested but it is anticipated also that some of the money may be applied directly towards grants and donations.

Governance, structure and management

Governance

In terms of Canon law, the Congregation is governed at an international level by the Superior General and her General Council.

In terms of civil law, the charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee (Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales)) and is a charity registered for charitable purposes with the Charity Commission (Charity Registration No. 1133491).

The charitable company's members are the trustees of the charitable company. The trustees are nominated by the Regional Superior of the Congregation taking into account their personal qualities, their understanding and experience of the ministries.

Liability of the members

In the event of the charitable company being wound up during the period of membership, or within the year following, company members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Organisation

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charitable company. They meet regularly during the year to review developments with regard to the charitable company, its activities and make any important decisions. When necessary, the trustees seek advice and support from the charitable company's professional advisers including investment managers, property experts, solicitors and accountants.

Trustees

The trustees are nominated by the Regional Superior of the Congregation and are elected by the members at the annual general meeting. At any one time there shall not be less than three nor more than ten trustees.

The trustees may be removed at any time by the Regional Superior by instrument in writing.

The Regional Superior and the Bursar General of the Congregation are ex officio trustees.

The following trustees were in office during the year and up to the date on which this report was approved:

Trustee

Sister Mary Flannigan
Sister Margaret Cloghessy
Sister Genevieve Defrenne
Sister Marthe Dacht
Sister Martha Magdalena Geers
Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval
Sister Veronica Maguire
Sister Patricia Ryan

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses for services as a trustee, nor had any beneficial interest in any contract with the charitable company, during the year.

The day to day management of the charitable company's activities and the implementation of policies is delegated to the appropriate members of the Congregation. Management reporting lines are clearly defined and the trustees receive regular reports to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Providence Marian Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities (continued)

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ♦ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ♦ observe the methods and principles of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- ♦ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ♦ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ♦ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the trustees confirms that:

- ♦ so far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- ♦ the trustee has taken all the steps that she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Key management

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charitable company in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charitable company on a day-to-day basis.

All trustees are members of the Congregation and whilst the living and personal expenses of those resident in England are borne by the charitable company, none of the trustees receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as trustees or their work as key management.

Risk management

The trustees recognise their responsibility for the management of risks faced by the charitable company and the sisters.

In line with the requirement for trustees to undertake a risk assessment exercise and report on the same in their annual report, the trustees have looked at the risks the charitable company currently faces and have reviewed the measures already in place, or needing to be put in place, to deal with them.

The key risks for the charitable company, as identified by the trustees, are described below together with the principal ways in which they are mitigated:

- ◆ An analysis of the age profile of the members of the Congregation shows that the average age is 90 years. The trustees are aware that there is both a moral and legal obligation to care for the older members. None of the sisters have resources of their own. As the age profile increases, so too does the need to provide care for the sisters. Key elements of the management of this risk are: (a) ensuring that the charitable company has the available financial resources to finance this care both now and in the years ahead by setting aside assets in a designated fund, the value of which has been based on actuarial principles; and (b) ensuring that processes are in place to review regularly the ministries and needs of individual sisters encouraging those who need it to take on less demanding ministries and for identifying those who need extra care and help.
- ◆ The charitable company donates monies in support of the wider Congregation and other organisations. Most donations sent overseas are to fund projects administered directly by members of the Congregation. Whether or not the funds are used here in Great Britain or overseas, the trustees always ensure that they are fully briefed about and familiar with the work of a potential recipient of funds, that funds are transferred via bank transfer, that proof of receipt is obtained and that, wherever possible (and always in the case of monies sent overseas), a written report of how the monies have been utilised and applied is obtained from the recipient.

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Risk management (continued)

- ♦ The charitable company's principal asset comprises listed investments, the value of which is dependent on movements in UK and world stock markets. The investments are managed by reputable investment managers who adhere to a policy agreed by the trustees. The trustees meet regularly with the investment managers and the managers' performance and that of the portfolio are monitored. The investment strategy is assessed regularly to ensure it remains appropriate to the charitable company's needs – both now and in the future. In the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and given the current macroeconomic and geopolitical climate, the trustees continue to communicate with their investment managers and, whilst there are concerns over the volatility in world stock markets, they acknowledge also that the charitable company is a long term investor. As such, the charitable company will be able to wait for markets to stabilise over time whilst the trustees keep a watching brief.

Having assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, the trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charitable company, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

Fundraising policy

The charitable company receives very little income from donations from members of the public. However, it aims to achieve best practice in the way in which it communicates with donors and other supporters. It takes care with both the tone of its communications and the accuracy of its data to minimise the pressures on supporters. It applies best practice to protect supporters' data and never sells data, it never swaps data and ensures that communication preferences can be changed at any time. The charitable company manages its own fundraising activities and does not employ the services of Professional Fundraisers. The charitable company undertakes to react to and investigate any complaints regarding its fundraising activities and to learn from them and improve its service. During 2021, the charitable company received no complaints about its fundraising activities.

Employees, volunteers, and members of the Congregation

The trustees wish to record their recognition of the professionalism and commitment of all their staff, volunteers and the individual members of the Congregation. Their dedication and positive approach are very much appreciated.

Approved by the trustees of the Providence Marian Company, Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales) and Charity Registration No. 1133491 and signed on their behalf by:

M Flannigan

Trustee

Approved by the trustees on: 8 September 2022

Independent auditor's report to the members of Providence Marian Company

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Providence Marian Company (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- ◆ have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report and Financial Statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- ◆ the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ◆ the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ◆ adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- ◆ the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ◆ certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- ◆ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- ◆ the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- ◆ The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- ◆ We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with trustees and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- ◆ We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the activities of the charitable company. These included but were not limited to the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); and
- ◆ We assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of trustees and review of minutes of trustees' meetings.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud (continued)

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- ◆ Making enquiries of trustees as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- ◆ Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- ◆ Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- ◆ Tested and reviewed journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- ◆ Carried out substantive testing of expenditure;
- ◆ Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- ◆ Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ Agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- ◆ Reading the minutes of meetings of trustees; and
- ◆ Enquiring of as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

We did not identify any irregularities, including fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Amanda Francis (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor
130 Wood Street
London
EC2V 6DL

20 September 2022

Statement of financial activities Year to 31 December 2021

		Unrestricted funds	
	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Income and expenditure			
Income from:			
Donations	1	65,372	77,389
Investments and interest receivable	2	395,688	361,043
Surplus of the disposal of tangible fixed assets (freehold property)		238,439	—
Miscellaneous income		7	5,049
Total income		699,506	443,481
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds			
. Investment management fees		143,724	120,689
Charitable activities			
. Charitable grants and donations	3	3,740,546	859,456
. Support of members of the Congregation and their ministry	4	214,560	209,128
Total expenditure		4,098,830	1,189,273
Net expenditure for the year before net investment gains	6	(3,399,324)	(745,792)
Net investment gains	10	1,897,967	906,007
Net (expenditure) income and net movement in funds for the year		(1,501,357)	160,215
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2021		20,308,625	20,148,410
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2021		18,807,268	20,308,625

All activities of the charitable company derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities.

