

**The Charity  
of the Regular  
Canonesses of the  
Order of the Holy  
Sepulchre  
of Our Lord**

**Annual Report and Accounts**

30 September 2024

Charity Registration Number  
1167869

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## Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and advisers

<b>Trustees</b>	Sister Moira O'Sullivan CRSS – Chair (ex-officio) Mrs Sheila Alder (reappointed March 2023) Ms Grainne Gilmore Sister Margaret Mary Horton CRSS Mrs Jane Swadling Mr John Graham Tomlins Mrs Christine Webb (appointed December 2023)
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<b>Charity (CIO) registration number</b>	1167869
<b>Auditor</b>	Buzzacott Audit LLP 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL
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The Trustees present the annual report and accounts of The Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord (the "Charity") (the CIO) for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The report includes details of the works and aspirations of the Community of the Regular Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord in England (the "Community") comprising 12 members being the one autonomous Community in England and part of an international Roman Catholic Religious Order which began in the 12th century.

The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is registered with the Charity Commission under Charity Registration Number 1167869 through which the assets of the Community in England are administered. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 32 to 37 of the attached accounts and comply with the Charity's Constitution, applicable laws, applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the requirements of 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).

### **Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies**

#### ***Charitable objects and aims***

The Charity's objects, as set out in its Constitution, are in connection with the Roman Catholic Religion, carried out in ways and places chosen by the Trustees.

Within these charitable objects, the Charity has sought:

- ◆ To be of service in meeting local needs in the areas where the Community is resident, and then to sustain, support and develop these ministries, underpinned by further training as needed. Increasing age profile, decreasing number of Community members and greater frailty will necessarily reduce the extent of this outreach and will change its nature.
- ◆ To bring the Gateway of Hope project to a conclusion.
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- ◆ To continue to engage people around us in reflective discussions on spiritual questions. For the coming year we have planned a programme exploring some of the difficult ethical and moral questions facing Christians today.
- ◆ To continue work on our legacy going into the long-term future. This will involve finalising arrangements for establishing the Chair in Catholic Studies at Durham. It will also involve 'writing the final chapter' of our story with a researcher experienced in working with Religious Communities.
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**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies** (continued)

***Principal activities during the year***

The Charity has continued to live according to its Constitution and Spirituality, within the increasingly restricted possibilities of an ageing Community.

Some of the aims of the Charity have been met in an increasingly more limited way than previously and Zoom remains a key means of reaching out to others for those of the Community who are physically restricted.

***Volunteers***

Throughout the year, members of the Community have given their time in a voluntary capacity to assist people who are in need. Almost all this work comes with no financial reward but contributes significantly to the overall objectives of the Charity. The work has been adapted to match the changing capacities and needs of the Community, but has continued to involve the following, albeit in a more measured way: education, spiritual guidance, parish work, local community outreach. In addition, some sisters are involved in the administration of the Charity.

We are equally aware that the Charity's activities only function so well as a result of the many volunteers who give their time generously to further the objectives of the Charity. This includes those who support our outreach and also those who are part of our advisory groups supporting the Charity administration.

Conscious that we wish to report on the Community's voluntary work at the level of the minimum wage, we have tried to give some overall sense this year of what that contribution is currently, from both Community members and volunteers.

We have estimated that on average we could claim that 80 hours a week voluntary work has been done on behalf of the Charity either by Community members or by our volunteers. The minimum living wage for 2024 was £12 per hour. This amounts to over £800 a week of time voluntarily given to build up our local communities and support those in the greatest need.

We have made the change over to the new safeguarding services for Religious and are members of both Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS) and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA). The checks for our volunteers are up to date.

This is our seventh year of working with a finance committee and the input of members has been key to our remaining in a good financial position despite the national and international uncertainties of the past 12 months.

**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults***

The Trustees recognise the absolute necessity of ensuring the protection and safety of all those people whom the Charity serves. All the sisters who are involved in any kind of ministry have been checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), as have all the adult volunteers and members of staff working in the house. The Trustees are committed to the implementation of all the policies and procedures proposed by RLSS and CSSA.

We have a written policy for safeguarding our vulnerable beneficiaries, and that there have been no serious incidents in respect to safeguarding to report during this last year.

***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 our activities. We therefore believe that we have complied fully with the duty in Section 4 of Part 1 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Public Benefit guidance published by the Commission.

***Fundraising policy***

The Charity aims to achieve best practice in the way in which it communicates with donors and other supporters. The Charity 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 Charity manages its own fundraising activities and does not employ the services of professional fundraisers.

We have effectively sought to monitor and assess the good use of monies given during the year through the hard and focussed work of one of the Trustees who has this as her particular responsibility.

The Charity undertakes to react to and investigate any complaints regarding its fundraising activities and to learn from them and improve its service. During the year, the Charity received no complaints about its fundraising activities.

***Investment policy***

There are no restrictions on the Charity's power to invest. At 30 September 2024, the Charity's investments were managed by CCLA. The investment strategy is set by the Trustees with advice from their investment managers. It takes into account the Charity's income requirements for the year, the risk profile and the investment managers' views of the market prospects in the medium term.

The policy is to maximise total return through a diversified portfolio whilst providing a level of income as advised by the Trustees from time to time. The Trustees also have an Ethical Policy which precludes investment in any company, which after reasonable enquiry, clearly generates significant profits from an activity which is contrary to our ethical policy.

The performance of the portfolios and the Charity's investment strategy are reviewed by the Trustees whose representatives meet with the investment managers on a regular basis.

**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Grants, donations and support of missionary work and ministry***

The Charity has handed its major regular financial support of the African Pories to its legacy charity Elijah's Pot CIO (Charity Registration Number 1195718).

Any donations or fundraising done through this Charity is sent directly to the nominated African project.

Whilst the Trustees give donations to United Kingdom organisations whose work is within the objects of the Charity, the Charity does not regard itself as a grant making entity and applications for grants and donations are not invited.

***Social and pastoral work of the Community***

The Community has continued its active ministry as far as possible. Our particular Ministries are chosen as expressions of the Community's spirituality and charism, and stem directly from the essence of the identity as Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre.

One of the most important aspects of our identity as Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre is to live alongside people in their ordinary lives - seeking to bring God to people in the everyday circumstances of life, as well as in heightened personal or liturgical experiences. We are Community people, living community and building community wherever we are. Our Community life of prayer and ministry seeks continually to find appropriate and effective ways of living and sharing the Gospel with the people around us.

Our whole life, therefore, has a particular accent on inclusivity. Our moments of shared prayer are open to all and our Ministries often focus on people who may find themselves on the margins or who are losing hope.

We give concrete expression to our charism in ways best suited to the area where we are living. We respond to local needs in ways appropriate to the situation and to our skills and experience. We have continued to engage in relevant training, have secured funding for some of these activities, and have always sought to work collaboratively.

Keeping abreast of developments and legislation relevant ministry is always a point of attention and all of this has been done via Teams or Zoom again this year. Some members of the Community have done online training related to protection of children for example. Two Trustees have also done the in person Buzzacott Trustee training.

As has already been mentioned, changes in safeguarding structures has been high on our agenda and we have been fully engaged with those movements and proposals.

Since January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 Peter Twist has been working full time as the Operations Manager for the Community. His role will become evident through this report. He has taken on the safeguarding elements of the role and is fully conversant both with the structures of RLSS and CSSA and with their demands.

He has been preparing us for a possible audit and has put in place renewed training and paperwork.

**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Social and pastoral work of the Community (continued)***

One of our Trustees (Christine Webb) has taken on specific responsibility for Safeguarding and has been on several training courses run by both RLSS and the Charity Commission.

