

The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace CIO

Report and Accounts

30 June 2024

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The trustees present their report together with the accounts of The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace CIO, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (the "charity" or the "CIO"), for the year to 30 June 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 37 to 41 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).

Introduction

The Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace (the "Congregation") was founded in Nottingham, England in 1884 and rapidly spread to North America where the majority of the members now live and work. The United Kingdom Sisters of St Joseph of Peace regional office is located at Foxhall Lodge, Foxhall Road, Nottingham NG7 6LH England.

The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the CIO through which the assets of the Congregation in the United Kingdom are administered.

Mission

The Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace is an institute of Religious Sisters in the Roman Catholic Church committed, in the words of the Constitutions:

'.....to promote peace in family life, in the church and in society. We strive to respect the dignity of all persons, to value the gifts of creation, and to confront oppressive situations. We respond to God's people in need and promote social justice as a way to peace.' Constitution 11

'Our charism of peace challenges us to prophetic risk so that God's reign might be more fully realized. Confident of God's faithful love and collaborating with others who work for justice and peace, we face the future with gratitude and hope.' Constitution 12

As Sisters and Associates of St. Joseph of Peace, our founding spirit calls us to further the work of peace. We are motivated, challenged and inspired by our charism of peace through justice. We share a sense of gratitude for who we are and of enthusiasm for what we can accomplish together. Our intimacy with God unifies our prayer and activity so that we are moved to action by prayer while action urges us to pray.

We are called to root our lives in a deeply prayerful and discerning spirit which flowers in actions for justice, especially for poor people and for women and children.

Mission (continued)

The Sisters of the Congregation freely commit themselves by the three Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience to a life of dedication and service in following Christ. The vow of Poverty commits the members to simplicity of life in which necessity, rather than desire, guides their choice and use of material goods. In the practice of Poverty they acknowledge that any salaries, gifts, and other remuneration that come to them belong to the Congregation and these are held in common. This enables members to carry out voluntary services to people in need. The vow of celibate Chastity, lived in community, is for the sake of God's reign of love and peace. This vow enables members to be available to all people. The vow of Obedience calls members to assume responsibility for developing their life and mission. The Congregation also has Associates who share the spirituality and mission but do not live in community and do not take vows.

The promotion of peace is central to all the undertakings of the Sisters. This is not the peace of passivity but the peace that comes through freedom from dire poverty, through the dignity of empowerment for good, through education and access to health care, through the ability to exert some control over one's own destiny while respecting the dignity of others – that is, through the many things that enable human beings to live freely, fully and responsibly in society. As Catholic Christians, the Sisters base their outreach on the example of Jesus whose ministry was to poor and oppressed people and who showed a particular love for the least in society.

In keeping with the mission of the Congregation, the furthering of religion and other charitable works are the criteria by which ministries are undertaken.

By caring for the Sisters of the Congregation throughout their lives, the charity aims to enable and support the Sisters to live out their faith and to put that faith into practice through a wide variety of religious and other charitable works.

Objectives and activities

The overall objective of the charity as stated in its Constitutions is the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion through the religious and other charitable works of the Congregation as the Trustees, with the approval of the Congregation Leader, shall, from time to time, think fit.

Our underlying objectives as stated in the Constitutions are as follows:

- ◆ Support and care for members
- ◆ Respect the dignity of all persons
- ◆ Respond to God's people in need
- ◆ Promote social justice as a way to peace
- ◆ Develop a critical, sensitive conscience regarding religious, social, cultural and economic realities
- ◆ Commit to education and action that aim to eliminate discrimination in all its forms

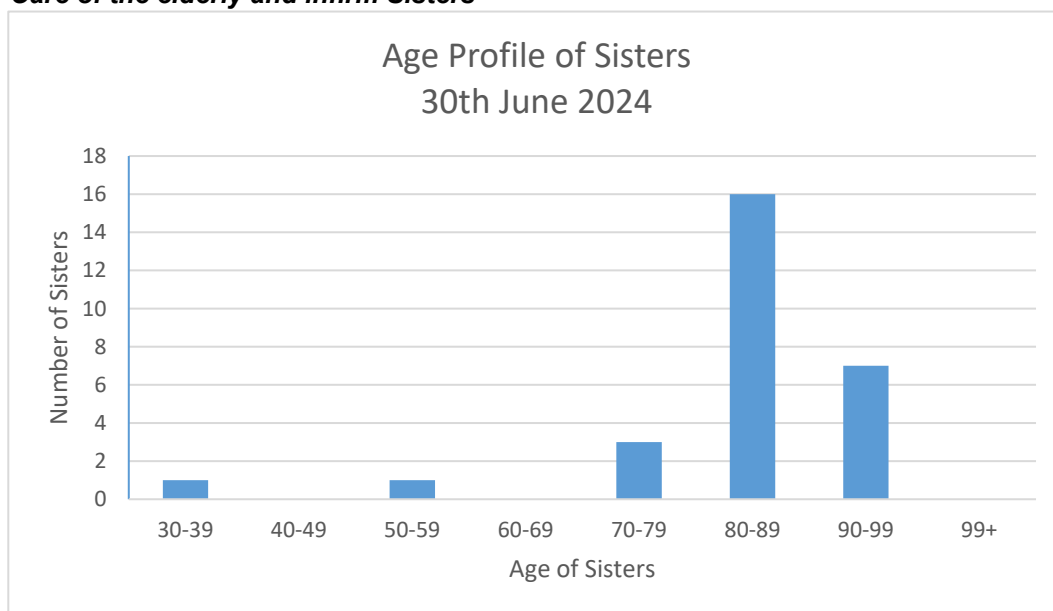
Objectives and activities (continued)