Balance sheet 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		896,984		1,286,031
Investments	10		22,174,167		<u>22,211,462</u>
			23,071,151		<u>23,497,493</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	11	10,397		71,678	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,665,680		<u>1,572,314</u>	
		2,676,077		<u>1,643,992</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,548,210)		<u>(1,044,510)</u>	
Net current assets			1,127,867		<u>599,482</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			24,199,018		<u>24,096,975</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	13		(5,391,750)		<u>(3,788,350)</u>
Total net assets			18,807,268		<u>20,308,625</u>
The funds of the charitable company:					
Unrestricted funds					
. Tangible fixed assets fund	14		896,984		1,286,031
. Designated funds	15		15,808,550		17,368,950
. General funds			2,101,734		<u>1,653,644</u>
			18,807,268		<u>20,308,625</u>

Approved by the trustees of the Providence Marian Company, Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales) and Charity Registration No. 1133491 and signed on their behalf by:

M Flannigan

Trustee

Approved on: 8 September 2022

Statement of cash flows Year to 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash used in operating activities	A	(1,832,002)	(1,230,462)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income and interest received		393,428	364,629
Proceeds from the disposal of tangible fixed assets		596,678	—
Proceeds from the disposal of listed investments		4,961,691	3,045,718
Purchase of listed investments		(5,452,892)	(3,013,741)
Cash withdrawn from bank deposits held as fixed asset investments		2,189,259	1,492,419
Net cash provided by investing activities		2,688,164	1,889,025
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		856,162	658,563
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2021	B	2,320,218	1,661,655
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2021	B	3,176,380	2,320,218

Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 31 December 2021

A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash used in operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)	(1,501,357)	160,215
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	30,808	32,867
Surplus on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(238,439)	—
Gains on investments	(1,897,967)	(906,007)
Investment income and interest receivable	(395,688)	(361,043)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	63,541	(4,965)
Increase (decrease) in creditors	2,107,100	(151,529)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,832,002)	(1,230,462)

B Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	As at 1 January 2021	Cash flows £	As at 31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,572,314	1,093,366	2,665,680
Cash held by investment managers	747,904	(237,204)	510,700
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,320,218	856,162	3,176,380

No separate statement of changes in net debt has been prepared as there is no difference between the movements in cash and cash equivalents and movement in net cash (debt).

Principal accounting policies 31 December 2021

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 December 2021 with comparative figures given in respect to the year to 31 December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ determining the discount rate to be applied to future donations when accounting for them within creditors;
- ◆ assessing the useful economic lives attributed to tangible fixed assets and used to determine the annual depreciation charge;
- ◆ the assumptions applied in determining the size of designated funds and, in particular, the retirement reserve created in order to provide for the continuing care of the members of the Congregation; and
- ◆ estimating future income and expenditure flows and the charitable company's financial position (see "assessment of going concern" below).

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of at least one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Assessment of going concern (continued)

Whilst the charitable company's income may be affected by the volatility in investment markets caused by the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current macroeconomic and geopolitical climate, the trustees do not believe this will cause material concerns to the charitable company. They will continue to keep both income and expenditure under review.

With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 31 December 2022, the most significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the charitable company are the level of investment return and the performance of the investment market.

Whilst the charitable company may face some challenges because of the factors noted above, the trustees do not anticipate any serious impact on the charity's finances.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charitable company has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises donations, income from investments, bank interest and income from other sources.

Donations, including salaries and pensions of individual religious received under Gift Aid or deed of covenant, are recognised when the charitable company has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charitable company is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charitable company and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Investment income is recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid of payable.

Income from other sources is recognised in the period in which the charitable company is entitled to receipt, the amount can be measured reliably and receipt is probable.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure recognition (continued)

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The majority of expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and any apportionment between headings is negligible. All expenditure is applied towards charitable activities and the classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ The provision of charitable grants and donations relate, in the main, to the support of the Congregation's own work and the support of other Roman Catholic charitable organisations to relieve poverty, suffering and promotion of education or religion in connection with the Roman Catholic faith. Charitable grants and donations are made where the trustees believe there is a real need following a review of the details of each particular case. Grants and donations are included in the statement of financial activities when approved for payment. Provision is made for any material grants and donations approved but unpaid at the end of the financial year.

The unwinding of the discount factor in respect to donations payable is included within grants, donations and support of missionary work and ministry and is described as a financing cost.

- ◆ Expenditure on the support of members of the Congregation and their ministry comprises those costs which support the members of the Congregation and which enable those members to carry out their individual ministry, the work of the charitable company in the areas of the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith and the provision of social and pastoral work.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charitable company (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice. All expenditure on governance is attributed directly to the charitable activities of supporting members of the Congregation and enabling their ministry as any costs in relation to donations payable is considered to be negligible.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,500 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

- ◆ Freehold land and buildings
Freehold land and buildings are included on the balance sheet stated at cost, or where cost is not available then at 1997 or 1998 valuations which were determined by the trustees on the basis of replacement cost for existing use with additions since those dates included at cost.

Tangible fixed assets (continued)

◆ Freehold land and buildings (continued)

As permitted by FRS 102, with effect from 1 January 2014 the value assigned to these properties is now deemed to be cost. Additions subsequent to 31 December 1998 are stated at cost. Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

◇ Specialised buildings

Specialised buildings comprise the large residential convent. Depreciation is provided at 2% per annum on a straight-line basis to write the buildings off over their estimated useful economic life to the charitable company.

◇ Residential

Residential buildings are those designed as, and used wholly or mainly for, private residential accommodation. Such buildings are not depreciated. Their value and condition are reviewed annually by the trustees, who are satisfied that their residual value is not materially less than their book value. The charitable company's only residential property was disposed of during the year.

◇ Improvements to residential buildings

Improvements to residential buildings are depreciated over the expected life of the improvement which, depending on its nature, will vary between 10 and 20 years. No depreciation is charged on improvements until they are complete.

◆ Furniture, fixtures, plant and equipment

Expenditure on the purchase and replacement of furniture, plant and equipment is capitalised and depreciated over a five year period, based on the estimated useful life of the asset, on a straight line basis. Items classified as fixtures or plant are capitalised and depreciated over a fifteen year period on a straight line basis, in order to write the assets off over their estimated useful life.

◆ Motor vehicles

Motor vehicles are capitalised and depreciated over a four-year period, on a straight line basis, in order to write off the cost of each vehicle over its estimated useful life.

Investments

Listed investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

As noted above the main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Investments (continued)

Realised gains (or losses) on investment assets are calculated as the difference between disposal proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value is acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value at that date. Realised and unrealised investment gains (or losses) are combined in the statement of financial activities and are credited (or debited) in the year in which they arise.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Fund structure

The funds of the charitable company are unrestricted and therefore are available for use in furtherance of the charitable company's objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Within the total unrestricted funds of the charitable company are amounts representing tangible fixed assets and funds the trustees have designated for specific purposes. Details of these are provided in notes 14 and 15 respectively.

Services provided by members of the Congregation

For the purposes of these financial statements, no value has been placed on administrative and other services provided by the members of the Congregation.

Pensions

The charitable company offers its employees membership of a defined contribution pension scheme administered by the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST). Contributions to the scheme are debited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are payable to the scheme. The assets of the scheme are held by an independent corporate trustee, whose activities are governed by the National Employment Savings Trust Order 2010, made by the Secretary of State in exercise of powers confirmed under the Pensions Act 2008.

1 Income from: Donations

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and pensions of individual religious received under Gift Aid or Deed of Covenant	62,634	74,548
General donations	2,738	2,841
	65,372	77,389

General donations include restricted donations of £1,200 (2020: £1,250) (see note 3)

2 Income from: Investments and interest receivable

	2021 £	2020 £
Income from listed investments		
. UK fixed interest stocks	48,489	36,046
. Overseas fixed interest stocks	6,890	18,714
. UK equities	143,035	118,631
. Overseas equities	60,565	64,621
. UK unitised funds	62,315	61,594
. Overseas unitised funds	74,315	54,717
	395,609	354,323
Interest receivable		
. Interest on money held by investment managers	—	321
. Bank interest receivable	79	6,399
	395,688	361,043

3 Expenditure on: Grants and donations

The charitable company makes grants and donations, principally in support of the overseas work of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception and other causes, which further the Christian faith and alleviate poverty.

	2021 £	2020 £
Generalate and overseas provinces of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception		
. In support of the Congregation's overseas work in South America and the Caribbean	3,088,800	839,000
. In support of the Congregation's overseas work in the Congo	1,300	1,250
. In support of the Congregation's overseas work generally	640,000	—
Financing cost – Unwinding of discount factor on donations committed	4,900	12,300
Aid to the Church in Need	780	1,240
Other grants and donations	4,766	5,666
	3,740,546	859,456

The donation of £1,200 (2020: £1,250) to support the Congregation's overseas work in the Congo is financed from a restricted donation received in the year.

Two of the charitable company's trustees (Sister Marthe Dachet and Sister Genevieve Defrenne) are members of the General Council of the Congregation and one other trustee, Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval, is the General Treasurer of the Congregation. Those trustees withdraw from discussions concerning the awarding of donations to both the Generalate of the Congregation and to the wider Congregation.

3 Expenditure on: Grants and donations (continued)

Further details of the donations payable to the Congregation's Generalate are shown in notes 12 and 13 to the financial statements.