Two other Trustees have also done online Safeguarding training.

Some of the Community members are also trustees of other charities which have been created as legacy CIOs – for example OODIL CIO (Charity Registration Number 1186851); Elijah's Pot CIO (Charity Registration Number 1195719); and The Charity of the Cemetery of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre CIO ("the Cemetery CIO") (Charity Registration Number 1189656).

The Community always offers a place of open, inclusive welcome, and that particular gift was shared with the local Communities and parishes.

As Canonesses, the Community follows the Rule of St Augustine and finds inspiration in his dictum:

*'Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you.'*

This has demanded some creativity and change in order to be safe and keep others safe.

***Meeting local needs***

Some of the Community volunteer with other charities in Colchester – namely Beacon House; the Food Bank; the Korban project; a local Charity shop.

Apart from a weekly coffee group in Colchester, organised activities generated by ourselves are now confined to Melbourne where the Community runs a Homework Club (twice a week); the Toddler Group and the Wisdom Group for the elderly. These groups are run by the Community but involve upward of 20 volunteers each week.

**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Social and pastoral work of the Community (continued)***

***Meeting local needs (continued)***

This year saw celebrations for the 20<sup>th</sup> year of active ministry in the Melbourne area of Chelmsford and this achievement was also marked by an article in the Essex Chronicle in December 2023. See photo below



Homework Clubs also engage local sixth form students as helpers.



**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Social and pastoral work of the Community (continued)***

***Meeting local needs (continued)***



TODDLER  
GROUP

WISDOM GROUP  
OUTING

The Community also organised a week of summer activities for children which involved 40 children per day. This also engaged 9 young people – mostly from the estate – as team leaders – photos below.



**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Social and pastoral work of the Community (continued)***

***Meeting local needs (continued)***

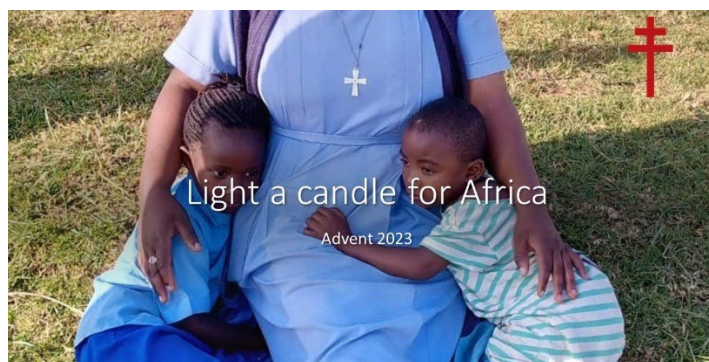


The weekly friendship group – CCC – in Colchester has also met regularly.

***Social and pastoral care for our sisters in Africa***

As the Community is part of a wider Association of Communities worldwide, the Charity has continued to have a special care for sisters based in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Rwanda.

They are supported through prayer and material care with their basic needs. We also involve our many contacts in getting to know about the political and social situations in both countries, particularly through our annual Africa newsletter which is always well received.



The Christmas Giving scheme - Light a Candle for Africa - was run for the eighth year and again raised £1,442.50 for particular named projects in Africa.

The money raised through these small fundraising events is sent directly to the African Pories.

The projects supported this year have included: the health provision in Goma; a school in Rwanda for children and young people with physical disabilities; and a health centre care in Kindu – representative photos below.

**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Social and pastoral care for our sisters in Africa (continued)***



FROM GOMA



FROM KINDU

Two of the Community travelled to Rwanda in July and saw projects first hand.

Two members of the Community were able to visit Africa in July and discussed the current situation and its needs.

There was a chance for shared liturgy and an update on the school funded by this Community in Rwanda.



SHARED LITURGY

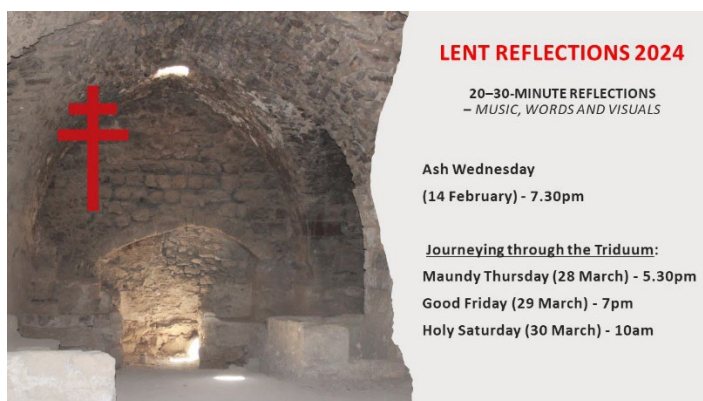


THE SCHOOL IN RWANDA

**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Finding opportunities to engage in reflection and discussion on spiritual questions***

The Community continued to offer opportunities to pray and reflect together throughout the year. There are open prayer times four times a week. There is a weekly selection of readings and reflections sent every Saturday. During Advent and Lent there were reflective Zooms each week.



For four weeks during Lent there was an opportunity to follow a Lent course -Act on Poverty. Approximately 30 people registered for this course.



**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Finding opportunities to engage in reflection and discussion on spiritual questions (continued)***

The theme for the year has been 'TODAY'S BIG QUESTIONS' when we have addressed some of the burning questions that trouble today's Christians:

We have examined difficult contemporary questions to do with migration; whether protest is a legitimate expression of Christian faith; how we manage and distribute the world's resources; and the problems that global conflict may pose for us.



We have run five main sessions this year with input from eminent personalities: Professor Tina Beattie; Professor Jessie Rogers; Christine Allen (CEO of Cafod); Melanie Nazareth (Christian Climate Change) and Megan Knowles (Jesuit Refugee Service) Each session was followed by a further session for discussion and reflection.

Plans have also been laid for leading a pilgrimage along St Patrick's Way after Easter 2025.



**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Finding opportunities to engage in reflection and discussion on spiritual questions (continued)***

In April 2024 S Moira was installed as an Ecumenical Canon of the Anglican Cathedral of Chelmsford and was invited to preach on that occasion.



This was both a privilege and a momentous moment in the Community's 382 year history.

Our annual mass for the Dead in November at New Hall was extremely well attended and appreciated.



## Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)

### Work on our legacy

Doctor Cormac Begadon has been working further with the Community following archaeological discoveries made at the site of the last Community house in Liège from which the Community fled in 1794

On Friday 8 March 2024, Dr Cormac Begadon visited the Community in Colchester, to report back on the next stage of the excavations on the site where the Community had their house in Rue St Gilles.

Cormac had made a follow-up trip to Liège in December and was welcomed by the lead archaeologist, Guillaume Mora Dieu, and his colleague, Patricia Gillet. His talk gave an overview of the physical changes to the site and comment on what we can learn from these changes.

There followed an interesting article on the finds in the telegraph in June 2024.



**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Work on our legacy (continued)***

The Trustees agreed some time ago to making a £1.2 million endowment to part fund a Chair in Catholic Studies at the Centre for Catholic Studies in Durham with the title of this Chair bearing the name of the Community Foundress. The discussions as to how and when to make this donation have been on-going with Durham, and the donation was made in November 2024. The Trustees believe that this Chair and its future will carry on the Community legacy well beyond the life of the sisters. A matched funder has been found and talks have gone on to establish a shared vision and way forward.

The Trustees used the services of Stone King to arrive at an acceptable agreement alongside four other major donors. The agreement was finalised in July and arrangements for transfer of funds made.