- ◆ Commit to ministries and actions which affect the contemporary situation of women in the church and in society
- ◆ Work to heal divisions and hostilities
- ◆ Value the gifts of creation
- ◆ Respond, with the flexibility required, to changing needs and remain open to engaging in new forms of ministry

The activities of the charity can be summarised as follows:

- ◆ Care of the elderly and infirm Sisters
- ◆ Ministry
 - ◇ Education, social and pastoral works
 - ◇ Social justice, human rights
 - ◇ Environment and ecology

Care of the elderly and infirm Sisters



The care of our frail elderly Sisters continues to be a central activity, as the age profile of the Congregation has risen. Our most frail elderly Sisters are accommodated in three Convents, at Hanwell, Leicester, and Wollaton, which have been specially adapted to meet their needs. Two Sisters with particular medical needs are cared for in special facilities. We employ one Health and Wellbeing Coordinator and live-in Care Coordinators to assist the Trustees and Congregation Leader in managing the care of our frail and infirm Sisters. Care costs continue to increase as Sisters are less able to care for one another, with more staff and agency assistance required.

Objectives and activities (continued)

Care of the elderly and infirm Sisters (continued)

Of our elderly and infirm Sisters, some worked in voluntary ministries and others spent their working lives in education, health care, and social work. All were also involved throughout their active lives in offering hospitality, visiting people in need, supporting sick and bereaved people, and ministering in the church.

Ministry

Education, social and pastoral work

The Sisters strive to attain the objectives set out above through their ministries. For each Sister involved in ministry, the primary underlying value is the furthering of religion and charitable works. Therefore, the charity supports financially those Sisters working in:

♦ Vocation Ministry

One of the Sisters based in the United Kingdom is the UK Region Vocation Director and a member of the Congregation Vocation and Formation Team. This team meets monthly on Zoom, in addition to recently holding an in-person meeting from 11th to 15th September 2023, held at San Alfonso Retreat Centre, Long Branch, New Jersey, USA. The team is charged with increasing efforts to engage young people in sharing our charism through discerning the vowed life.



*Congregation Vocation/Formation Team
2023*

This Sister responds to enquiries received through the Congregation Website or Vision Vocation Match Network. The Sister is currently working with two women who are discerning their vocation to Religious Life. This involves setting up and being part of group discussions and faith sharing on Zoom with the enquirers and other sisters.

The Sister has been involved in Conferences and Vocation meetings with other UK Vocation Directors through the UK National Vocation Office (NOV) arranged using Zoom and attended the Annual Conference in person on 4th November 2023 which took place at Hayes, Middlesex. The Sister was invited by The Becket Catholic Academy, Nottingham to take part in a panel about Vocations on 26th April 2024. At this event she responded to questions about her Vocation to the Religious Life.

As part of the Congregation Vocation and Formation Team, the Sister is a member of the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC) in the United States. A meeting took place on 9th April 2024. It involved group sharing with those who attended. Another event is planned for 17th October 2024. These are usually two-hour events in which Vocation Directors and other personnel can share ideas and learn from each other.

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

♦ Vocation Ministry (continued)



*Midlands Vocation Group meeting
February 2024*

The Sister has been involved in a 'Living Joyfully Event' organised by Vocations UK and the National Office for Vocations which took place on 16 and 17 April 2024. These are events where groups of Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests meet pupils from different schools on Zoom and answer their questions about Religious Life and Priesthood. At the time of setting up the Vocations UK Network, Regional Groups were also formed in February 2021. The Sister has continued to be part of the Midlands Group which covers the East and West Midlands. This group, which began with seven different

Religious Congregations, now has nine Congregations with a group of nine Sisters and a Brother. Their last meeting was held in February 2024 at a Convent in Birmingham. The next in-person meeting will be held on 6th July 2024 and will take place at one of the charity's houses in Hyson Green, Nottingham. In between these meetings they continue to meet on Zoom.

♦ Congregation Vocation and Formation Team

The Congregation Novitiate house was located during the early part of the period at the charity's property in Carlton, Nottingham. The novitiate programme, which extends over a period of two years, is an opportunity for the novice to deepen her experience of God through prayer, reflection, study, community life, and times of ministry.

