

Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 October 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference Charitable Incorporated Organisation (BCCRC)

Charity Registration Number: 1153935

Principal Address: Nine Acres, Uffmoor Lane, Halesowen, West Midlands, B63 1DL

Trustees: Diane Clarke, Fr Eamon Corduff, Br Andrew Ferris, Tony Holland, Andrew Kenny, Frances McLean, Mark McLean, Rachel Mackenzie, Pat O'Connor, Ray Russell, Mike Weaver.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the charity are:

- (a) The advancement of the Roman Catholic religion;
- (b) The relief of poverty;
- (c) The advancement of education.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the charity meets it through its residential conference, occasional retreats and the efforts of the Trust's supporters.

Achievements and Performance

1. Annual Residential Conference 11th to 15th August 2025

130 eager delegates gathered at the St John's Hotel in Solihull to ponder the Conference theme of ***"Heart speaks to Heart – Be who you were meant to be and you will set the world on fire"***

Opening Mass was celebrated by **Bishop Timothy Menezes**. Preaching on the Conference theme he invited participants to embrace "a week of grace" filled with gratitude, prayer, and openness to God's healing.

He reflected on the legacy of St John Henry Newman, whose motto (Heart speaks to heart) continues to inspire. The bishop noted that Pope Leo's recent

declaration of Newman as a Doctor of the Church highlights his teaching that faith is not only an intellectual pursuit but a living encounter with Christ in the Eucharist.

Recalling the memorial of St Clare, Bishop Menezes pointed to her friendship with St Francis as an example of Gospel-centred love in contrast to worldly values. He also shared insights from children preparing for Confirmation, who reminded him that the fruits of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, kindness and gentleness — have the power to transform the world.

He urged participants to allow “heart to speak to heart” with each other and with the Lord, so that, filled with the Holy Spirit, they may set the world ablaze by being the people God calls them to be.

Terry Quinn, a lay Catholic evangelist, author, and founder of the *Catholic Revert* ministry, lived up to his reputation as a bold, Spirit-filled teaching that empowers clergy and laity for evangelisation and renewal in the Church. Over three inspiration talks Terry shared his testimony with reference to his three books *Bring me Back Lord*, *Everybody has a story* and *7 Most Common Questions on Biblical Economics*. Terry explained that after three decades in Evangelical ministry, he returned to the Catholic Church with renewed zeal. Terry emphasised the need for Spirit-filled living, strong preaching, and the empowerment of lay people in mission. His teaching was full of energy and marked by clarity, scriptural depth, a call to personal renewal and commitment to the Church’s mission. He urged participants to know their Faith and God’s ways - *Know So*. Then proclaim God’s power – *Say So*. Then go on to *Do So!* Drawing on Ephesians Chapter 2 verse 10 Terry asked delegates to remember everyone has a purpose “*For we are God’s handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do*”

Daniella Stephens recalled that the Blessed Sacrament was reserved in the hotel room dedicated as a Chapel of Repose and reflected that St John’s Hotel had never had a more important guest! She said she would preach on the glory of God. She took us on a journey drawing out God’s glory in the universe, human kind, the sacraments and sacred scripture. God’s glory is experienced in His radiance of holiness, power, wisdom and love. In doing so she shared her moving testimony and how she began to see the glory of God in the suicide of her brother. God’s glory observed as the best brought out of difficult situations.

Isabel Vaughan-Spruce from 40 Days for Life and March for Life recounted her crusade to protect the unborn. Her shocking stories of the hostility and harassment she has received from local residents and the civil authorities attempting to stop her campaigns culminated in her arrest, prosecution and

subsequent acquittal for praying silently in the vicinity of abortion clinics in Birmingham. More worryingly she is under police investigation again for praying silently. Isabel concluded that abortion is a modern Calvary story.

Tom Ward might be in his 80s but his passion for promoting the Divine Mercy Devotion still burns brightly through his inspiring life story. Tom leads the Divine Mercy prayer group at St Mary and St Benedict parish in Coventry. Since 2002 he has been entrusted with a First Class Relic of St Faustina by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland. Tom spends his time travelling throughout the country offering opportunities for veneration and deeper reflection. Delegates also had the opportunity to venerate the Holy Relic and receive a personal prayer from the Divine Mercy community in Coventry.

Mark McClean led two workshops showing his passion for the Catholic faith and evangelising by focussing on the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary over the centuries. Mark presented a detailed context of how God is preparing his people for the New Pentecost and reminded delegates of the significance of the messages of the Blessed Virgin Mary concerning the conversion of Russia.