As reported last year, Trustees agreed to use the services of an experienced researcher to narrate all aspects of the last 35-40 years life of the Community. This work has continued through long in-depth conversations and dialogues and will continue through the coming year.

***Good stewardship of land sale monies***

The Trustees have made good progress in creating the structures needed for the long term stewardship and legacy of the Community. There are now three new CIOs funded from the CIO's money, namely the Cemetery CIO, OODIL and Elijah's Pot.

One of the remaining projects in the CRSS portfolio was the gateway of Hope project in Inglis Road Colchester.

Trustees have continued to work with the Ministry of Justice and with Essex CC to find an alternative service provider which could deliver within budget. Despite best endeavours on all sides this has not been achieved as basic calculations showed an annual deficit in running costs of £100k. This had not been the case at the outset of the project when projections of income and expenditure balanced. This being the case, the Trustees reluctantly made the decision to bring the project to an end.

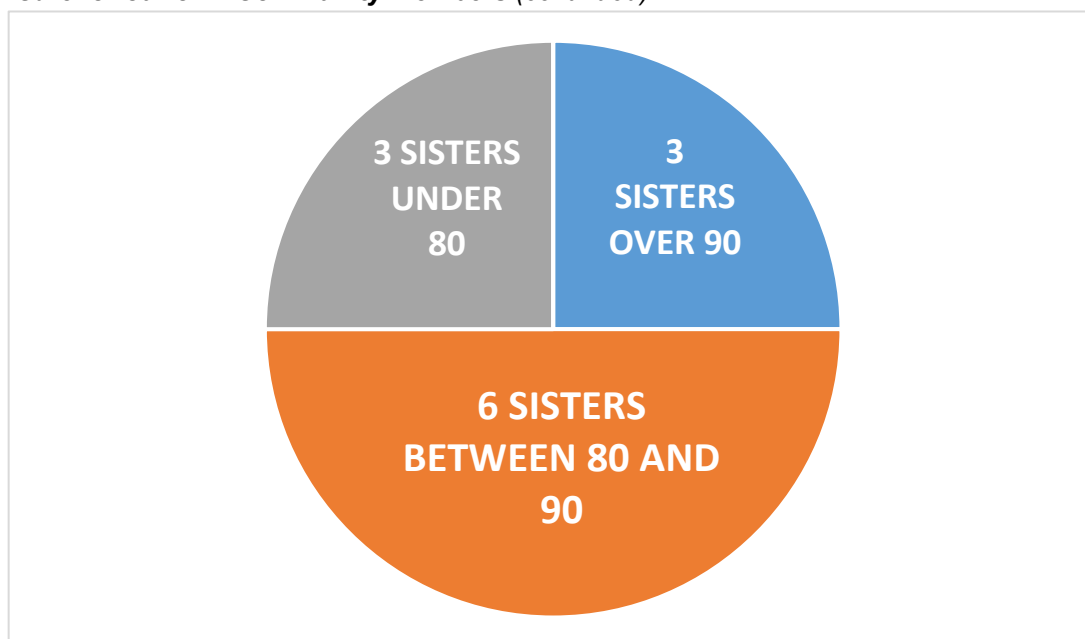
Advice was sought regarding the future of the building and a decision was taken to apply for permission to revert to single dwelling prior to resale. The property is currently on the market.

***Care for our own Community members***

In common with many Religious Orders and Congregations in England, the profile of our Community shows an increasing average age. Two elderly sisters have continued to need significant care and support. We have been well served by the National Health and local Care Services but have also felt the need to supplement that provision with further resources in order to give the fullest support and dignity to those two members of the Community. We have been engaged proactively in looking at how to meet welfare needs more fully going into the future.

**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies (continued)**

***Care for our own Community members (continued)***



The Community is committed, both morally and legally, to provide care for all its sisters, none of whom has resources of her own. The Trustees are aware of the need to make provision for the future care of each sister and therefore continue to give careful attention to the Community's property requirements and financial needs both now and in the years ahead. The Trustees have continued to address the needs for good maintenance and repair for the properties already in their possession and occupied by the sisters. The Trustees are also conscious of the need to exercise good stewardship towards the planet and to leave a positive lasting legacy in favour of the environment.

During this last year, there has been a growing awareness of mobility and memory deterioration and this has meant looking at a full time Care manager position. In addition to general age related deterioration one sister had a serious fall which has left her with limited mobility. The Trustees have worked with the finance group to a further increased need for welfare support and this has been accounted for in the recommendations made by the finance committee to the Trustees.

One Trustees appointed Patrick Parsons to work as a second care support worker for two days a week alongside Linda Selway who works on three mornings a week. This has been a very helpful addition to the support staff and has given added security to Community members.

The Trustees agreed to the appointment of a full time Care Manager and this appointment was made in August 2024 with a probationary period of 6 months. It unfortunately became apparent that the person appointed did not meet the needs of the role and she terminated her employment with us in December. Trustees are currently working towards a further appointment.

**Objects, aims, objectives, activities and relevant policies** (continued)

**Key staff appointments**

The appointment of an Operations manager has been a key strategical development in the last year. Peter Twist has had responsibility for safeguarding as previously mentioned and also property maintenance and development.

This has meant that the main property in Colchester where the more frail sisters live is kept under review on a daily basis and Peter is able to make immediate adjustments as changing needs demand.

Peter has also been dealing with our rented properties in terms of their condition and also tenancy agreements.

He has been exploring development potential for our land at New Hall on behalf of the Trustees.

It is an important appointment which has already brought rewards.

**Financial review**

***Market volatility***

This is the fifth year wherein our reporting narrative and financial results have been significantly affected by external world circumstances and the consequent changes in stock market fortunes and the cost of living crisis experienced in the UK.

Our finance committee has guided us through the volatilities of the stock market in a very able way and our financial recovery has been good, aided by the careful realigning of our assets.

Whilst there will undoubtedly be challenges ahead, we do not expect material concerns to arise over the Charity's financial position.

***Results for the year***

A summary for the results of the year ended 30 September 2024 can be found on page 29 of the accounts.

Total income for the year amounted to £586,935 (2023 – £611,424). Of the income £174,502 (2023 – £210,92) was received by way of donations and legacies. This figure includes salaries and pensions of the sisters amounting to £136,270 (2023 – £125,628) covenanted to the Charity and a legacy in 2024 of £61,328. Investment income and interest receivable totalled £377,788 (2023 – £111,386).

Expenditure totalled £673,300 (2023 – £799,809). Donations payable totalled £18,910 (2023 – £328,027). Reduction in donations payable for the year ended 30 September 2024 is due to the donation to Korban of £250,000 in 2023 (2024 – £nil). Expenditure incurred on maintaining the members of the Community and supporting them in their pastoral work and ministry amounted to £589,149 (2023 – £430,330) and includes expenditure on governance of £16,200 (2023 – £15,620). Support costs have increased as result of maintenance costs and the hiring of an operations manager.

**Financial review** (continued)

***Market volatility*** (continued)

During the year to 30 September 2024, gains of £681,389 (2023 –£281,433) arose on the Charity's listed investments reflecting the continued recovery in stock markets after the previous decline. Net income for the year and net increase in funds was £595,026 (2023 – £278,048).

***Investment performance***

The Charity's investments were held in income units in the year. During the year investments generated income of £191,654 (see note 2). This is consistent with the investments policy which aims to maximise returns through a diversified portfolio to provide income to the support the overall objectives of the charity.

***Reserves policy and financial position***

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 Charity's work, the level of free reserves should be approximately equal to two to three years' ongoing expenditure. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources due to timing differences in income flows, adequate working capital to cover core costs, and will allow the Charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented.