Other grants and donations include a donation of £2,400 (2020 - £2,400) to a former member of the Congregation to supplement her living expenses. The charitable company has agreed to supplement this former member's living expenses for the immediate future given her financial position. It is expected that this financial support may, in future, amount to £3,000 per annum but no specific period is known over which it may be payable. Any future commitment will not be material to these financial statements.

4 Expenditure on: Support of members of the Congregation and their ministry

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff wages (note 7)	89,079	83,804
Premises	53,093	54,404
Sisters' personal expenses	33,181	38,030
Education, training and spiritual renewal	1,365	1,025
Other expenses	9,290	7,445
Governance costs (note 5)	28,552	24,420
	214,560	209,128

5 Governance costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Legal and professional fees	28,552	24,420

6 Net expenditure for the year before net investment gains

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs (note 7)	89,079	83,804
Auditor's remuneration		
. Statutory audit services		
.. Current year	13,600	12,700
.. Previous year	500	500
. Other accountancy related services	10,600	10,560
. Company secretarial services	360	660
. Other advice re NEST pension scheme	1,512	—
. Taxation related services	1,980	—
Depreciation	30,808	32,867

7 Staff costs, key management and trustees' remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	85,222	80,663
Social security costs	2,236	1,690
Pension contributions	1,621	1,451
	89,079	83,804

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more (including taxable benefits) during the year (2020 – none).

All staff costs relate to support of members of the Congregation.

There were 5 part time employees during the year (2020 – five).

Key management

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charitable company in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charitable company on a day to day basis.

All trustees are members of the Congregation and whilst the living and personal expenses in respect to those resident in England are borne by the charitable company, none of the trustees receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as trustees or work as key management (2020 - £nil).

As members of the Congregation, none of the trustees have resources of their own as all earnings, pensions and other income have been donated to the charitable company under a Gift Aid compliant Deed of Covenant. During the year, the total amount donated by the trustees to the charitable company was £60,980 (2020 - £54,050).

8 Taxation

Providence Marian Company is a registered charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income on gains derived from its charitable activities, as they fall within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Residential buildings (including improvements) £	Specialised buildings £	Furniture, fixtures plant and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 January 2021	358,239	1,011,817	96,847	24,699	1,491,602
Disposals	(358,239)	—	—	—	(358,239)
At 31 December 2021	—	1,011,817	96,847	24,699	1,133,363
 Cost	—	561,817	96,847	24,699	683,363
Deemed cost: 1997 and 1998 valuation	—	450,000	—	—	450,000
At 31 December 2021	—	1,011,817	96,847	24,699	1,133,363
 Depreciation					
At 1 January 2021	—	141,652	43,336	20,583	205,571
Charge for the period	—	20,236	6,456	4,116	30,808
At 31 December 2021	—	161,888	49,792	24,699	236,379
 Net book values					
At 31 December 2021	—	849,929	47,055	—	896,984
At 31 December 2020	358,239	870,165	53,511	4,116	1,286,031

All land and buildings, both non-specialised and specialised, are freehold.

As permitted by FRS 102, with effect from 1 January 2014 the value assigned to land and buildings owned as at that date is now deemed to be cost. Additions subsequent to 1 January 2014 are stated at cost. Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

It is likely that there are material differences between the open market values of the charitable company's land and buildings and their book values. The amount of such differences cannot be ascertained without incurring significant costs, which, in the opinion of trustees, is not justified in terms of the benefit to the users of the financial statements.

10 Investments

	2021 £	2020 £
Listed investments		
Fair (market) value at 1 January 2021	19,274,299	18,400,269
Additions at cost	5,452,892	3,013,741
Disposals at book value (see below)	(4,834,375)	(3,345,059)
Net unrealised investment gains	1,770,651	1,205,348
Fair (market) value at 31 December 2021	21,663,467	19,274,299
Cash held by investment managers	510,700	747,904
Bank deposit accounts	—	2,189,259
	22,174,167	22,211,462

Cost of listed investments at 31 December 2021	16,233,154	14,836,059
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Disposals at book value included above are made up of the following:

	2021 £	2020 £
Proceeds	4,961,691	3,045,718
Realised (gains) losses	(127,316)	299,341
Disposals at book value	4,834,375	3,345,059

Listed investments held at 31 December 2021 comprised the following:

	2021 £	2020 £
UK fixed Interest stocks and bonds	2,166,852	1,705,119
Overseas fixed interest stocks and bonds	746,467	717,682
UK equities	5,813,104	5,319,162
Overseas equities	5,271,991	4,482,523
UK unitised funds	2,795,343	2,852,676
Overseas unitised funds	4,869,710	4,197,137
	21,663,467	19,274,299

At 31 December 2021, no individual listed investment holdings were deemed material when compared with the overall portfolio valuation at that date.

All listed investments were dealt in on a recognised stock exchange.

The bank deposit accounts represented monies held by Barclays Bank plc for the long term and which were considered part of the charitable company's fixed asset investments.

11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest and investment income receivable	9,017	6,757
Other debtors and prepayments	1,380	64,921
	10,397	71,678

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Donation payable to the Generalate of the Congregation (note 13)	1,485,400	995,100
Monies administered on behalf of individual religious	7,573	—
Social security and other taxes	1,823	1,679
Accruals	53,414	47,731
	1,548,210	1,044,510

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Donations payable	5,391,750	3,788,350

During 2016, the trustees committed to donate £750,000 per annum to the Generalate of the Congregation for each of the years 2017 to 2021 inclusive. A liability was recognised, discounted to present value using a discount rate of 0.5% per annum, the rate of interest earned by the charitable company on its bank deposit accounts. During the year ended 2019, the commitment was increased to £1,000,000 and extended to each of the years 2020 to 2024. In the current year, the charity increased and extended its commitment again to donating £1,500,000 per annum for each of the years 2022 to 2026 inclusive. The liability at 31 December 2021 in notes 12 and 13 represents those donations which the trustees have committed to paying in the years 2022 to 2026 (2020: from 2021 to 2024) inclusive. The liability has been recognised discounted to present value using a discount rate of 4% (2020 - 2.1%) per annum, the rate of return expected to be earned by the charitable company on its investments and cash holdings. The notional interest is debited to the statement of financial activities as the discount is “unwound”.

The donations payable are as follows:

	Discounted amounts		Gross amounts	
	2021 £	2020 £	2021 £	2020 £
Creditor payable as follows:				
Within one year (note 12)	1,485,400	995,100	1,500,000	1,000,000
After more than one year				
· Between one and two years	1,428,250	975,500	1,500,000	1,000,000
· Between two and five years	3,963,500	2,812,850	4,500,000	3,000,000
	5,391,750	3,788,350	6,000,000	4,000,000
	6,877,150	4,783,450	7,500,000	5,000,000

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (continued)

The movement in the creditor for the donations is as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Total donations payable at 1 January 2021	4,783,450	4,932,150
Donations committed during the year	3,088,800	839,000
Donations paid during the year	(995,100)	(987,700)
Total donations payable at 31 December 2021	6,877,150	4,783,450

14 Tangible fixed assets fund

	2021 £	2020 £
At 1 January 2021	1,286,031	1,318,898
Net movement in year	(389,047)	(32,867)
At 31 December 2021	896,984	1,286,031

The tangible fixed assets fund represents the net book value of the charitable company's tangible fixed assets. A decision was made to separate this fund from the general fund and other designated funds of the charitable company in recognition of the fact that the tangible fixed assets are essential to the day-to-day work of the charitable company and as such their value should not be regarded as funds that would be realisable with ease, in order to meet future contingencies.

15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charitable company included the following designated funds set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	2021			2020		
	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congregational fund £	Total £	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congregational fund £	Total £
At 1 January 2021	1,600,000	15,768,950	17,368,950	2,100,000	15,725,050	17,825,050
Designated in the year	—	1,628,400	1,628,400	—	882,900	882,900
Released/utilised in the year	(100,000)	(3,088,800)	(3,188,800)	(500,000)	(839,000)	(1,339,000)
At 31 December 2021	1,500,000	14,308,550	15,808,550	1,600,000	15,768,950	17,368,950

Sisters' retirement fund

The sisters' retirement fund comprises money which the trustees have set aside in order to provide for the sisters in their retirement. The amount of the fund has been calculated using actuarial principles.

