

CATHOLIC UNION CHARITABLE TRUST

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Registered charity number 1137317 (England)
Registered company number 07333172 (England and Wales)
Registered Office: 63 Jeddo Road, London, W12 9EE

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Reference and Administrative Information

The registered name of the charity is Catholic Union Charitable Trust Limited (CUCT). The address at which CUCT can be contacted is its registered office, 63 Jeddo Road, London, W12 9EE. The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were

James Bogle (Chairman)
Christopher Colven
Michael Henderson
Thomas Martin
Sarah Nagle
Robert Rigby
Priscilla Sharp
Bernard Waddingham

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in CUCT. All the Trustees are members and Directors of CUCT and each guarantees to contribute £1 in the event of CUCT being wound up.

2 Structure, Governance and Management

CUCT was registered as a company limited by guarantee, number 07333172, on 2 August 2010 and with the Charities Commission for England and Wales as a charity, number 1137317, on 6 August 2010. CUCT is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association which were adopted on 2 August 2010. New Trustees are appointed by existing Trustees.

The Trustees have given consideration to the risks to which CUCT is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are in place to manage those risks. Within that review, the Trustees reviewed the adequacy of CUCT's internal controls.

3 Objects and Activities

CUCT's objects are the advancement of the Catholic religion for the public benefit by advancing Catholic moral and spiritual principles by holding educational seminars and conferences and other appropriate means. The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to public benefit guidance produced by the Charity Commission.

Funds are raised by appeals to individuals and charities.

4 Achievements and Performance

Standing order donations were £23,700, a little lower than those of the previous year (£25,600). No one-off donations were received (2019: £9,000). Most donations except those from charities are eligible for gift aid and £5,200 was received (2019: £6,700).

Activities during the year were very limited because of the restrictions imposed in relation to coronavirus, although three lectures were broadcast online. During the year, £500 (2019: £1,500) was spent on lectures, £400 (2019: £300) on the Catholic Young Writers Award, £1,300 (2019: £1,300) on an Awareness Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London. There were no expenses for the Lord's Prayer Project (2019: £100).

The impact and benefit of the charitable activities which CUCT funds are very clear for those we engage with and reach, even in the difficult context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The funding for the CUCT Catholic Young Writers Award provided students in Catholic Secondary Schools with the opportunity to consider more deeply particular aspects of their Catholic faith, whilst at the same time developing their creative writing skills.

The on-line lectures hosted this year by CUCT have been able to provide a distinctly Catholic input into the wider debates concerning religion and politics. They included the annual Craigmyle lecture given this year by Sir James Macmillan CBE, in which he reflected on the deep relationship between the arts, culture and Catholicism. The two other lectures presented online were on Christian Art and on Artificial Intelligence.

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5 Financial Review

Donations received during the year were £23,700 (2019: £34,600). This was augmented by gift aid of £5,200 (2019: £6,700), investment income of £1,000 (2019: £nil) and interest of £100 (2019: £200), giving total income of £30,000 (2019: £41,500). Expenditure on charitable activities, including allocated expenditure, amounted to £18,700 (2019: £17,400). Administration and governance costs were £5,000 (2019: £4,500). Fund-raising expenditure was £6,800 (2019: £5,900). Total expenses were £30,600 (2019: £27,800). These amounts included £24,400 (2019: £20,600) incurred by charges from The Catholic Union of Great Britain (CUGB) for services provided by its staff. Before gains on investments, expenditure exceed income by £600 (2019: surplus £13,700).

During the year, the Trustees decided that some of the funds available should be invested and, in May, 82,417 units in the Rathbone Income and Growth Fund were acquired. Income received during the year was £1,000. The market value of the investments at the end of the year was £113,563, a gain of £13,563.

The charity's net assets increased during the year from £125,500 to £138,439 of which £113,563 is held in

6 Independent Examiner

Richardson Watson & Co has merged with Moorgate Chartered Accountants and has therefore resigned as Independent Examiners of the Charity. Moorgate is a trading name of Moorgate Accountancy Limited which is a registered statutory auditor. The Trustees have appointed Moorgate Accountancy Limited as Independent Examiners of the Charity's Trustees' Report and Financial Statements.