The balance sheet shows total funds of £14,806,132 (2023 – £14,211,108). Of these funds, £100,057 (2023 – £96,515) are restricted and are to be applied for specific purposes. £2,710,138 (2023 – £2,760,412) are represented by freehold properties, excluding the property representing the Gateway of Hope designated fund, and other tangible fixed assets. A decision was made to separate these funds from the general fund in recognition of the fact that assets are used in the day-to-day work of the Charity or by organisations for charitable purposes in line with the Charity's objects, and as such their value should not be regarded as funds that would be realisable with ease, in order to meet future contingencies.

Funds totalling £9,050,000 (2023 – £9,550,000) have been designated, or set aside, by the Trustees for specific purposes. £5,750,000 (2023 – £5,750,000) has been set aside to meet the costs for the care and welfare of the sisters in their old age. The amount set aside has been calculated, using actuarial methods, to provide a modest sum towards the upkeep and care of the sisters in years to come.

Following the sale of the investment property comprising land at New Hall in October 2014, funds totalling approximately £12.5 million were set aside in a 'charitable donation fund' to be used to finance grants and donations including new charitable projects overseas. The balance on this fund at 30 September 2024 was £2,000,000 (2023 – £2,500,000). A balance of £1,300,000 remained on the designated Gateway of Hope fund, to make provision of housing for women in the Criminal Justice system. Further details about these funds are given in note 18 to the accounts.

## **Financial review** (continued)

### ***Reserves policy and financial position*** (continued)

Funds which are available to support the work of the sisters in the future are those shown on the balance sheet as the general fund and total £2,945,937 (2023 – £1,804,181). The Trustees believe that while slightly above the reserves policy these free reserves are adequate given current market volatility.

### **Future plans for the Charity and the Community**

We see the need for an increased focus on the need for care of Community sisters in the year ahead. We aim at the same time to keep the Community as alive and engaged as possible in a holistic way. Within this context, the Community, supported by its Trustees, aims:

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a Constitution dated and agreed by the trustees on 15 June 2016 and registered with the Charity Commission on 27 June 2016. The Constitution was amended on 30 March 2021.

### ***Members of the CIO and limitation of liability***

The members of the CIO are its trustees for the time being.

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

## Structure, governance and management (continued)

### Trustees

The names of the Trustees and details of changes during the year are given on page 1 of this annual report and accounts.

*At any time there must be a minimum of three trustees. The Prioress for the time being is automatically, ex officio, a charity trustee for as long as she holds that office. The Conventual Chapter may appoint additional charity trustees by a resolution at a properly convened meeting of the Conventual Chapter for: (i) in the case of an individual who is a member of the Community for such period of office as the Conventual Chapter shall determine; and (ii) in all other cases for a term of three years or such other term as the Conventual Chapter shall decide.*

### Governance

In terms of Canon Law, the highest authority in the Community is the Conventual Chapter, which is made up of all the perpetually professed members of the Community. The Chapter elects a Prioress every 6 years and the Prioress is de facto a Trustee of the Charity. As is expected in the Community's Constitutions, Community members meet regularly as a full Chapter to reflect on the mission and to examine the life style and finances of the Community. Community members are involved with many outside bodies – such as the Diocese of Brentwood, the Conference for Religious, the Provincial Bursars' Association and the International Association of the Regular Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre - from whom we derive both support and updated guidance on best practice and policy.

Our finance assistant is now the clerk to the Trustees and last year attended the Provincial Bursars' Conference and cascaded back to the Trustees on the following:

- ◆ Climate issues
- ◆ Employment law
- ◆ Disaster planning
- ◆ Cyber security

During the year, the Conventual Chapter voted to accept a further lay Trustee onto the board, Mrs Christine Webb a former member of the teaching staff at New Hall, was invited to become a Trustee and she accepted.

### Organisational Management

In terms of Civil Law, the Trustees of the Charity, are legally responsible for the overall management and accounting of the Charity and for safeguarding the assets of the Charity. They receive no remuneration or expenses for their service as Trustees. The Trustees meet once a month on average to review developments within the Charity, and to take decisions. The Trustees are supported by professional advisers, the most significant of these in daily management terms being our lay financial administrator. Other professionals, including investment managers, solicitors, and auditors are consulted as appropriate. Trustees have delegated responsibilities and try to keep updated within their areas on recommended best practice regarding appropriate policy requirements.

**Structure, governance and management** (continued)

***Organisational Management*** (continued)

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***Risk Management***

The Trustees recognise their responsibility for the management of risks faced by the Charity, the Community and its individual members.

We continue to review and update our risks as well as the documents and procedures put in place the previous year under the guidance of our Operations Manager.

The areas identified for particular attention within our risk management strategy are:

- ◆ Governance and management
- ◆ Maintenance and Health and Safety
- ◆ Financial
- ◆ Litigation
- ◆ Reputational

The Trustees have continued to operate within the key areas of risk controls which include:

- ◆ Regular and frequent meetings of the Trustees with formal agendas and minutes;
- ◆ Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting;
- ◆ Established organisational structures and lines of accountability;
- ◆ Regular meetings with professional advisors to whom all our business is transparent;
- ◆ Establishing a clear authorisation and approved levels of decision-taking and spending; and
- ◆ Putting in place vetting procedures required by law for the protection and safeguarding of the vulnerable.

Time-frames exist for the annual monitoring of the risk assessments.

**Structure, governance and management** (continued)

***Risk Management*** (continued)

The key risks which faced the Charity during the year are as follows:

- ◆ An analysis of the age profile of the members of the Community shows that the average age in the Community at 30 September 2024 was in excess of 80 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 all earnings, pensions and other income have been donated to the Charity under a Gift Aid compliant Deed of Covenant. 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 Charity 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.
- ◆ Operationally the Charity works with children and vulnerable adults including older people. The Trustees recognise the absolute necessity of ensuring the protection and safety of all those that the Charity serves. This means that Sisters engaged in any ministry and all those who work or volunteer for the Charity and work with children or vulnerable adults must obtain clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The Trustees are committed fully to implementing the policies of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA).
- ◆ The Charity'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 investments are monitored closely by the Finance Committee who meet regularly and adopt a pro-active position to change. The investment strategy is assessed regularly to ensure it remains appropriate to the Charity's needs both now and in the future. The Trustees meet with the Chair of the Finance Committee for regular updates. We have worked closely with our finance group and investment managers to ensure that as far as we are able, we do not invest in ways which impact negatively on the environment.

**Structure, governance and management** (continued)

***Statement of Trustees' responsibilities***

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and accounts 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 accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- ◆ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ◆ observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice FRS 102 (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) (the Charities' SORP);
- ◆ 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 accounts; and
- ◆ prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

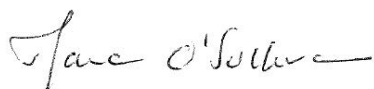
The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the relevant Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Charity's Constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

***Key management personnel***

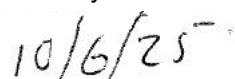
The Trustees consider that they comprise the key management of the Charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Charity on a day-to-day basis.

Certain of the Trustees are members of the Community whose living and personal expenses are borne by the Charity. None of the Trustees receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as Trustees or key management personnel.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Approved by the Trustees on:



**Independent auditor's report to the Trustees of The Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accounts of The Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord (the 'Charity') for the year to 30 September 2024, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and notes to the accounts. 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 accounts:

- ◆ give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 30 September 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources 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 Charities Act 2011.