Financing and Congregational fund

This fund has been established to finance grants and donations including contributions to the Congregation's work overseas.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund £	Tangible fixed assets fund £	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congrega- tional fund £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2021 are represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	—	896,984	—	—	896,984
Investments	—	—	1,500,000	20,674,167	22,174,167
Net current assets (liabilities)	2,101,734	—	—	(973,867)	1,127,867
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	—	—	—	(5,391,750)	(5,391,750)
	2,101,734	896,984	1,500,000	14,308,550	18,807,268
	General fund £	Tangible fixed assets fund £	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congrega- tional fund £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	—	1,286,031	—	—	1,286,031
Investments	59,062	—	1,600,000	20,552,400	22,211,462
Net current assets (liabilities)	1,594,582	—	—	(995,100)	599,482
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	—	—	—	(3,788,350)	(3,788,350)
	1,653,644	1,286,031	1,600,000	15,768,950	20,308,625
				2021 £	2020 £
Total unrealised gains on investments included above				5,430,313	4,438,240
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains					
Unrealised gains at 1 January 2021				4,438,240	3,543,665
Less: in respect to disposals in year				(778,578)	(310,773)
Add: net gains arising on revaluation in the year				1,770,651	1,205,348
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2021				5,430,313	4,438,240

17 Ultimate control

The charitable company was controlled throughout the period by the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception by virtue of the fact that the members of the charitable company are members of the Congregation. The trustees are nominated by the Regional Superior of the Congregation before being elected by the members at the annual general meeting. The Regional Superior and the Bursar General of the Congregation are ex-officio trustees.

18 Related party transactions

Four of the charitable company's trustees are members of the General Council of the Congregation. The charitable company makes donations to both the Generalate of the Congregation and to the wider Congregation to support its overseas work (see note 3). Those trustees who are members of the General Council withdraw from discussions concerning the awarding of such donations.

The amounts due to the Generalate of the Congregation are shown in notes 12 and 13.

Amounts donated to the charitable company by its trustees are disclosed in note 7.

During the year, one of the trustees, Sister Margaret Cloghessy, inherited £487,473 from the estate of a relative. She donated £440,000 to the Generalate of the Congregation and £40,000 to charities in Ireland of her choice. The balance remaining of £7,473 is included within creditors in note 12 as monies administered on behalf of individual religious. There were no such transactions in the year ended 31 December 2020.

There were no other related party transactions during the year (2020 – none).

19 Liability of the members

In the event of the charitable company being wound up during the period of membership, or within the year following, company members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

PROVIDENCE MARIAN COMPANY

England & Wales - Charity number 1133491

Accounts

**Providence
Marian
Company**

Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2020

Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number 6873673
(England and Wales)

Charity Registration Number 1133491

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Reference and administrative details of the charitable company, its trustees and advisers
31 December 2020

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31 December 2020

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The trustees, who are directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report together with the financial statements of Providence Marian Company (the "charitable company") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 23 to 28 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charitable company's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Constitution

Providence Marian Company is a company limited by guarantee, Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales) and a charity registered under the Charities Act 2011, Charity Registration No. 1133491.

Introduction

The Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception (the Congregation) is an international Roman Catholic religious congregation divided into a number of separate provinces.

The financial statements accompanying this report are the financial statements relating to the Congregation's activities and assets in England.

The objects of the charitable company are to support such charitable purposes which advance the religious and other charitable work, for the time being carried on by, or under, the direction of the Congregation as the trustees, with the approval of the provincial superior, shall from time to time think fit.

The objects of the charitable company are set out in its memorandum of association.

Activities, specific objectives, and relevant policies

Activities and specific objectives

The charitable company aims to support the advancement of the charitable works carried on by the Congregation for the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion and the well being of those who benefit from the sisters' ministries. By caring for individual sisters throughout their lives with the Congregation, the charitable company aims to enable and support the sisters to live out their faith and put that faith into practice through a wide variety of religious and other works.

Activities, specific objectives, and relevant policies (continued)

Activities and specific objectives (continued)

The works or ministries of the sisters fall into the following main areas:

Social and pastoral work

Members of the Congregation are involved in various forms of social and pastoral work including support of the bereaved, visiting the sick and parish ministry.

The trustees recognise the absolute necessity of ensuring the protection and safety of all those the charitable company serves. The trustees are committed to implementing all policies and procedures of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC).

Grants, donations, and support of overseas work

The charitable company's policy throughout the year was to make grants and donations, principally in support of the overseas work of the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception and other causes which further the Christian faith and alleviate poverty.

Four of the charitable company's trustees are members of the General Council of the Congregation, Sister Martha Magdalena Geers, Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval, Sister Marthe Dachet and Sister Genevieve Defrenne. Those trustees who are members of the General Council withdraw from discussions concerning the awarding of donations to both the Generalate of the Congregation and to the wider Congregation.

Public benefit

All the trustees are conversant with the Charity Commission's guidelines concerning charities and public benefit and have given consideration to them when assessing the charitable company's activities. The trustees believe that they have given due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission and have complied fully with the public benefit requirement contained within the Charities Act 2011.

Investment policy

During the period, the charitable company's investments comprised listed investments, cash held for investment and bank deposits. The listed investments were managed by investment managers who operated within specific guidelines which are set and regularly reviewed by the trustees whilst bank deposit are held with banks regulated in the United Kingdom.

The overall objective with regard to all the charitable company's investments is to maximise total return within acceptable levels of risk.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

Social and pastoral work

The orientation of the sisters' work continues to vary with the needs of people. The sisters endeavour to help all who require assistance.

Support of the Congregation's work overseas

The charitable company supports the work of the Generalate and overseas provinces of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception. During 2014, the trustees approved a donation of £2.5 million (to be paid in five annual instalments of £500,000 commencing in 2015) which was given to the Generalate to support the Congregation's overseas work in South America and other parts of the world where the need arises. Since then the trustees have been making annual donations of £750,000 and £850,000 and more recently £1m per annum. The expenditure included in the accounts for the year to 31 December 2020 reflects the increase in the commitment so as to pay £1 million per annum for the next five years.

The following are some examples of how the monies donated by the charitable company to the Generalate have been used on various projects:

In Congo (DRC)

- ◆ Continued support for an orphanage constructed in 2014 in Congo including the pastoral and educational development of children;
- ◆ Provided accommodation for students from Lycee Masonga in Pindi. Following the completion of the construction of the dormitory and toilets, monies have been used to provide mattresses;
- ◆ Financed photovoltaic installation in Pindi for lighting in dormitories and classrooms;
- ◆ Commenced a project for providing drinking water - by drilling underground; and
- ◆ Provided general support in this time of the Covid 19 pandemic.

In Ecuador

- ◆ Provided support in this time of the 'Covid-19' pandemic;
- ◆ Provided finance to the Hospital San Jose Obrero, in Quito (reception of displaced persons) for the completion of the MRS at UTO (reception of the elderly and/or sick and assistance for the development of the medical service; and
- ◆ Contributed to the study costs (in Canada) of a Sister called to lead a school in a disadvantaged environment; Helped with the education of children whose parents are without resources, in a school in a poor neighbourhood, at Isla Trinitaria in Guayaquil.

Achievements and performance (continued)

Review of activities (continued)

Support of the Congregation's work overseas (continued)

In Haiti

- ◆ Contributed towards the development of the mission; and
- ◆ Provided funding to assist with educational and pastoral activities and to provide health support to the most deprived.

In Colombia-Peru

- ◆ Supported the underprivileged in this time of the Covid-19 Colombia pandemic; and
- ◆ Contributed funding towards the Jubilee of College San Jose (70 years of foundation) at La Union.

COVID-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the shape and nature of the world. It has impacted not only the basic nature of social interactions but has also had a significant economic impact at every level in ways which have been outside of the charitable company's control.

As all Sisters in the United Kingdom are aged over 80, they have had to adhere to the stringent government advice issued on 23 March. This has meant that their normal apostolic activities have had to find new shape or cease altogether. As a result of the social distancing rules, whilst largely remaining in lockdown, the Sisters have tried to find new ways of working and supporting those with whom they work. The sisters support each other in prayer.