Bishop David Oakley in an afternoon talk asked delegates to reflect on two questions: who am I and why did God make me? We each have our own unique purpose. None of us are nobodies – we are all a unique somebody. Having drawn on the nourishment of sacred scripture, sacred tradition and the Catechism to answer these questions Bishop David shared two memorable quotations

1. From St John Henry Newman: *“God knows me and calls me by my name....
God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.”*
2. Blessed Carlo Acutis: *“All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies”*

Ros Powell led the Prayer Ministry and Healing Team.

The Conference was blessed by the presence of supporters of **Mary's Meals** and the opportunity to hear about their work and support their fundraising endeavours.

There were opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Music and Youth ministries served the Conference.

Holy Mass was offered daily by:

Bishop Tim Menezes, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, Patron of the Conference celebrated Holy Mass to open the Conference.

Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton;

Canon Brian McGinley, Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham,

Father Pascal Uche, Priest in the Brentwood Diocese

Father Eamonn Corduff, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Barton - under- Needwood, Staffordshire; Chaplain to the Conference celebrated the closing Mass.

Father John Cavanagh concelebrated at each Mass

Participants left the gathering healed in heart, empowered to live their true calling, and aflame with the Spirit to set the world on fire

2. Day of Renewal - "Pilgrims of Hope" - 22nd March 2025

Following Mass there were time of praise, worship and healing. The guest speaker was Jenny Baker. Ninety people attended this day of reflection and inspiration.

Financial Review

- Receipts: £50,133.67

- Payments: £51,978.42

- Deficit for year: ££1,844.75 (2024: Surplus £3,749.39)

- Reserves at year end: £40,750.74 (2024: £42,595.49)

The trustees' policy is to maintain reserves sufficient to cover at least 50% of forecast annual expenditure, which has been achieved.

Risk Management

The trustees review risks annually, including safeguarding, financial management, and operational continuity. Having reviewed risks, finances and commitments, the trustees consider the charity to be a going concern.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding procedures are in place and in line with the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham guidelines.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by a Trust Deed and managed by its trustees.

Future Plans

A day of renewal at Erdington Abbey on the theme of “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven... St Carlo Acutis”.

The annual residential conference will take place at St John’s Hotel Solihull from 10th to 14th August 2026.

Statement of Trustees’ Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Report and Accounts in accordance with applicable law and the Charity Commission’s guidance.

Approval of the Report

This Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the trustees on 24th November 2025

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Frances McLean

Trustee

Date: 24th November 2025

Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference				
Charity Registration Number 1153935				
Statement of Financial Activities including Summary Receipts and Payments Account	31st October 2025		31st October 2024	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Annual Conference				
Delegates' fees	42,082.50		34,241.63	
Donations	4,995.95		2,865.40	
Gift Aid	1,018.25		436.00	
Sub total	48,096.70		37,543.03	
Legacies	-		10,000.00	
Day of Renewal	1,340.00		-	
Interest	696.97		778.74	
Total		50,133.67		48,321.77
Payments				
Annual Conference	51,077.50		43,904.94	
Day of Renewal	250.00		-	
Insurance	423.38		410.75	
Bank Charges	132.54		68.19	
Support and governance	95.00		188.50	
Total		51,978.42		44,572.38
Surplus/Deficit (-)		- 1,844.75		3,749.39
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		42,595.49		38,846.10
Total funds carried forward		40,750.74		42,595.49
Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2025				
		£		£
Assets				
Barclays Bank Community Account		24,299.94		26,841.66
Charity Official Investment Fund Deposit Account		16,450.80		15,753.83
Total Assets		40,750.74		42,595.49
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted Funds		40,750.74		42,595.49
Total Funds		40,750.74		42,595.49
Signed on behalf of all trustees	Print Name	Date of Approval		
<i>Mike Weaver</i>	Mike Weaver	<i>24th November 2025</i>		

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference (Charity No. 1153935)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, but that an independent examination is required.

My role is to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures set out in the Charity Commission's Directions;
- state whether any matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the Charity Commission's Directions. The examination included a review of the accounting records, comparison with the accounts presented, and consideration of any unusual items or necessary disclosures. The procedures undertaken do not provide the evidence required in an audit and thus no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view."

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which are consistent with the records and comply with the Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed: *Stephen Howarth*

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Date: 25th November 2025