**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 accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts 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 accounts, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts 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 Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the accounts 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the trustees' report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

**Other information** (continued)

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the accounts themselves. 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.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity 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 Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- ◆ the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the accounts; or
- ◆ sufficient and proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- ◆ the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- ◆ we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity'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 Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts 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 accounts.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts** (continued)

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:

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 obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Charity and determined that the most significant frameworks which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those that relate to the reporting framework (Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011); and
- ◆ We understood how the Charity is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making enquiries of management and those responsible for legal and compliance procedures. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of the minutes of Trustees' meetings.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- ◆ Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- ◆ Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
- ◆ Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- ◆ Identifying and testing journal entries;
- ◆ Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the relevant accounts item to which they relate.

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

- ◆ Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- ◆ Performed substantive testing on expenditure; and
- ◆ Tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts** (continued)

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

- ◆ Reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- ◆ Enquiring of management 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://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 charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Buzzacott Audit LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
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2 July 2025

Buzzacott Audit LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

## Statement of financial activities Year to 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>Income from:</b>							
Donations and legacies	1	147,033	27,469	174,502	187,310	23,611	210,921
Income from charitable activities		30,384	—	30,384	29,130	—	29,130
Other trading activities		2,861	—	2,861			
. Fundraising events		—	—	—	3,566	506	4,072
Investments and interest receivable	2	377,788	—	377,788	111,386	—	111,386
Other sources		—	—	—			
. Miscellaneous income		—	—	—	151	—	151
. Surplus on disposal of tangible fixed assets		1,400	—	1,400	255,764	—	255,764
<b>Total income</b>		<b>559,466</b>	<b>27,469</b>	<b>586,935</b>	<b>587,307</b>	<b>24,117</b>	<b>611,424</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>							
Raising funds	3	65,241	—	65,241	41,452	—	41,452
Charitable activities							
. Grants, donations and support of missionary work and ministry	4	18,910	—	18,910	276,250	51,777	328,027
. Support of members of the Community and their ministry	5	581,610	7,539	589,149	418,393	11,937	430,330
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>665,761</b>	<b>7,539</b>	<b>673,300</b>	<b>736,095</b>	<b>63,714</b>	<b>799,809</b>
<b>Net expenditure before investment gains (losses)</b>	8	<b>(106,295)</b>	<b>19,930</b>	<b>(86,365)</b>	<b>(148,788)</b>	<b>(39,597)</b>	<b>(188,385)</b>
Net gains on revaluation of investment properties	12	—	—	—	185,000	—	185,000
Net gains (losses) on listed investments	12	681,389	—	681,389	281,433	—	281,433
<b>Net income (expenditure) before transfers</b>		<b>575,094</b>	<b>19,930</b>	<b>595,024</b>	<b>317,645</b>	<b>(39,597)</b>	<b>278,048</b>
Transfers between funds		16,388	(16,388)	—	—	—	—
<b>Net income (expenditure) and net movement in funds</b>		<b>591,482</b>	<b>3,542</b>	<b>595,024</b>	<b>317,645</b>	<b>(39,597)</b>	<b>278,048</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>							
Total funds brought forward at 1 October 2023		14,114,593	96,515	14,211,108	13,796,948	136,112	13,933,060
Total funds carried forward at 30 September 2024		<b>14,706,075</b>	<b>100,057</b>	<b>14,806,132</b>	<b>14,114,593</b>	<b>96,515</b>	<b>14,211,108</b>

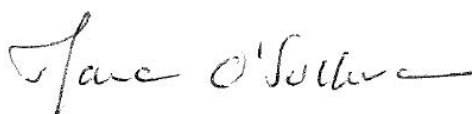
All recognised gains and losses are included in the above statement of financial activities.

All of the Charity's activities derived from continuing activities in each of the above two financial years.

# **Balance sheet** 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		<b>3,621,760</b>		3,665,880
Investments	12		<b>11,098,258</b>		10,560,361
Programme related investments	13		—		—
			<b>14,720,018</b>		14,226,241
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	14	<b>75,766</b>		38,950	
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>202,629</b>		155,998	
		<b>278,395</b>		194,948	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<b>(192,281)</b>		(210,081)	
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			<b>86,114</b>		(15,133)
<b>Total net assets</b>			<b>14,806,132</b>		14,211,108
<b>The funds of the Charity:</b>					
Unrestricted income funds					
. General fund			<b>2,945,937</b>		1,804,181
. Tangible fixed assets fund	16		<b>2,710,138</b>		2,760,412
. Programme related investments fund	17		—		-
. Designated funds	18		<b>9,050,000</b>		9,550,000
			<b>14,706,075</b>		14,114,593
Restricted funds	19		<b>100,057</b>		96,515
			<b>14,806,132</b>		14,211,108

Approved by the Trustees  
and signed on their behalf by:



Trustee

Approved on:

10/6/25

## Statement of cash flows Year to 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities	A	<b>(439,443)</b>	(359,763)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Investment income		<b>336,392</b>	111,135
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<b>(6,954)</b>	(6,052)
Proceeds from the disposal of tangible fixed assets		<b>1,400</b>	553,052
Proceeds from the disposal of listed investments		<b>7,516,334</b>	—
Purchase of investments		<b>(6,967,783)</b>	—
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		<b>879,389</b>	658,135
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>439,946</b>	298,372
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2023		<b>2,645,025</b>	2,346,653
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2024</b>	B	<b>3,084,971</b>	2,645,025

### Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year to 30 September 2024

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

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>		
<b>Adjustments for:</b>	<b>595,024</b>	278,048
Depreciation charge	<b>51,074</b>	57,833
(Gains) losses on listed investments	<b>(681,389)</b>	(281,433)
Gains on revaluation of investment properties	—	(185,000)
Non cash donations (2023: write off of loan (Notes 4 and 13))	—	250,000
Surplus on disposal of tangible fixed assets	<b>(1,400)</b>	(255,764)
Investment income and interest receivable	<b>(377,788)</b>	(111,386)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	<b>4,581</b>	(2,205)
(Decrease) increase in creditors	<b>(29,545)</b>	(109,856)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(439,443)</b>	(359,763)

#### B Analysis of cash and cash equivalent

	At 1 October 2023	Cash flows	At 30 September 2024
Cash at bank and in hand	155,998	46,631	<b>202,629</b>
Cash instruments - COIF Charities deposit fund	2,489,027	395,510	<b>2,884,537</b>
Cash held by investment managers	—	—	—
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>2,645,025</b>	<b>442,141</b>	<b>3,087,166</b>

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 30 September 2024**

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

### **Basis of preparation**

These accounts have been prepared for the year to 30 September 2024, with comparative information given in respect to the year to 30 September 2023.

The accounts 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 accounts.

The accounts have been prepared 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 (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

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

### **Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Preparation of the accounts requires the Trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

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

- ◆ Estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets for the purposes of determining the depreciation charge; and
- ◆ Determining the value of the designated funds needed at the year end and, in particular, estimating the size of the retirement reserve created in order to provide for the continuing care of the members of the Community for the remainder of their lives;

### **Assessment of going concern**

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

The trustees acknowledge and recognise the impact of the macroeconomic and geopolitical climate and have concluded that there may be some negative consequences such as the volatility in investment values and any consequential impact on investment income.

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. The Charity's Trustees keep a watching brief over the markets.

Undoubtedly there will be challenges ahead but the Trustees do not expect material concerns to arise over the Charity's financial position or going concern. The Trustees have concluded that the Charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

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### **Income**

Income is recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises donations, legacies, income from other trading activities i.e. fundraising events, investment income, interest receivable and income from other sources, including any surplus on disposal of tangible fixed assets.