The charitable company's income has been affected by the pandemic because it is heavily reliant on investment income from listed investments which has been impacted as stock markets have reacted to the pandemic and by the resultant effect on corporate confidence..

In terms of expenditure, the trustees anticipate an increase in donation requests from the Congregation to help the poorer regions to cope with the pandemic and its aftermath.

The trustees will continue to keep both income and expenditure under review.

Whilst there will be challenges due to Covid-19, the charitable company has sufficient financial reserves to enable it to withstand the pressures and the trustees are content that the charity is and will remain a going concern.

Financial review

Income and expenditure

A summary of the year's results can be found on page 20 of the attached financial statements.

Income for the year totalled £443,481 (2019: £580,892) and includes salaries and pensions donated by the members of £74,548 (2019: £72,575), donations and legacies receivable of £2,841 (2019: £2,743) and investment income and interest receivable of £361,043 (2019: £499,335).

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £1,189,273 (2019: £3,823,647). £209,128 (2019: £219,675) was expended on supporting sisters and enabling them to carry out their work. Grants and donations amounted to £859,456 (2019: £3,482,603). Further details of the donations payable during the year are given in note 3 to the financial statements. £120,689 (2019: £121,369) was incurred on investment management fees.

Net expenditure for the year before investment gains, therefore, was £745,792 (2019: net expenditure before investment gains of £3,242,755). Net investment gains of £906,007 (2019: net gains of £2,078,093) resulted in a net increase in funds for the year of £160,215 (2019: net decrease of £1,164,662).

Investment performance

Investments at 31 December 2020 totalled £22,211,462 (2019: £22,562,069).

The charitable company has three portfolios of listed investments with a combined market value at 31 December 2020 of £19,274,299 (2019: £18,400,269), cash awaiting investment of £747,904 (2019: £480,122) and cash held on bank deposits of £2,189,258 (2019: £3,681,678).

The age profile of the sisters gives rise to a number of factors impacting on long term planning. As a consequence, the trustees believe that holding funds on bank deposit is appropriate at the present time. Bank interest of £6,399 (2019: £16,076) was earned during the year on these funds.

During the year, the charitable company's income from listed investments was £354,323 (2019: £482,747) and gains on disposal and revaluation of investments were £906,007 (2019: gains of £2,078,093), being an income yield of 1.9% (2019: 2.9%) and a capital yield of 4.8% (2019: capital yield of 12.9%)

The investment managers have invested in accordance with the trustees' investment policy set out elsewhere in this report. Further details of the investment portfolio are included in note 10 to the attached financial statements.

The trustees continue to take a long term view and believe their investment policy continues to be applied and remains appropriate.

Financial review (continued)

Reserves policy and financial position

Reserves policy

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves i.e those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets, designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that, given the nature of the charitable company's work and the age profile of the sisters, the level of free reserves should equal up to five year's ongoing expenditure excluding charitable grants and donations.

In particular, at the current time, the reserves need to be sufficient to enable the charitable company to operate in the exceptional circumstances created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Financial position

The balance sheet shows total funds of £20,308,625 (2019: £20,148,410).

Of this £1,286,031 (2019: £1,318,898) represents the net book value of the charitable company's tangible fixed assets and an equivalent amount has been designated as a tangible fixed assets fund in recognition of the fact that the assets are required for the charitable company's operations and are not available as a reserve to fund activities or meet future contingencies.

The trustees have set aside £1,600,000 (2019: £2,100,000) to provide for the sisters in their retirement. The value of the fund has been calculated using actuarial principles to provide for the Congregation's sisters resident in England, but is not meant to guarantee sufficient resources. It is merely an estimate designed to recognise, and make some provision for, the financial undertaking implicit in the relationship between a religious congregation and its members.

The trustees have established the financing and Congregational fund with the broad intention to use the fund to finance grants and donations, including contributions to the Congregation's work overseas. Whilst the trustees continue to consider the future, further work has to be done on deciding exactly how these funds are to be applied. The balance of the fund stood at £15,768,950 at 31 December 2020 (2019: £15,725,050). Further details about the movement in the fund are given in note 15 to the financial statements.

Funds which are available, therefore, to support the work of the sisters in the future are those shown on the balance sheet as general funds or "free reserves" and amount to £1,653,644 (2019: £1,004,462).

At the date of the balance sheet, the trustees consider that the level of free reserves were adequate but not excessive given the inherent volatility on world stock markets at the current time. In particular, the level of reserves is deemed sufficient when considered in the light of the uncertainties arising due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tangible fixed assets

Movements in tangible fixed assets during the year are disclosed in the notes to the attached financial statements.

Future plans

As members of the Congregation decrease in number, the trustees and the sisters need to discern very carefully which ministries are most required by those to whom the sisters minister and the ministries that are suitable for the aging community.

The sisters reside in a convent in Hertfordshire and the trustees plan to maintain the various aspects of activities as are compatible with the age, health and energy of the members. They will continue to monitor the needs of the sisters as they grow older, to ensure the provision of care for elderly members and even amidst the limitations that come with ageing, to foster what lies at the heart of the sisters' charism/mission.

As explained under "Reserves policy and financial position", it is the intention of the trustees to apply the financing and Congregational fund towards the financing of grants and donations, including contributions to the Congregation's work overseas. It is expected that a large proportion of the money will continue to be invested but it is anticipated also that some of the money may be applied directly towards grants and donations.

In addition, the trustees will have to pay due heed to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences, both socially and economically.

Post balance sheet events

The charitable company's residential building included in the accounts at £358,239 (including the net book value of related improvements) was sold in May 2021. The selling price before deduction of professional costs was approximately £699,000.

Governance, structure and management

Governance

In terms of Canon law, the Congregation is governed at an international level by the Superior General and her General Council.

In terms of civil law, the charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee (Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales)) and is a charity registered for charitable purposes with the Charity Commission (Charity Registration No. 1133491).

The charitable company's members are the trustees of the charitable company. The trustees are nominated by the Regional Superior of the Congregation taking into account their personal qualities, their understanding and experience of the ministries.

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Organisation

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charitable company. They meet regularly during the year to review developments with regard to the charitable company, its activities and make any important decisions. When necessary, the trustees seek advice and support from the charitable company's professional advisers including investment managers, property experts, solicitors and accountants.

Trustees

The trustees are nominated by the Regional Superior of the Congregation and are elected by the members at the annual general meeting. At any one time there shall not be less than three nor more than ten trustees.

The trustees may be removed at any time by the Regional Superior by instrument in writing.

The Regional Superior and the Bursar General of the Congregation are ex officio trustees.

The following trustees were in office during the year and up to the date on which this report was approved:

Trustee

Sister Mary Flannigan
Sister Margaret Cloghessy
Sister Genevieve Defrenne
Sister Marthe Dacht
Sister Martha Magdalena Geers
Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval
Sister Veronica Maguire
Sister Patricia Ryan

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses for services as a trustee, nor had any beneficial interest in any contract with the charitable company, during the year.

The day to day management of the charitable company's activities and the implementation of policies is delegated to the appropriate members of the Congregation. Management reporting lines are clearly defined and the trustees receive regular reports to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Providence Marian Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities (continued)

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102);
- ◆ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ◆ state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- ◆ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the trustees confirms that:

- ◆ so far as the trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- ◆ the trustee has taken all the steps that she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Key management

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charitable company in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charitable company on a day to day basis.

All trustees are members of the Congregation and whilst their living and personal expenses are borne by the charitable company they receive no remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as trustees or their work as key management.

Risk management

In line with the requirement for trustees to undertake a risk assessment exercise and report on the same in their annual report, the trustees have looked at the risks the charitable company currently faces and have reviewed the measures already in place, or needing to be put in place, to deal with them.

The Covid-19 pandemic has clearly presented the trustees with challenges and threats to the well-being of our charity and its activities which could not have been foreseen. The trustees recognise their responsibility for the management of risks faced by the charitable company and the sisters.