In October 2023, one new Sister completed her novitiate programme and professed vows of poverty, celibacy, and obedience for a period of three years. This Sister continues to live at the property in Carlton where she is engaged in ministry (see Case Study) during her temporary profession. During temporary profession, the sister is provided opportunities for continued integration into community life, spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and ministerial growth and continued assistance and discernment in preparation for perpetual vows. Another sister has been designated as Temporary Professed Director.



Blessing Sister Liz



Sister Liz signs vow book

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

♦ Haiti and El Salvador

The charity provides financial support to the Congregation's missions in Haiti and El Salvador.

The Congregation has a long-standing relationship in solidarity with the people of Milot, Haiti. Two Sisters from the United Kingdom spent eleven years in ministry in Milot, until advanced age and health concerns required them to withdraw last year. The Sisters continue to stay in close contact with the community in Milot and provide financial support for various community projects, including housing and education.

The charity sponsored a total of forty-four students to attend ten different schools during the 2023-2024 academic year: Collège Adventiste, Collège Bon Berger, Collège le Christophien, Collège la Voix de l'Espérance, Collège Marie Immaculée, Collège Saint Joseph, Ecole Foyer Evangélique, Ecole Nationale Sans-Souci, Ecole Sainte Croix, and Ecole Sainte Marie. In addition to providing access to the right to education, our support helps to reduce social problems in the region. Young people, both boys and girls, can be recruited by gangs if they do not have a constructive focus through education to give them hope for the future.

One of the sisters keeps in regular touch with the teacher who coordinates the scholarships in Milot and the local parish priest, Fr. Alain. Fr. Alain writes: "Thank you very much for everything. I appreciate your consideration for Haiti. We love you and are proud of you."



*Some of the animals at the new Hôpital Sacré
Coeur farm*

The charity also maintains a direct link to Milot through Haiti Health Promise (formerly known as CRUDEM), a charity which functions under the umbrella of the Congregation's hospital in New Jersey, USA to provide financial, volunteer, and medical resources to Hôpital Sacré Coeur (Sacred Heart Hospital) in Milot. Holy Name is able to distribute funds on our behalf to provide food, housing, and other basic needs to very poor people in Milot, building on the work started by the two sisters who spent eleven years doing this work. The new Hôpital Sacré Coeur farm will help to provide sustainable food access to the local community, with more than thirty goats, eleven sheep, and fifty-eight oxen. Nearly two and a half acres have been prepared and planted with sugar cane. Sugar cane is nutritious and holds a lot of water, the perfect plant for food and hydration for the farm's livestock during droughts. The leaves will also supply the hospital cafeteria with cane juice extracted from the stems. The final phase will provide twelve acres for vegetable production to supply the hospital cafeteria and surplus for the local community.

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

♦ Haiti and El Salvador (continued)



Food distribution in Milot

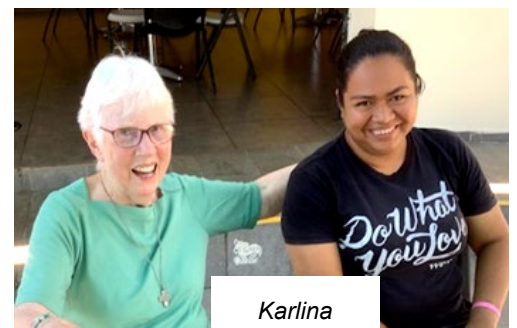
The charity also continues to provide financial support to students in El Salvador. This is the tenth year of the scholarship program, which was begun by Sister Margaret Jane Kling when she lived in Suchitoto and taught English classes at the Centro Arte para la Paz.

Sister Margaret Jane is retiring and the scholarship program will now be overseen by Annie Welch, a lay associate of the Congregation.

Manuel Flores earned an Accounting and Finance degree from the University of El Salvador in San Salvador and **Karlina Alvarado** graduated Cum Laude from the University of El Salvador with a professional degree in Social Work this December. Annie reflects that this was: "Quite an accomplishment, considering the impact of COVID and school closures on all students. They beamed with happiness and appreciation!"



Sister Margaret Jane, Annie, and Sister Peggy



Karlina



Manuel

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

♦ Haiti and El Salvador (continued)

Wilfredo Coreas is continuing on with his degree in Agriculture and its focus on food processing and handling. With the end in sight, he anticipates graduating from the Catholic University in Ilobasco in December 2024.

We are also supporting several new students this year:



Melissa Serrano will begin her second year of Law school at Universidad Tecnológica de El Salvador. She hopes to focus on women's issues.



Blanca Hernández presently works in food service at the Museo Café at CAP. A single mother of two, she requested our assistance to enroll in Saturday classes in San Salvador leading to a Professional Cook Certificate.



Patricia Mejía applied for acceptance to Universidad Dr. Andrés Bello in San Salvador in the four-year course in Laboratory Technology.

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

♦ Fund for Peace through Justice

This was the third granting year for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace Fund for Peace through Justice. The purpose of the fund is to finance small projects in the United Kingdom promoting peace through justice or projects elsewhere with the same objectives in which persons from the United Kingdom are involved. The Trustees have set aside funds from the sale of property previously owned by the charity in Rearsby, Leicestershire to fund projects that will carry the Congregation's charism into the future and promote the gospel values of peace through justice.