Donations, including salaries and pensions of individual religious received under Gift Aid or deed of covenant, are recognised when the Charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations and grants pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation or grant is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the Charity 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 Charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacies are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the Charity.

Entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the Charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor to the Charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably or the Charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution.

Where legacies have been notified to the Charity or the Charity is aware of the granting of probate, but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title of the asset having being transferred to the Charity.

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

Income from charitable activities includes rental income from property rented to individuals whose needs fall within the Charity's objectives,

Income from small scale fundraising events is accounted for when the Charity has confirmation of the amount due and receipt of the funds is probable. This will normally be on the date of the relevant fundraising event itself.

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

**Income** (continued)

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

The surplus on the disposal of tangible fixed assets is calculated as the difference between the sale proceeds net of sale costs and the net book value of the asset immediately prior to disposal. It is accounted for once legal completion of the disposal has taken place.

All other income is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Charity and the revenue can be measured reliably. It is measured at fair value and accounted for on an accruals basis.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity 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 stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs.

The costs of raising funds include direct costs and overheads associated with managing investment property, managing listed investments, and organising small scale fundraising activities.

The costs of charitable activities comprise expenditure on the Charity's primary charitable purposes as described in the Trustees' report. Such costs include:

- ◆ Grants, donations and support of missionary work and ministry  
Grants, donations and support of missionary work and ministry relates to the support of work overseas carried out by Communities of sisters with which the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord is associated and the support of other charitable organisations with objectives consistent with those of the Charity.  
  
Charitable grants and donations are made where the Trustees consider there is real need following a review of the details of each particular case and comprise both single year payments and multi-year grants. Grants payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant and has satisfied all performance conditions. Grants meeting this criteria but which are not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed or has to fulfil performance conditions before the grant is released are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the accounts.
- ◆ Support of members of the Community and their ministry  
This comprises expenditure incurred on the maintenance, living and personal expenses of members of the religious community.

### **Support and governance costs**

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the Charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of personnel development, financial procedures, provision of office services and equipment and a suitable working environment.

Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the Charity including audit costs and the necessary legal procedures for compliance with statutory requirements.

The majority of expenditure on support and governance is allocated to the charitable activities of care of members of the Community and enabling their ministry, with a small proportion allocated to expenditure on raising funds and provision of donations and grants. The allocation is based on the time spent on individual activities.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

All assets costing more than £1,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

#### ◆ Land and buildings

##### ◇ Non-specialised property

Non-specialised buildings are those designed as, and used wholly or mainly for, private residential accommodation. Such land and buildings are included in the accounts at cost. 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.

##### ◇ Specialised property

Specialised buildings comprise the Charity's large residential convent and Inglis Road which are included in the accounts at cost. Depreciation is provided at 2% per annum on a straight-line basis in order to write the buildings off over their estimated useful economic life to the Charity. No depreciation is charged until a property is brought into use.

#### ◆ Motor vehicles

Motor vehicles are capitalised and depreciated 25% per annum on cost in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

#### ◆ Furniture, fittings, equipment and computers

Furniture, fittings, equipment and computers are capitalised and depreciated at rates between 6.67% and 33.33% per annum on cost in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

### **Fixed asset 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.

**Fixed asset investments** (continued)

As noted in the Trustees' report, 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.

Investment property, comprising land and buildings, is included in the accounts at fair value which is deemed to be open market value as at the year end date as determined by the Trustees after seeking appropriate professional advice (see note 11 to these accounts for further details).

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.

**Programme related investments**

Programme related investments comprised a loan to another organisation to finance the purchase of land, in order to be used for purposes consistent with the Charity's objectives. Further details are given in note 14 to the accounts.

**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 with the intention that it is held 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 Charity 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 general fund comprises those monies which may be used towards meeting the charitable objectives of the Charity and which may be applied at the discretion of the Trustees.

**Fund structure** (continued)

The tangible fixed assets fund represents the net book value of the Charity's tangible fixed assets.

The programme related investment fund represented the net book value of the Charity's programme related investments.

The designated funds are monies set aside out of general funds and designated for specific purposes by the Trustees.

The restricted funds represent monies raised for a specific purpose or monies subject to donor imposed restrictions.

Details of designated and restricted funds are given in the notes to the accounts.

**Pension costs**

The Charity offers its employees membership of a defined contribution pension scheme administered by Legal and General.

Employer's contributions in respect to defined contribution pension schemes are charged to the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are payable to the scheme.

**Services provided by members of the Community**

For the purposes of these accounts, no monetary value has been placed on administrative and other services provided by the members of the Community.

## Notes to the accounts Year to 30 September 2024

### 1 Income from: Donations and legacies

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Salaries and pensions of individual religious received under Gift Aid or Deed of Covenant	136,270	—	136,270	125,628	—	125,628
Voluntary income – Greenstead project	—	—	—	—	200	200
Voluntary income – Melbourne Project	—	18,123	18,123	—	10,196	10,196
Other donations and similar income	10,763	9,346	20,109	354	13,215	13,569
Legacies receivable	—	—	—	61,328	—	61,328
	<b>147,033</b>	<b>27,469</b>	<b>174,502</b>	<b>187,310</b>	<b>23,611</b>	<b>210,921</b>

### 2 Income from: Investments and interest receivable

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Interest on cash instruments	141,629	—	141,629	69,723	—	69,723
Rental income from investment properties	40,675	—	40,675	31,759	—	31,759
Interest receivable	3,830	—	3,830	7,716	—	7,716
Investment income from income units	191,654	—	191,654	—	—	—
Income from programme related investments	—	—	—	2,188	—	2,188
	<b>377,788</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>377,788</b>	<b>111,386</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>111,386</b>

### 3 Expenditure on: Raising funds

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Rental property expenses	14,965	—	14,965	26,272	—	26,272
Investment management fees	—	—	—	(701)	—	(701)
Activities for generating funds	1,861	—	1,861	1,383	—	1,383
Allocation of support costs (note 6)	48,415	—	48,415	14,498	—	14,498
	<b>65,241</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>65,241</b>	<b>41,452</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>41,452</b>

**4 Expenditure on: Grants, donations and support of missionary work and ministry**

	2024			2023		
	Un-restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Un-restricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Support of missionary work and ministry						
. Grants in support of overseas missions	360		360	—	50,837	50,837
Donations of £1,000 or more to institutions						
. CAFOD	1,540	—	1,540	3,910	140	4,050
. Art for Becton	—	—	—	1,000	—	1,000
. Colchester Korban Project	—	—	—	250,000	—	250,000
	1,540		1,540	254,910	140	255,050
Other donations to institutions	1,261		1,261	700	800	1,500
Donations to individuals	—	—	—	294	—	294
Allocation to support costs (note 6)	15,749	—	15,749	20,346	—	20,346
	18,910	—	18,910	276,250	51,777	328,027

No Donations were made to individuals (2023 – 2).

The Trustees agreed to make a £1.2 million endowment to part fund a Chair in Catholic Studies at the Centre for Catholic Studies in Durham with the title of this Chair bearing the name of the Community Foundress. The discussions as to how and when to make this donation have been on-going with Durham, and the donation was made in November 2024.