The key risks for the charitable company, as identified by the trustees, are described below together with the principal ways in which they are mitigated:

- ◆ An analysis of the age profile of the members of the Congregation shows that the average age is 90 years. The trustees are aware that there is both a moral and legal obligation to care for the older members. None of the sisters have resources of their own. As the age profile increases, so too does the need to provide care for the sisters. Key elements of the management of this risk are: (a) ensuring that the charitable company has the available financial resources to finance this care both now and in the years ahead by setting aside assets in a designated fund, the value of which has been based on actuarial principles; and (b) ensuring that processes are in place to review regularly the ministries and needs of individual sisters encouraging those who need it to take on less demanding ministries and for identifying those who need extra care and help.

Governance, structure and management (continued)

Risk management (continued)

- ◆ The charitable company donates monies in support of the wider Congregation and other organisations. The majority of donations sent overseas are to fund projects administered directly by members of the Congregation. Whether or not the funds are used here in Great Britain or overseas, the trustees always ensure that they are fully briefed about and familiar with the work of a potential recipient of funds, that funds are transferred via bank transfer, that proof of receipt is obtained and that, wherever possible (and always in the case of monies sent overseas), a written report of how the monies have been utilised and applied is obtained from the recipient.
- ◆ The charitable company's principal asset comprises listed investments, the value of which is dependent on movements in UK and world stock markets. The investments are managed by reputable investment managers who adhere to a policy agreed by the trustees. The trustees meet regularly with the investment managers and the managers' performance and that of the portfolio are monitored. The investment strategy is assessed regularly to ensure it remains appropriate to the charitable company's needs – both now and in the future. During the current Covid-19 pandemic, the trustees continue to communicate with their investment managers and, whilst there are concerns over the volatility in world stock markets, they acknowledge also that the charity is a long term investor. As such, the charitable company will be able to wait for markets to stabilise over time whilst the trustees keep a watching brief.

Having assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, the trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charitable company, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

Fundraising policy

The charitable company receives very little income from donations from members of the public. However, it aims to achieve best practice in the way in which it communicates with donors and other supporters. It takes care with both the tone of its communications and the accuracy of its data to minimise the pressures on supporters. It applies best practice to protect supporters' data and never sells data, it never swaps data and ensures that communication preferences can be changed at any time. The charitable company manages its own fundraising activities and does not employ the services of Professional Fundraisers. The charitable company undertakes to react to and investigate any complaints regarding its fundraising activities and to learn from them and improve its service. During 2020, the charitable company received no complaints about its fundraising activities.

Employees, volunteers, and members of the Congregation

The trustees wish to record their recognition of the professionalism and commitment of all their staff, volunteers and the individual members of the Congregation. Their dedication and positive approach are very much appreciated.

Approved by the trustees of the Providence Marian Company, Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales) and Charity Registration No. 1133491 and signed on their behalf by:

Mary Flannigan

Trustee

Approved by the trustees on: 7 September 2021

Independent auditor's report to the members of Providence Marian Company

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Providence Marian Company (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- ◆ have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- ◆ have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report and Financial statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- ◆ the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- ◆ the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ◆ adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- ◆ the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- ◆ certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- ◆ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- ◆ the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- ◆ The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- ◆ We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charitable company through discussions with trustees and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- ◆ We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the activities of the charitable company. These included but were not limited to the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019); and

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- ◆ We assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of trustees and review of minutes of trustees' meetings.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- ◆ Making enquiries of trustees as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- ◆ Considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- ◆ Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- ◆ Tested and reviewed journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- ◆ Carried out substantive testing of expenditure;
- ◆ Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- ◆ Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- ◆ Agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- ◆ Reading the minutes of meetings of trustees; and
- ◆ Enquiring of as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

We did not identify any irregularities, including fraud.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Amanda Francis (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor
130 Wood Street
London
EC2V 6DL

10 September 2021

Statement of financial activities Year to 31 December 2020

		Unrestricted funds	
	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Income and expenditure			
Income from:			
Donations	1	77,389	75,318
Investments and interest receivable	2	361,043	499,335
Miscellaneous income		5,049	6,239
Total income		443,481	580,892
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds			
. Investment management fees		120,689	121,369
Charitable activities			
. Charitable grants and donations	3	859,456	3,482,603
. Support of members of the Congregation and their ministry	4	209,128	219,675
Total expenditure		1,189,273	3,823,647
Net expenditure for the year before net investment gains	6	(745,792)	(3,242,755)
Net investment gains	10	906,007	2,078,093
Net income (expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		160,215	(1,164,662)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2020		20,148,410	21,313,072
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020		20,308,625	20,148,410

All activities of the charitable company derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities.

Balance sheet 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		1,286,031		1,318,898
Investments	10		22,211,462		<u>22,562,069</u>
			23,497,493		<u>23,880,967</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	11	71,678		70,299	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,572,314		<u>1,181,533</u>	
		1,643,992		<u>1,251,832</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,044,510)		<u>(1,039,939)</u>	
Net current assets			599,482		<u>211,893</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			24,096,975		<u>24,092,860</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	13		(3,788,350)		<u>(3,944,450)</u>
Total net assets			20,308,625		<u>20,148,410</u>
The funds of the charitable company:					
Unrestricted funds					
. Tangible fixed assets fund	14		1,286,031		1,318,898
. Designated funds	15		17,368,950		17,825,050
. General funds			1,653,644		<u>1,004,462</u>
			20,308,625		<u>20,148,410</u>

Approved by the trustees of the Providence Marian Company, Company Registration No. 6873673 (England and Wales) and Charity Registration No. 1133491 and signed on their behalf by:

Mary Flannigan

Trustee

Approved on: 7 September 2021

Statement of cash flows Year to 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash used in operating activities	A	(1,230,462)	(1,103,138)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income and interest received		364,629	500,602
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		—	(58,239)
Proceeds from the disposal of listed investments		3,045,718	3,362,157
Purchase of listed investments		(3,013,741)	(3,553,014)
Cash withdrawn from (invested in) bank deposits held as fixed asset investments		1,492,419	1,483,577
Net cash provided by investing activities		1,889,025	1,735,083
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		658,563	631,945
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2020	B	1,661,655	1,029,710
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2020	B	2,320,218	1,661,655

Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 31 December 2020

A Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash used in operating activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)	160,215	(1,164,662)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	32,867	32,869
Gains on investments	(906,007)	(2,078,093)
Investment income and interest receivable	(361,043)	(499,335)
Increase in debtors	(4,965)	(1,779)
(Decrease) increase in creditors	(151,529)	2,607,862
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,230,462)	(1,103,138)

B Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,572,314	1,181,533
Cash held by investment managers	747,904	480,122
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,320,218	1,661,655

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year to 31 December 2020 with comparative figures given in respect to the year to 31 December 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the financial statements requires the trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- ◆ assessing the useful economic lives attributed to tangible fixed assets used to determine the annual depreciation charge; and
- ◆ the assumptions applied in determining the size of designated funds, and in particular, the retirement reserve, created in order to provide for the continuing care of the members of the Congregation.
- ◆ estimating future income and expenditure flows and the charitable company's financial position (see "assessment of going concern" below).

Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements. The trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of at least one year from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Assessment of going concern (continued)

While the charitable company's income will no doubt be affected because of the falls in the income generated by investments as businesses recover from the impact of the pandemic. In terms of expenditure, it is anticipated that there may be an increase in requests from the Congregation for donations to help the poorer regions cope with the pandemic and its aftermath. The trustees will continue to keep both income and expenditure under review.

With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 31 December 2021, the most significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the charitable company are the level of investment return and the performance of the investment market.

Whilst Covid-19 presents the charitable company with some challenges, the trustees do not anticipate any serious impact on the charity's finances.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charitable company has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises donations, income from investments, bank interest and income from other sources.

Donations, including salaries and pensions of individual religious received under Gift Aid or deed of covenant, are recognised when the charitable company has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charitable company is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charitable company and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Investment income is recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid of payable.

Income from other sources is recognised in the period in which the charitable company is entitled to receipt, the amount can be measured reliably and receipt is probable.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The majority of expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and any apportionment between headings is negligible. All expenditure is applied towards charitable activities and the classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ The provision of charitable grants and donations relate, in the main, to the support of the Congregation's own work and the support of other Roman Catholic charitable organisations to relieve poverty, suffering and promotion of education or religion in connection with the Roman Catholic faith. Charitable grants and donations are made where the trustees believe there is a real need following a review of the details of each particular case. Grants and donations are included in the statement of financial activities when approved for payment. Provision is made for any material grants and donations approved but unpaid at the end of the financial year.