Applications for funding are reviewed twice per year by a committee, appointed by the Trustees, to ensure they meet funding criteria. The committee makes recommendations to the Trustees who provide final approval of all grants. The fund is open for application by anyone associated with the Sisters who may be working for the above goals and to other faith groups with the same objectives.

During the third year of the fund, the following grants were approved:

Organisation	Project	Objective
Harbour Place Grimsby	Centre which provides night shelter and support to rough sleepers.	To provide night shelter and support to an additional 60 clients per year.
Emmanuel House Nottingham	To provide night shelter and support to homeless and rough sleepers	To fund core costs for 3 days @ £1,500 per day
GreenFutures Grimsby	Crafts for Well Being	To fund core cost for 14 sessions @£350 per session
Community Drop-In Cleethorpes	Relieving homelessness, poverty, crises, distress, to marginalised and vulnerable individuals	To meet shortfall in funding for core costs for 2023/24 financial year.
Christian International Peace Service (Chips) London	Brixton Peace Making Project	To meet shortfall in funding for 2 activities.
Catholic Worker London	Destitute Support Allowance	To provide 10 guests at House of Hospitality £10 per week for a year for personal expenses
Christian Network Against Caste Discrimination	Research project into experience of Dalits in UK	Research to provide size of UK population of Dalits and levels of discrimination

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

♦ Fund for Peace through Justice (continued)

Impact Youth Groups NW England	Make it Happen Really	Residential weekend to empower young adults in Justice & Peace work
Lynsters Farm Rickmansworth	Catholic Worker Farm providing peaceful environment for women and children victims of Human trafficking etc.	To meet shortfall in funding for core costs for remainder of year.
Elizabeth Fry Prison Reform Reading	Outreach Worker	Fund 29% of the post for a year
Nottingham Arimathea Trust	Supporting failed asylum seekers.	Fund 14% of legal case worker post for a year to resubmit claim.
Upbeat Communities Derby	Supporting people seeking sanctuary in the Derby area	Fund 7% of the annual cost of running the Integration Hub in the City Centre
CAFE St. Albans	Prison Chaplain support	Provide resources to help encountering faith, hope and peace in the prison community.
Caritas Portsmouth	School Eco and Social Action Programme	Provide eco resources to schools as an example of bringing CST principles into practical action
Schools of Sanctuary	Supporting schools to attain SoS status	Funding 12.5% of national coordinator cost to support local leads.
SVP (Prison Group)	Christmas Posters for individual cells	Provision of 9,000 posters so that on Xmas morning 'they know someone cares'
Outthere Charity Manchester	Running Hub for themselves and other charities	Providing emotional and practical support to prisoners, probationers and their families.
Christians Aware Leicester	Conference on Mission	Fund 10 international guests
Fylde Action Youth Group	Social Action Inter Faith Project	Resources for youth led workshops and aid to disadvantaged.
Hangkop Kabataan	Rehabilitation programme for children and young adults with special needs.	2nd payment of 3-year plan

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

♦ Fund for Peace through Justice (continued)

Grantees provide a written impact report to the charity detailing outcomes and use of the funds. We include below some highlights of impacts and outcomes reported by two grantees.

The Christians Aware Annual Conference was able to bring together a multi-cultural and international gathering, with their ethnic minority and international participants playing a full part throughout the weekend. They had a visitor from Kolkata who is writing for their magazine, and who works with child labourers in an on-going project they support. A visitor from Zambia sang during the Saturday evening, and her musical teachings for Zambian young people has been adopted by Christians Aware as their Lenten project.

Upbeat Communities Derby was able to continue running their integration hub. They were able to address the needs of those newly arrived in the UK, as well as those who have been through the asylum process and have been granted refugee status.



Emmanuel House, Nottingham



Upbeat Communities Derby

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

◆ Other ministries

Hospitality: Three Sisters live at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality in Carlton, Nottingham where they provide overnight hospitality to asylee women and young people experiencing homelessness.

Parish ministry: Six Sisters live in three Parish houses where there are no Parish Priests in residence. In one of these Parishes, one Sister co-ordinates all the Parish liturgies, as well as spiritual and secular activities. Several Sisters are involved in Parish-based visiting services for the elderly and housebound. In times of need, material help is given on a small scale to families and individuals. Sisters keep in touch with the most vulnerable persons and the elderly in the parishes via telephone and email on a regular basis, listening, encouraging, and linking housebound or lonely parishioners with online services and one another.



Spiritual Accompaniment: Two Sisters provide spiritual accompaniment to individuals.

Prison Ministry: One Sister volunteers with the Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) helping visitors on family days at HMP Nottingham.

Interfaith and Ecumenism: One Sister is part of Churches Together in Northeast Lincolnshire. Another Sister participates in interfaith women's groups organised by the Muslim Women's Council in Bradford.