**5 Expenditure on: Support of members of the Community and their ministry**

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Premises	120,223	—	120,223	97,613	—	97,613
Depreciation	51,074	—	51,074	57,833	—	57,833
Living and personal expenses	72,994	—	72,994	66,137	—	66,137
Healthcare costs	34,670	—	34,670	66,608	—	66,608
Retreats, spiritual direction, formation and other similar expenses	2,463	—	2,463	2,213	—	2,213
Melbourne Project	—	7,539	7,539	—	11,634	11,634
Greenstead Project	—	—	—	—	303	303
Allocation of support costs (note 6)	300,186	—	300,186	127,989	—	127,989
	581,610	7,539	589,149	418,393	11,937	430,330

## 6 Support costs

	2024			
	Raising Funds £	Grants and donations £	Support of members and their ministries £	Total funds £
Staff costs (note 9)	28,734	4,481	239,192	272,407
Other costs	4,005	625	33,338	37,968
Professional fees	11,626	7,403	18,746	37,775
Governance costs (note 7)	4,050	3,240	8,910	16,200
	<b>48,415</b>	<b>15,749</b>	<b>300,186</b>	<b>364,350</b>

	2023			
	Raising Funds £	Grants and donations £	Support of members and their ministries £	Total funds £
Staff costs (note 9)	4,714	4,714	80,473	89,901
Other costs	1,346	1,346	22,972	25,664
Professional fees	4,623	11,234	16,151	32,008
Governance costs (note 7)	3,815	3,052	8,393	15,260
	<b>14,498</b>	<b>20,346</b>	<b>127,989</b>	<b>162,833</b>

The Charity has allocated its support costs on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

## 7 Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £
Professional fees	16,200	—	16,200	15,260	—	15,260

## 8 Net income (expenditure) and net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs (note 9)	272,407	89,901
Depreciation	51,074	57,833
Auditor's remuneration (including VAT)		
. Statutory audit current year	16,200	14,000
. Statutory audit prior year	—	1,260

## 9 Staff costs and key management personnel

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	157,729	83,347
Social security costs	8,325	2,401
Other pension costs	6,801	4,153
	<b>172,855</b>	<b>89,901</b>
Agency Staff	99,552	—
	<b>272,407</b>	<b>89,901</b>

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Support of members of the Community and their ministry	—	—
. Average	4.9	3.0
. Full time equivalent	5.2	1.8

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more (including taxable benefits) during the year to 30 September 2024 and 2023.

The Trustees of the Charity comprise the Charity's key management personnel. They received no remuneration in connection with their duties as Trustees or their role as key management personnel during the year (2023 – none).

## 10 Taxation

The Charity of the Regular Canonesses of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Our Lord is a registered Charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

**11 Tangible fixed assets**

	Land and buildings		Furniture, fittings, equipment & computers	Motor vehicles	2024 Total
	Specialised property £	Non- specialised property £	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 October 2023	3,041,929	1,243,354	34,191	64,523	<b>4,383,997</b>
Additions	6,954	—	—	—	<b>6,954</b>
Disposals	—	—	—	(6,145)	<b>(6,145)</b>
At 30 September 2024	<u>3,048,883</u>	<u>1,243,354</u>	<u>34,191</u>	<u>58,378</u>	<b><u>4,384,806</u></b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 October 2023	638,592	5,312	27,727	46,486	<b>718,117</b>
Charge for the year	42,729	—	1,508	6,837	<b>51,074</b>
Released on disposal	—	—	—	(6,145)	<b>(6,145)</b>
At 30 September 2024	<u>681,321</u>	<u>5,312</u>	<u>29,235</u>	<u>47,178</u>	<b><u>763,046</u></b>
<b>Net book values</b>					
At 30 September 2024	<u>2,367,562</u>	<u>1,238,042</u>	<u>4,956</u>	<u>11,200</u>	<b><u>3,621,760</u></b>
At 30 September 2023	<u>2,403,337</u>	<u>1,238,042</u>	<u>6,464</u>	<u>18,037</u>	<b><u>3,665,880</u></b>

Land and buildings include a property subject to a long lease originally of 150 years, commencing on 1 March 2007. The net book value of this property at 30 September 2024 and 2023 was £202,410. All other land and buildings owned during the year were freehold.

It is likely that there are material differences between the open market values of the Charity's land and buildings and their book values. These arise from the specialised nature of the property and the effects of inflation. The amount of such differences cannot be ascertained without incurring cost, which, in the opinion of Trustees, is not justified in terms of the benefit to the users of the accounts. However, they are satisfied that their residual value is not materially less than their book value.

**12 Fixed asset investments**

	Investment properties £	Listed investments £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Market values</b>				
At 1 October 2023	1,355,000	6,716,334	<b>8,071,334</b>	12,080,247
Disposal of accumulation units	—	(6,716,334)		
Addition of income units	—	6,716,334		
Additions at cost	251,449		<b>251,449</b>	—
Disposals (see below)	—	(533,755)	<b>(533,755)</b>	—
Transferred to Elijah's Pot CIO (Charity Registration Number 1195718)	—	—	—	(4,483,313)
Net unrealised investment gains (losses)	—	424,690	<b>424,690</b>	474,400
At 30 September 2024	<u>1,606,449</u>	<u>6,607,269</u>	<b><u>8,213,718</u></b>	8,071,334
COIF Charities deposit fund (cash instrument)	—	2,884,540	<b>2,884,540</b>	2,489,027
Cash held by investment manager for reinvestment	—	—	—	—
<b>Total investments at 30 September 2024</b>	<u>1,606,449</u>	<u>9,491,809</u>	<b><u>11,098,258</u></b>	10,560,361
<b>Cost of investments at 30 September 2024</b>	<u>545,707</u>	<u>5,303,327</u>	<b><u>5,849,034</u></b>	5,841,479

## 12 Fixed asset investments (continued)

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Proceeds	800,000	—
Realised losses	(266,245)	—
Disposals at book value	533,755	—

### Investment properties

The investment property comprises four residential properties:

- ♦ A farmhouse, barn and adjoining land which was valued at £375,000 by the Trustees based on indicative market values but subject to life tenancy at a peppercorn rent, using information provided by Elwell Taylor, Chartered Surveyors on 10 October 2023.
- ♦ Three residential properties which were revalued on an open market value basis on 10 October 2023 by the Trustees based on indicative market values provided by Elwell Taylor, Chartered Surveyors. The market values of these properties were £980,000 as at that date.
- ♦ One new investment property was purchased in year. The property is a bungalow that will be rented out, generating rental income for the Charity. At 30 September 2024 the property is valued at £252,000. The valuations is equal to the cost of the property.

### Listed investments

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

At 30 September 2024, listed investments and cash held by investment managers for reinvestment included £142,424 (2023 – £185,878) representing amounts administered on behalf of individual members of the Community (note 15). Included within the net gains on investments for the period are net gains of £9,031 relating specifically to these investments (2023 – net gains of £7,967). The net gains are reflected in the amount due to individual members of the Community and hence they are not accounted for through the statement of financial activities.

### 13 Programme related investments

At 30 September 2024, the Charity held investments which were held directly in pursuit of the organisation's charitable activities as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 October 2023	—	250,000
Released following conversion to a donation in the year	—	(250,000)
At 30 September 2024	—	—

During the year to 30 September 2018, the Charity advanced a loan of £250,000 to Colchester Korban Project (Charity Registration Number: 1125617) to assist in purchasing a property. This property was to be used to provide shelter to young homeless adults, a purpose consistent with the Charity's objects. The loan was secured by a charge over the property and is subject to a fixed interest rate of 3.5% and was repayable by December 2027.

The Trustees decided in January 2023 to convert the loan into a gift. This gift was disclosed as a donation in year ended 30 September 2023.