The unwinding of the discount factor in respect to donations payable is included within grants, donations and support of missionary work and ministry and is described as a financing cost.

- ◆ Expenditure on the support of members of the Congregation and their ministry comprises those costs which support the members of the Congregation and which enable those members to carry out their individual ministry, the work of the charitable company in the areas of the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith and the provision of social and pastoral work.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charitable company (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice. All expenditure on governance is attributed directly to the charitable activities of supporting members of the Congregation and enabling their ministry as any costs in relation to donations payable is considered to be negligible.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,500 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

- ◆ Freehold land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings are included on the balance sheet stated at cost, or where cost is not available then at 1997 or 1998 valuations which were determined by the trustees on the basis of replacement cost for existing use with additions since those dates included at cost.

As permitted by FRS 102, with effect from 1 January 2014 the value assigned to these properties is now deemed to be cost. Additions subsequent to 31 December 1998 are stated at cost. Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

- ◇ Specialised buildings

Specialised buildings comprise the large residential convent. Depreciation is provided at 2% per annum on a straight-line basis to write the buildings off over their estimated useful economic life to the charitable company.

- ◇ Residential

Residential buildings are those designed as, and used wholly or mainly for, private residential accommodation. Such buildings are not depreciated. Their value and condition are reviewed annually by the trustees, who are satisfied that their residual value is not materially less than their book value.

- ◇ Improvements to residential buildings

Improvements to residential buildings are depreciated over the expected life of the improvement which, depending on its nature, will vary between 10 and 20 years. No depreciation is charged on improvements until they are complete.

- ◆ Furniture, fixtures, plant and equipment

Expenditure on the purchase and replacement of furniture, plant and equipment is capitalised and depreciated over a five year period, based on the estimated useful life of the asset, on a straight line basis. Items classified as fixtures or plant are capitalised and depreciated over a fifteen year period on a straight line basis, in order to write the assets off over their estimated useful life.

- ◆ Motor vehicles

Motor vehicles are capitalised and depreciated over a four-year period, on a straight line basis, in order to write off the cost of each vehicle over its estimated useful life.

Investments

Listed investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

As noted above the main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

Realised gains (or losses) on investment assets are calculated as the difference between disposal proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value is acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value at that date. Realised and unrealised investment gains (or losses) are combined in the statement of financial activities and are credited (or debited) in the year in which they arise.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charitable company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Fund structure

The funds of the charitable company are unrestricted and therefore are available for use in furtherance of the charitable company's objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Within the total unrestricted funds of the charitable company are amounts representing tangible fixed assets and funds the trustees have designated for specific purposes. Details of these are provided in notes 14 and 15 respectively.

Services provided by members of the Congregation

For the purposes of these financial statements, no value has been placed on administrative and other services provided by the members of the Congregation.

Pensions

The charitable company offers its employees membership of a defined contribution pension scheme administered by the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST). Contributions to the scheme are debited to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are payable to the scheme. The assets of the scheme are held by an independent corporate trustee, whose activities are governed by the National Employment Savings Trust Order 2010, made by the Secretary of State in exercise of powers confirmed under the Pensions Act 2008.

1 Income from: Donations

	2020 £	2019 £
Salaries and pensions of individual religious received under Gift Aid or Deed of Covenant	74,548	72,575
General donations (includes £1,250 restricted income) (see note 3)	2,841	2,743
	77,389	75,318

2 Income from: Investments and interest receivable

	2020 £	2019 £
Income from listed investments		
. UK fixed interest stocks	36,046	40,112
. Overseas fixed interest stocks	18,714	28,653
. UK equities	118,631	188,850
. Overseas equities	64,621	89,689
. UK unitised funds	61,594	83,027
. Overseas unitised funds	54,717	52,416
	354,323	482,747
Interest receivable		
. Interest on money held by investment managers	321	—
. Bank interest receivable	6,399	16,588
	361,043	499,335

3 Expenditure on: Grants and donations

The charitable company makes grants and donations, principally in support of the overseas work of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception and other causes, which further the Christian faith and alleviate poverty.

	2020 £	2019 £
Generalate and overseas provinces of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception		
. In support of the Congregation's overseas work in South America	839,000	3,459,950
. In support of the Congregation's overseas work in the Congo	1,250	1,250
Financing cost – Unwinding of discount factor on donation committed	12,300	8,350
Aid to the Church in Need	1,240	3,143
International Refugee Trust	—	985
Other grants and donations	5,666	8,925
	859,456	3,482,603

The donation of £1,250 to support the Congregation's overseas work in the Congo is financed from a restricted donation received in each of the above two years.

Four of the charitable company's trustees (Sister Martha Magdalena Geers, Sister Marie-Jose Herbeuval, Sister Marthe Dachet and Sister Genevieve Defrenne) are members of the General Council of the Congregation,. Those trustees who are members of the General Council withdraw from discussions concerning the awarding of donations to both the Generalate of the Congregation and to the wider Congregation.

Further details of the donations payable to the Congregation's Generalate are shown in notes 12 and 13 to the financial statements.

3 Expenditure on: Grants and donations (continued)

Other grants and donations include a donation of £2,400 (2019 - £2,400) to a former member of the Congregation to supplement her living expenses. The charitable company has agreed to supplement this former member's living expenses for the immediate future given her financial position. It is expected that this financial support may, in future, amount to £3,000 per annum but no specific period is known over which it may be payable. Any future commitment will not be material to these financial statements.

4 Expenditure on: Support of members of the Congregation and their ministry

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff wages (note 7)	83,804	76,486
Premises	54,404	57,405
Sisters' personal expenses	38,030	39,443
Education, training and spiritual renewal	1,025	1,773
Other expenses	7,445	14,697
Governance costs (note 5)	24,420	29,871
	209,128	219,675

5 Governance costs

	2020 £	2019 £
Legal and professional fees	24,420	29,871

6 Net (expenditure) income for the year before net investment gains (losses)

This is stated after charging:

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs (note 7)	83,804	76,486
Auditor's remuneration		
. Statutory audit services		
.. Current year	12,700	11,800
.. Previous year	500	1,914
. Other accountancy related services		
.. Current year	10,560	10,500
.. Previous year	660	5,657
Depreciation	32,867	32,869

7 Staff costs, key management and trustees' remuneration

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs during the year were as follows:		
Wages and salaries	80,663	73,638
Social security costs	1,690	1,714
Pension contributions	1,451	1,134
	83,804	76,486

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more (including taxable benefits) during the year (2019 – none).

All staff costs relate to support of members of the Congregation.

There were five part time employees during the year (2019 – five).

Key management

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the charitable company in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charitable company on a day to day basis.

All trustees are members of the Congregation and whilst the living and personal expenses in respect to those resident in England are borne by the charitable company, none of the trustees receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as trustees or work as key management (2019 - £nil).

As members of the Congregation, none of the trustees have resources of their own as all earnings, pensions and other income have been donated to the charitable company under a Gift Aid compliant Deed of Covenant. During the year, the total amount donated by the trustees to the charitable company was £54,050 (2019 - £52,378).

8 Taxation

Providence Marian Company is a registered charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income on gains derived from its charitable activities, as they fall within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings					
	Resident- ial buildings £	Improve- ments to residential buildings £	Specialised buildings £	Furniture, fixtures plant and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 January 2020	300,000	58,239	1,011,817	101,139	24,699	1,495,894
Disposals	—	—	—	(4,292)	—	(4,292)
At 31 December 2020	<u>300,000</u>	<u>58,239</u>	<u>1,011,817</u>	<u>96,847</u>	<u>24,699</u>	<u>1,491,602</u>
Cost	—	58,239	561,817	96,847	24,699	741,602
Deemed cost: 1997 and 1998 valuation	300,000	—	450,000	—	—	750,000
At 31 December 2020	<u>300,000</u>	<u>58,239</u>	<u>1,011,817</u>	<u>96,847</u>	<u>24,699</u>	<u>1,491,602</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2020	—	—	121,416	41,172	14,408	176,996
Charge for the period	—	—	20,236	6,456	6,175	32,867
Eliminated on disposals	—	—	—	(4,292)	—	(4,292)
At 31 December 2020	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>141,652</u>	<u>43,336</u>	<u>20,583</u>	<u>205,571</u>
Net book values						
At 31 December 2020	<u>300,000</u>	<u>58,239</u>	<u>870,165</u>	<u>53,511</u>	<u>4,116</u>	<u>1,286,031</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>300,000</u>	<u>58,239</u>	<u>890,401</u>	<u>59,967</u>	<u>10,291</u>	<u>1,318,898</u>

All land and buildings, both non-specialised and specialised, are freehold.