◆ Social Justice and Human Rights

Our Peace through Justice Worker, based in Nottingham, collaborates with the Congregation's Peace through Justice Facilitator located in the United States. He assists Sisters and Associates to engage social justice and human rights issues local to the United Kingdom and globally. He also connects with other local justice and peace groups to increase our impact and presence.

Throughout the period, the charity has continued to address issues of justice, which is in keeping with its objectives. Sisters and Associates have been involved in promoting peace, the environment, campaigning on nuclear disarmament, poverty, and human rights of refugees and asylum seekers.

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

♦ Social Justice and Human Rights (continued)

Other ways in which justice and human rights have been addressed include:

- ◇ The Charity and Congregation provided financial and practical assistance for the Peace Pilgrimage, where members of the Passionist community, along with representatives from other faith denominations, began a six-day Peace Pilgrimage from Oxford to the DSEi arms fair at the Excel Centre, London.
- ◇ One Sister and the Peace through Justice Worker have collaborated with two secondary schools in northern England. They have engaged with student peace groups to discuss what peace means to them. Plans are underway for a peace conference with the schools, scheduled for September 2024.
- ◇ One Sister works closely with Pax Christi in their work relating to Israel and Palestine.
- ◇ One Sister attends local CAFOD outreach meetings.
- ◇ Two Sisters are involved in their local justice and peace group, offering support to seafarers at risk of modern-day slavery. For example, they provide Wi-Fi cards so seafarers can keep in touch with their families.
- ◇ One Sister is involved with Women at the Well. She provides support and uses aromatherapy to assist women who have been or are affected by prostitution or sexual exploitation.



The Sisters and Associates are alert to opportunities to make their voices heard on behalf of poor people and victims of injustice, and they network with religious and other organisations in addressing their concerns by:

- ◇ Getting involved in letter writing, emailing, signing, and mailing cards in support of justice issues for example, the UK Immigration Bill, concerns of pollution and lack of investment in UK water, asylum seekers, racial justice, housing justice, Jubilee Debt Campaign, ecology, water aid, global trade, animal rights, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Faith in Action, Catholic Climate Action, rendition, violence and domestic abuse of foreign workers.

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Education, social and pastoral work (continued)

♦ Social Justice and Human Rights (continued)

- ◇ As the Congregation has NGO status at the United Nations, worldwide justice issues such as human rights, trafficking of women and children environmental concerns, and many more, are kept in focus. Two lay staff members represent us at the UN and keep us informed of all developments and we, in this country, address these by emailing our Members of Parliament and International Agencies.
- ◇ According to the charity's policy, and within our means, we donate to charities whose work is consistent with the charity's objectives as set out above. Details of donations made during the period are given in the accounts.



Summary

Over the period, a minimum of 3,391 hours of voluntary service have been undertaken by the Sisters for the benefit of many people. These hours are listed by category in the chart on the next page.

If these hours were remunerated at the Living Wage Rate of £11.44 per hour, advocated by Church Action on Poverty (CAP), it would indicate a contribution in excess of £38,793.04 per annum. This amount does not include the London rate of £13.15 per hour, which would apply for several of our Sisters.

Ministry	Number of volunteers	Hours volunteered
Care for Creation	16	197
Homeless and Hungry	5	300
Visiting Sick and Homebound	10	420
Ecumenism and Interfaith	8	300
Justice and Peace	39	240
Modern Slavery	4	400
Parish/Pastoral	3	1,040
Prison	1	65
Religious Life	3	110
Women and Children	3	319
TOTAL	92	3,391

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Continued impact of Covid 19

Four years after the pandemic lockdown period, the Sisters have begun to be more involved with in-person activities, while still taking precautions as part of a vulnerable population. The advanced age of the majority of Sisters has led many to continue one-to-one and group engagement via telephone and Zoom. For some this includes doing all their spiritual direction and counselling online, others provide a befriending service via phone or email.

For the fourth year in a row, to counteract the loss of personal contact and active engagement, each Sister was given £125 at Christmas to give to charities of their own choosing. This has been much appreciated both by the recipients but also by the Sisters, who appreciate the opportunity to direct the funds to needy causes. Donations were made to food banks, towards the purchase of utility cards for light and heating and for other ways to make life easier for families and groups struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

Environment and Ecology

Our charism of peace through justice calls us to right relationship with Earth. We believe that care of creation is an essential element of peace making. We affirm the sacredness of creation and resolve to live in right relationship with the land. Ecological sustainability is one of the most urgent religious and moral challenges of our time. We are committed to making decisions based on their impact for the whole community of life, especially the weakest and most marginalized.



CREATION
Through the lens of
CSJPs



The Congregation made a public seven-year commitment to participate in the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform organized by the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development in Rome. This commitment will help us to deepen the commitments we made at our 2008 General Chapter to care for creation and respond to the climate crisis. Work is organized around seven goals, consistent with the work that we are already doing.