### 14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Investment income and interest receivable	58,482	17,901
Sundry debtors	3,124	4,388
Prepayments	14,160	16,661
	<b>75,766</b>	<b>38,950</b>

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Monies administered by the Charity on behalf of individual members of the religious Community	142,424	185,878
Expense creditors	33,237	10,203
Accruals	16,620	14,000
	<b>192,281</b>	<b>210,081</b>

Monies administered by the Charity on behalf of individual members of the religious Community comprise listed investments.

## 16 Tangible fixed assets fund

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 October 2023	2,760,412	3,101,027
Net movement in the year	(50,274)	(340,615)
At 30 September 2024	2,710,138	2,760,412

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

## 17 Programme related investment fund

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 October 2023	—	250,000
Net movement in the year	—	(250,000)
At 30 September 2024	—	—

The programme related investment fund represented the value of the Charity's programme related investments. Whilst they existed, their value was not be regarded as realisable with ease in order to meet future contingencies and/or obligations.

## 18 Designated funds

The income funds of the Charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for a specific purpose:

	At 1 October 2023 £	New designations £	Utilised/ released £	At 30 September 2024 £
Charitable donation fund	2,500,000	—	(500,000)	2,000,000
Gateway of Hope fund	1,300,000	—	—	1,300,000
Sisters' retirement fund	5,750,000	—	—	5,750,000
	9,550,000	—	(500,000)	9,050,000

	At 1 October 2022 £	New designations £	Utilised/ released £	At 30 September 2023 £
Charitable donation fund	3,150,180	—	(650,180)	2,500,000
Gateway of Hope fund	1,300,000	—	—	1,300,000
Sisters' retirement fund	5,450,000	300,000	—	5,750,000
	9,900,180	300,000	(650,180)	9,550,000

## 18 Designated funds (continued)

### ♦ Charitable donation fund

The charitable donation fund comprises assets set aside with the broad intention of using them to finance grants and donations to third parties both within the UK and overseas. This fund was set up with the unspent proceeds receivable from investment land which was sold in October 2014. The monies were invested to generate funds and are being applied as grants and donations.

### ♦ Gateway of Hope fund

The Trustees have set aside £1.3m to fund a project to provide housing for women in the criminal justice system. Part of the funds have been used to purchase a property which, following the granting of planning permission for change of use, may be used for this purpose.

### ♦ Sisters' retirement fund

The Sisters' retirement fund represents monies set aside to make provision for the support of the Religious in their retirement and to support their ministries. The value of the fund has been calculated using actuarial methods, to provide a modest sum towards the upkeep and care of the Sisters in years to come.

## 19 Restricted funds

The income funds of the Charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes.

	At 1 October 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2024 £
Melbourne Project fund	55,990	18,123	(7,539)	—	66,574
Greenstead Project fund	37,714	—	—	(16,388)	21,326
Overseas Missions fund	2,811	9,346	—	—	12,157
	<b>96,515</b>	<b>27,469</b>	<b>(7,539)</b>	<b>(16,388)</b>	<b>100,057</b>

	At 1 October 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 September 2023 £
Melbourne Project fund	57,428	10,196	(11,634)	—	55,990
Greenstead Project fund	37,817	200	(303)	—	37,714
Overseas Missions fund	20,611	—	(17,800)	—	2,811
Other restricted funds	20,256	13,721	(33,977)	—	—
	<b>136,112</b>	<b>24,117</b>	<b>(63,714)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>96,515</b>

The Melbourne Project fund and the Greenstead Project fund comprises monies received specifically for the support of community-led activities in Melbourne (Chelmsford) and Colchester respectively.

The Overseas Missions fund comprises monies received specifically for the support of the members of the Community and their missionary work in Africa.

Other restricted funds comprise monies received for several specific purposes.

## 20 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 30 September are represented by:

	General fund £	Tangible fixed assets fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	—	2,710,138	911,622	—	3,621,760
Investments	2,959,880	—	8,138,378	—	11,098,258
Net current (liabilities) assets	(13,943)	—	—	100,057	86,114
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>2,945,937</b>	<b>2,710,138</b>	<b>9,050,000</b>	<b>100,057</b>	<b>14,806,132</b>

	General fund £	Tangible fixed assets fund £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	—	2,760,412	905,468	—	3,665,880
Investments	1,915,829	—	8,644,532	—	10,560,361
Net current (liabilities) assets	(111,648)	—	—	96,515	(15,133)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>1,804,181</b>	<b>2,760,412</b>	<b>9,550,000</b>	<b>96,515</b>	<b>14,211,108</b>

The total unrealised gains as at 30 September 2024, constituted movements on revaluation and were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Total unrealised gains included above:</b>		
On listed investments	1,303,942	1,169,113
On investment properties	1,060,742	1,060,742
	<b>2,364,684</b>	<b>2,229,855</b>
<b>Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains</b>		
Total unrealised gains at 1 October 2023	2,229,855	1,360,626
On disposal of investments	—	—
On transfer of investments	(289,861)	394,829
Net gains (losses) arising on revaluation of listed investments in the year	424,690	289,400
Net gains arising on revaluation of investment properties in the year	—	185,000
<b>Total unrealised gains at 30 September 2024</b>	<b>2,364,684</b>	<b>2,229,855</b>

## 20 Members of the CIO and limitation of liability

The members of the CIO are its trustees for the time being.

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

## 21 Related party transactions

As members of the Community, certain of the Trustees have no resources of their own as all earnings, pensions and other income have been donated to the Charity under a Deed of Covenant. During the year, the total amount donated by the Trustees who were members of the Community to the Charity was £26,362 (2023 – £35,308).

Sister Moira O'Sullivan is also a Trustee of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Elijah's Pot CIO incorporated on 6 September 2021 Charity Registration Number 1195718. Elijah's Pot CIO is a grant-making charity that supports those that are disadvantaged, oppressed or discriminated against in the UK and elsewhere. During the year ended 30 September 2024 the Charity made a donation of £nil (2023 - £nil).

Sister Moira O'Sullivan, a trustee of the Charity is also a Trustee of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, OODIL CIO incorporated on 9 December 2019 Charity Registration Number 1186851. OODIL's objects are to provide and manage housing and give assistance to help house people and to provide associated facilities, amenities and services related to such housing for people in necessitous circumstances, people in financial need or for the relief of older, disabled (whether physically or mentally) or chronically sick people in the city of Chelmsford, the town of Colchester. During the year to 30 September 2024 the Charity donated £nil (2023 – £2,000) to OODIL CIO.

Sister Margaret Mary Horton, a trustee of the Charity is also a Trustee of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, The Charity of the Cemetery of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre CIO, incorporated on 26 May 2020, Charity Registration Number 1189656. The Charity donated £nil (2023 – £800) to The Charity of the Cemetery of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre CIO to help enable it to fulfil its charitable objectives of maintaining the Cemetery where the Community members are laid to rest (note 4).

During the year, the husband of Mrs Sheila Alder, a trustee of the Charity, provided consultancy services to the Charity in return for fees totalling £5,280 (2023 – £14,680). In addition, he was reimbursed £270 (2023 – £862) for out-of-pocket expenses.

During the year the year travelling expenses of £645 were reimbursed to two trustees (2023 - £240).

There were no other related party transactions requiring disclosure (2023 – £nil).

## 22 Post Balance Sheet events

On 29 November 2024 a grant of £1.2m was paid to the University of Durham. The grants purpose is to establish the Chair in Catholic Studies at the University of Durham, the aim being to support the advancement of the education of students at the University of Durham and the general public for the public benefit in the Catholic faith and Catholic theology, through the work of the Centre for Catholic Studies as part of the Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Durham (the Centre for Catholic Studies).

There were no other post balance sheet events requiring disclosure.