As permitted by FRS 102, with effect from 1 January 2014 the value assigned to land and buildings owned as at that date is now deemed to be cost. Additions subsequent to 1 January 2014 are stated at cost. Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

It is likely that there are material differences between the open market values of the charitable company's land and buildings and their book values. The amount of such differences cannot be ascertained without incurring significant costs, which, in the opinion of trustees, is not justified in terms of the benefit to the users of the financial statements.

Post balance sheet events

The residential building included above at £358,239 (including the net book value of related improvements) was sold in May 2021. The selling price before deduction of professional costs was approximately £699,000.

10 Investments

	2020 £	2019 £
Listed investments		
Market value at 1 January 2020	18,400,269	16,131,319
Additions at cost	3,013,741	3,553,014
Disposals at book value (see below)	(3,345,059)	(3,240,197)
Net unrealised investment gains	1,205,348	1,956,133
Market value at 31 December 2020	19,274,299	18,400,269
Cash held by investment managers	747,904	480,122
Bank deposit accounts	2,189,259	3,681,678
	22,211,462	22,562,069
 Cost of listed investments at 31 December 2020	 14,836,059	 14,856,604

Disposals at book value included above are made up of the following:

	2020 £	2019 £
Proceeds	3,045,718	3,362,157
Losses (gains)	299,341	(121,960)
Disposals at book value	3,345,059	3,240,197

Listed investments held at 31 December 2020 comprised the following:

	2020 £	2019 £
UK fixed Interest stocks and bonds	1,705,119	1,672,838
Overseas fixed interest stocks and bonds	717,682	1,284,606
UK equities	5,319,162	5,460,857
Overseas equities	4,482,523	4,063,425
UK unitised funds	2,852,676	2,598,281
Overseas unitised funds	4,197,137	3,320,262
	19,274,299	18,400,269

At 31 December 2020, no individual listed investment holdings were deemed material when compared with the overall portfolio valuation at that date.

All listed investments were dealt in on a recognised stock exchange.

The bank deposit accounts represent monies held by Barclays Bank plc for the long term and considered part of the charitable company's fixed asset investments.

11 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Interest and investment income receivable	6,757	10,343
Other debtors and prepayments	64,921	59,956
	71,678	70,299

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Donation payable to the Generalate of the Congregation (note 13)	995,100	987,700
Expense creditors	—	2,807
Social security and other taxes	1,679	1,532
Accruals	47,731	47,900
	1,044,510	1,039,939

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Donations payable	3,788,350	3,944,450

During 2016, the trustees committed to donate £750,000 per annum to the Generalate of the Congregation from 2017 to 2021 inclusive. A liability was recognised, discounted to present value using a discount rate of 0.5% per annum, the rate of interest earned by the charitable company on its bank deposit accounts. The liability at 31 December 2020 represents donations which the trustees have committed to paying in the years 2021 to 2025 (2019: from 2020 to 2024). The notional interest is debited to the statement of financial activities as the discount is “unwound”.

The liability has been recognised discounted to present value using a discount rate of 2% per annum, the rate of return currently earned by the charitable company on its investments. The notional interest is debited to the statement of financial activities as the discount is “unwound”.

The donations payable are as follows:

	Discounted amounts		Gross amounts	
	2020 £	2019 £	2020 £	2019 £
Creditor payable as follows:				
Within one year (note 12)	995,100	987,700	1,000,000	1,000,000
After more than one year				
. Between one and two years	975,500	983,050	1,000,000	1,000,000
. Between two and five years	2,812,850	2,961,400	3,000,000	3,000,000
	3,788,350	3,944,450	4,000,000	4,000,000
	4,783,450	4,932,150	5,000,000	5,000,000

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (continued)

The movement in creditor for the donations is as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Total donations payable at 1 January 2020	4,932,150	2,213,850
Donations committed during the year	839,000	3,459,950
Donations paid during the year	(987,700)	(741,650)
Total donations payable at 31 December 2020	4,783,450	4,932,150

14 Tangible fixed assets fund

	2020 £	2019 £
At 1 January 2020	1,318,898	1,343,528
Net movement in year	(32,867)	(24,630)
At 31 December 2020	1,286,031	1,318,898

The tangible fixed assets fund represents the net book value of the charitable company's tangible fixed assets. A decision was made to separate this fund from the general fund and other designated funds of the charitable company in recognition of the fact that the tangible fixed assets are essential to the day-to-day work of the charitable company and as such their value should not be regarded as funds that would be realisable with ease, in order to meet future contingencies.

15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charitable company included the following designated funds set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	2020			2019		
	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congregational fund £	Total £	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congregational fund £	Total £
At 1 January 2020	2,100,000	15,725,050	17,825,050	2,500,000	17,140,400	19,640,400
Designated in the year	—	882,900	882,900	—	2,044,600	2,044,600
Released/utilised in the year	(500,000)	(839,000)	(1,339,000)	(400,000)	(3,459,950)	(3,859,950)
At 31 December 2020	1,600,000	15,768,950	17,368,950	2,100,000	15,725,050	17,825,050

Sisters' retirement fund

The sisters' retirement fund comprises money which the trustees have set aside in order to provide for the sisters in their retirement. The amount of the fund has been calculated using actuarial principles.

Financing and Congregational fund

This fund has been established to finance grants and donations including contributions to the Congregation's work overseas.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund £	Tangible fixed assets fund £	Sisters' retirement fund £	Financing and Congrega- tional fund £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2020 are represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	—	1,286,031	—	—	1,286,031
Investments	59,062	—	1,600,000	20,552,400	22,211,462
Net current assets (liabilities)	1,594,582	—	—	(995,100)	599,482
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	—	—	—	(3,788,350)	(3,788,350)
	1,653,644	1,286,031	1,600,000	15,768,950	20,308,625
Fund balances at 31 December 2019 are represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	—	1,318,898	—	—	1,318,898
Investments	—	—	1,904,869	20,657,200	22,562,069
Net current assets (liabilities)	1,004,462	—	195,131	(987,700)	211,893
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	—	—	—	(3,944,450)	(3,944,450)
	1,004,462	1,318,898	2,100,000	15,725,050	20,148,410
				2020 £	2019 £
Total unrealised gains on investments included above				4,438,240	3,543,665
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains					
Unrealised gains at 1 January 2020				3,543,665	1,848,363
Less: in respect to disposals in year				(310,773)	(260,831)
Add: net gains arising on revaluation in the year				1,205,348	1,956,133
Unrealised gains at 31 December 2020				4,438,240	3,543,665

17 Ultimate control

The charitable company was controlled throughout the period by the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence and of the Immaculate Conception by virtue of the fact that the members of the charitable company are members of the Congregation. The trustees are nominated by the Regional Superior of the Congregation before being elected by the members at the annual general meeting. The Regional Superior and the Bursar General of the Congregation are ex-officio trustees.

18 Related party transactions

Four of the charitable company's trustees are members of the General Council of the Congregation. The charitable company makes donations to both the Generalate of the Congregation and to the wider Congregation to support its overseas work (see note 3). Those trustees who are members of the General Council withdraw from discussions concerning the awarding of such donations.

The amounts due to the Generalate of the Congregation are shown in notes 12 and 13.

Amounts donated to the charitable company by its trustees are disclosed in note 7.

There were no other related party transactions during the year (2019 – none).

19 Liability of the members

In the event of the charitable company being wound up during the period of membership, or within the year following, company members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.