1. Response to the Cry of the Earth
2. Response to the Cry of the Poor
3. Ecological Economics
4. Adoption of Simple Lifestyles
5. Ecological Education

Objectives and activities (continued)

Ministry (continued)

Environment and Ecology (continued)

6. Ecological Spirituality
7. Community Education and Participative Action

Sisters are involved in a variety of Congregation committees working to live out our commitment to the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform locally and globally. We also continue to use an ecological perspective when making financial decisions, such as investing in funds which promote positive responses to the climate crisis, and care of our buildings and grounds. We have fully divested from fossil fuels in our investment portfolio. We use green materials and methods whenever possible in the maintenance of our properties and in our gardens.



The Peace Through Justice Worker and two Sisters attended the Restore Nature Now march in London on 22nd June 2024. The key message of Restore Nature Now was a call for all political parties to commit to significant policies and actions to reverse the decline of biodiversity and restore natural habitats in the UK.

Work or ministry of the charity

The general objective of the charity is as stated previously on page 4 and is further explained on page 5.

'.....to promote peace in family life, in the church and in society. We strive to respect the dignity of all persons..... and promote social justice as a way to peace.' Constitution 11

Chapter Acts 2022

The Congregation Chapter is held every six years and is the highest decision-making body in the Congregation. The Congregation Chapter held in March 2022 acknowledged that:

Urged by a burning desire to speak and act boldly with open, loving and adventurous hearts, and in collaboration with others, we now commit to:

- ♦ *Cultivating and practicing peace through justice by the intentional living of interculturality, anti-racism, and inclusion*
- ♦ *Addressing, healing, and being present to the wounds and broken relationships among ourselves and all of God's Creation*
- ♦ *Resisting every form of war and violence*
- ♦ *Making a place for everyone at the table where all are welcomed and gifts are honoured.*

This Chapter Act will guide our actions and decisions over the next three years.

Achievements and performance

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit in reviewing the charity's aims, objectives and future plans. Details of how the charity fulfils this responsibility are given above and in the achievements and performance sections below.

Sisters are responsible for their spiritual development, physical well-being, general development and growth through retreats, conferences, holidays and leisure pursuits. During the year, the Sisters availed themselves of many opportunities. Through study opportunities, meetings and assemblies, the lives of the Sisters have been changed in many ways; their awareness of global issues has been enhanced and they have become much more alert to local and global needs.



While not owning property, Sisters are provided with all the necessities needed e.g. housing, food, clothing and health care. It is important to the members that the charity's facilities are used for the maximum benefit of local communities.

Case Studies

We set out below:

- ◆ A case study about one of our communities Walm Lane, London; and
- ◆ A case study on a Sister's ministry in Carlton, Nottingham

Case Study #1

The Sisters in this community are all in their eighties but show no sign of slowing down in what they do to serve both the community at home and the wider community in which they find themselves.

Achievements and performance (continued)

Case Studies (continued)

Case Study #1 (continued)

The house commitments are divided among them – one is responsible for the hospitality to those who come to stay or just call round. She also deals with tradesmen and casual callers, does the shopping and keeps the car on the road. Another looks after the house finances, deals with the cleaner and helps with the household chores while both do the cooking.



One Sister is a Community Life minister and thus deals with all the other communities in the region; aiding with any issues arising, celebrations and helping with decisions when Sisters are ill or moving to another community. She is also the line manager for the Finance Manager, Office Manager and Information Technology worker for the region. She is a member of the Resources for Mission committee which dispenses our charitable giving to needy groups. All this entails quite a lot of travel round the region.

All are involved in the life of the parish as readers. They also spend several hours per week at various foodbanks via the Larder and the Warehouse. Another Sister, along with her foodbank commitment, volunteers at Women at the Well – an organisation helping women who are rough sleeping or involved in prostitution. Another Sister spends one day a week giving reflexology sessions to women who have been trafficked into this country and are going through rehabilitation at a secret centre.

Another area of work tackled by all three is visiting the sick and elderly – this is in the local community and in a nearby convent but also giving longer periods of assistance in one of our houses for the frail elderly when the sister in charge is away.

As this house is destined for closure, all have been involved in house clearance to local charities, charity shops and other houses in the region.

They all keep up with community affairs by zoom meetings whether these are Congregation wide or small group meetings and these will continue when the house has closed and they have moved on.

Case Study #2

This Sister lives and works in a community that provides short-term emergency accommodation to homeless young people in Nottingham, and medium-term accommodation to asylum seekers who are between Home Office and private housing. She is “temporary professed” - that is, still in training as a Religious Sister.

Her role within this community involves liaising with the organisations - Nottingham Nightstop and Nottingham Arimathea Trust - that refer clients, to schedule placements and understand support needs. She provides practical support - taking guests shopping, cooking, connecting them with outside services - and emotional support.

Achievements and performance (continued)

Case Studies (continued)

Case Study #2 (continued)

For this latter role she completes regular continuing professional development, specifically around supporting people with complex trauma and mental health issues. She is the main point of contact for guests and referral agencies and so deals with on-site emergencies, such as clients going missing or having health or mental health crises during the placement.