7 Reserves Policy

The Trustees will build up reserves so that, at the end of any financial year, there are sufficient reserves to carry out the proposed activities for the following year.

Approved by the Trustees on 11 March 2021

Thomas J Martin
Trustee and Secretary

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CATHOLIC UNION CHARITABLE TRUST**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe: (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or (2) the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or (3) the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or (4) the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Peter Seed FCA
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Chartered Accountants
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Income			
Donations	Standing orders One-off	23,692	25,601
Gift aid		-	9,050
Investment income		5,172	6,667
Interest		1,037	-
		70	175
Total income		29,971	41,493
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	(18,715)	(17,423)
Total charitable expenditure		(18,715)	(17,423)
Fundraising expenditure	4	(6,847)	(5,928)
Administration costs	4	(4,109)	(3,557)
Governance costs - independent examination fee		(870)	(870)
Total expenditure		(30,541)	(27,778)
Net (expenditure)/income for the year before gains on investments		(570)	13,715
Unrealised gains on revaluation of investments		13,563	-
Net movement in funds		12,993	13,715
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		125,496	111,781
Total funds carried forward		138,489	125,496

The Statement of Financial Activities complies with the requirements under the Companies Act 2006 for an Income and Expenditure Account.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

			Note	2020 £	2019 £
Investments					
Rathbone Income and Growth Fund	82,417 units	Cost		100,000	-
		Revaluation		13,563	-
				<u>113,563</u>	<u>-</u>
Office equipment			5	0	145
Fixed assets				<u>113,563</u>	<u>145</u>
Current assets					
	Debtors			-	175
	Prepayments			618	623
	Cash at bank - deposit			21,448	4,105
	- current			3,790	121,378
				<u>25,856</u>	<u>126,281</u>
Liabilities					
Creditors falling due within one year				(930)	(930)
Net current assets				<u>24,926</u>	<u>125,351</u>
Net assets				<u>138,489</u>	<u>125,496</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds				138,489	125,496
Total charity funds				<u>138,489</u>	<u>125,496</u>

The company is exempt under the Companies Acts from the requirement for an audit.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11 March 2021

James Bogle
Chairman

B. J. Waddingham
Trustee and Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Trustees' responsibilities

The Directors, who are also the Trustees, 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). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 charity as at the balance sheet date and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that year.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any 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 charity 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 charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

2 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation of uncertainty in the preparation of these financial statements are as follows.

3 Basis of preparation

These Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The company is entitled to exemption for the year ended 31 December 2019 from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice pursuant to section 476 of that Act requiring an audit of these financial statements.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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4 Analysis of Expenditure

The trustees have determined that the charity's expenditure other than direct charitable expenditure and governance costs should be allocated to charitable expenditure (60%) and fundraising (25%) with the remaining 15% being administration costs.

Charitable expenditure

	2020	2019
	£	£
Direct	2,282	3,195
Allocated	16,433	14,228
	<u>18,715</u>	<u>17,423</u>

Fundraising expenditure

	2020	2019
	£	£
Allocated	6,847	5,928
	<u>6,847</u>	<u>5,928</u>

Administration expenditure

	2020	2019
	£	£
Administration (incl. depreciation £145 (2019: £148))	27,389	23,713
Less allocated to		
Charitable expenditure (60%)	(16,433)	(14,228)
Fundraising expenditure (25%)	(6,847)	(5,928)
Balance to administration costs (15%)	<u>4,109</u>	<u>3,557</u>

5 Fixed assets

Office equipment	Cost	Depreciation	Net
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2019	589	(296)	293
Charge for the year (25% straight line)	-	(148)	(148)
At 31 December 2019	589	(444)	145
Charge for the year (25% straight line)	-	(145)	(145)
At 31 December 2020	<u>589</u>	<u>(589)</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Trustees

None of the trustees or any person connected with them received any remuneration during the year (2019: none).

7 Employees

There were no employees during the year (2019: none).