She also works as a journalist. She writes columns and articles on social justice for international Catholic and national secular press. She is contracted by Bloomsbury for a book on spirituality and social justice to be published in 2026 and is contributing to another book on justice and leadership in Religious life. She volunteers as a copywriter for local charities and churches who need marketing or social media content and supports Nottingham Nightstop in other administrative areas.

She volunteers within her local parish, supporting a new initiative to turn a parish building into emergency accommodation for rough sleepers, as well as the parish foodbank, social drop-in service and community cafe. She supports vocation promotion within the diocese and the Congregation, speaking to groups of young people about career advice, vocation and spirituality.

As a newer sister she also facilitates networking and social support for young Religious in Britain and Ireland, and is part of similar networks in the USA. She supports older members of her own and other Religious communities, and participates in congregational life. As a sister in formation she is mentored and receives regular spiritual direction as part of her ongoing discernment of life-long commitment.

Use of Our Convents and Grounds

Each convent is a centre of hospitality for visitors of all ages and backgrounds. While we can measure in hours the voluntary work done by individual Sisters, there is an enormous wealth of public benefit given by all our convents opening their doors for community use. The number of visitors to our properties has been limited in the years since the coronavirus pandemic due to the need to stay safe.

The charity's property in Carlton, Nottingham has been designated as a house of hospitality welcoming asylum seekers and homeless young people for overnight accommodation in collaboration with two local organisations, Host and NightStop.

Meetings of Churches Together groups and Open House volunteers also use our convents. Similarly, regular meetings of St. Vincent De Paul Society are held in one of our convents. All these groups, in addition to appreciating the space to meet and the support of the group members, comment on the sense of peace which our convents convey.

The Sisters retain the cemetery grounds at the charity's former property in Leicestershire where Congregation members are buried. This year the trustees have continued efforts to ensure the upkeep of the burial plots here and in other cemeteries across the country where our Sisters were laid to rest.

Achievements and performance (continued)

Use of Our Convents and Grounds (continued)

While the Sisters are motivated by a *commitment* to live and proclaim *Christ's gospel of peace*, they do so through prayer, contemplation and actions that provide an undoubted public benefit as previously stated. The Sisters live in the spirit of the Constitutions of the Congregation which variously speaks of *our tradition of gracious hospitality , a special love for those who are poor , solidarity with our sisters and brothers , justice toward women , peace through justice , aim to eliminate discrimination , value the mutuality that empowers people , work to heal divisions and hostilities*

Financial review

Results for the financial period

A summary of the results of the year to 30 June 2024 can be found on page 34 of this report and accounts.

Total income for the year amounted to £865,423 (2023: £870,921). Included within income is £539,159 (2023: £509,012) from donations and legacies. This figure includes salaries and pensions of the Sisters amounting to £539,159 (2023: £508,762) covenanted to the charity. Investment income and interest receivable totalled £315,664 (2023: £349,323).

Expenditure totalled £1,808,360 (2023: £1,526,481). Expenditure incurred on supporting the members of the Congregation and their pastoral work and ministry amounted to £1,489,971 (2023: £1,269,465). Grants and donations amounted to £318,389 (2023: £257,016). Further details of grants and donations are provided in note 4 to the accounts.

During the year to 30 June 2024, gains of £929,930 (2023: gains of £73,130) arose on the charity's listed investments.

Net expenditure after these investment gains for the year amounted to £13,007 (2023: net expenditure after investment gains of £582,430).

Investment performance

The investment managers are guided by the trustees' investment policy and comply with the ethical guidelines given to them. As of June 30, 2024, 100% of the charity's investments are in funds with the objectives of addressing climate change and creating sustainable economies.

Net gains on investments amounted to £929,930 (2023: gains of £73,130). Total investment income from listed investments was £315,664 (2023: £326,967).

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

Financial review (continued)

Reserves policy and financial position

Reserves policy

The reader will discern from the foregoing that the charity carries out a diverse range of activities and is responsible for the care and support of Sisters whose average age is increasing and whose needs are changing. The trustees recognise the need to provide adequately for the maintenance of the Sisters in their retirement. Following the production of the report on the Financial Implications of Care of Elderly Sisters in 2009, the trustees of the Charitable Trust decided to set funds aside as a retirement fund. This was transferred to the CIO and now stands at £8,562,000 (2023: £8,562,000), a figure calculated using actuarial principles. It is only through knowing that the charity has the capability to care for its members now and in the future that the work can go on, because the greatest asset of the charity is its members.

In addition, a decision has been made to separate the balance of unrestricted funds represented by tangible fixed assets as a separate tangible fixed assets fund 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.

The trustees have examined the need 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 and its commitments, the level of free reserves should be equal to approximately 24 to 30 months' expenditure.

Financial position

The balance sheet shows total reserves of £15,752,347 (2023: £15,765,354). Of this £100 (2023: £100) represents restricted funds. These monies have been donated by the international Congregation towards the cost of formation ministry. Also included in total funds is an amount of £3,397,560 (2023: £3,265,022) representing properties and other tangible fixed assets essential for the support and work of the Sisters.

Designated funds of £8,562,000 are made up of £8,562,000 (2023: £8,562,000) set aside for the future care of the Sisters and £0 (2023: £82,098) set aside to meet the planned maintenance to the charity's properties over the course of the next few years.

Funds available to support the work of the Sisters in the future, in particular the support of the Congregation's ministry, are shown as general funds on the balance sheet and amount to £3,792,687 (2023: £3,856,134). This figure needs to be considered in the light of average annual expenditure (excluding donations) of between £1,300,000 to £1,500,000, the increasing age profile of the Sisters and the need for the charity to continue to support the work of the Congregation, both in this country and overseas. The Sisters are also aware of the importance to the charity of the investment assets and the income generated therefrom. Given the macroeconomic and geopolitical climate, there is a real need to retain monies to ensure the long-term financial stability of the charity. The trustees consider that whilst the level of free reserves is slightly in excess of that required by the charity's reserve policy, the current political and economic uncertainties render this prudent. The trustees, therefore, believe the charity's free reserves to be adequate but not excessive.

Financial review (continued)

Tax exemptions etc.

The beneficiaries of the work of the charity have the assurance that all of the income of the charity must be applied for charitable purposes in furtherance of the charity's object of furthering the Roman Catholic faith. The charity enjoys tax exemption on income from its activities and on its investment income and gains provided these are applied for its charitable aims. As a charity, it is also entitled to a reduction of 80% on business rates on the property it occupies for its charitable purposes, and a 50% reduction in Council Tax for its properties that are occupied by members of the Congregation. The financial benefits received as a result of these exemptions are all applied for the purposes of furthering the Roman Catholic faith by enabling and supporting the Sisters to live out their faith and to put that faith into practice through a wide variety of religious and other charitable works.

The nature of the charity's activities means that it is unable to reclaim VAT input tax on its costs as it is exempt for VAT purposes. The charity also pays tax as an employer through the national insurance contributions it makes.

Plans for the future period

To respond to the needs of the times and fulfil public benefit:

- ◆ To implement the Chapter Act of the 23rd Congregation Chapter
- ◆ To implement the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform goals.
- ◆ To implement the Comprehensive Community Plan next step recommendations agreed by the 23rd Congregation Chapter.
- ◆ To continue to implement previous Chapter Acts on Radical Hospitality, Growing in Nonviolence, and Care of Creation and Climate Change.

To respond to the call from the Congregation Leadership Team to address needs within the charity and the world

- ◆ To welcome guests at the house of hospitality in Nottingham.
- ◆ To make grants in support of small projects in the UK or by persons resident in the UK promoting peace through justice.
- ◆ To explore opportunities for collaboration with other organisations in line with our charism and mission.

As some are expressing an interest in our Congregation, we plan to continue to journey with them and begin a process of

- ◆ Initiating them into our way of life.
- ◆ Increased efforts to promote vocations, with the aim of attracting new Sisters and Associates.

Plans for the future period (continued)

Care of the elderly and infirm Sisters

- ◆ To be sensitive to the viability of Communities.
- ◆ To continue to monitor the needs of all the Sisters.
- ◆ To update our model of care and increase staffing levels as necessary.

Social and pastoral work

- ◆ To continue to address Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation, Interfaith and Multi-faith issues.
- ◆ To raise awareness of trafficking and to support victims.
- ◆ To assist migrants and asylum seekers.
- ◆ To utilize the capacity of the Peace through Justice Worker position to increase our efforts in the UK among the Sisters and Associates and with other organisations.

Finance/assets

- ◆ To ensure funds are available for the continuation of our social and pastoral work.
- ◆ To continue the necessary refurbishment of properties required for the safety of the Sisters.

Governance, structure, management and relevant policies

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a Constitution agreed by the trustees on 29 April 2017 and registered with the Charity Commission on 11 July 2017.



Congregation Leadership Team 2021-2027
Sister Sheena George, Sister Andrea Nenzel, Sister Susan Francois,
Sister Margie Fort and Sister Kathleen Pruitt

Governance, structure, management and relevant policies

Governing document (continued)

In accordance with Canon Law, the Congregation is governed by a Congregation Leader and Council who live in the United States. They are elected every six years at a General Chapter, when members of the Congregation gather for prayer, reflection and discussion to explore ways of furthering the mission and to elect new Leadership. For a year prior to the General Chapter all members of the Congregation are involved in intense preparation, evaluating the mission of the Congregation since the previous Chapter and setting an agenda for the next six years. The Congregation Chapter was originally scheduled to take place in August 2020. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, it was split into two parts in April 2021 and March 2022. The next Chapter will be held in England in September 2026.

There are currently 28 Sisters in ten communities in the United Kingdom. In terms of Civil law, the United Kingdom Congregation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in England and Wales under the Charities Act 2011, Charity Registration No 1173778, and governed by its Constitution dated 11 July 2017. Three Sisters resident in the United Kingdom and two Sisters resident in the United States are trustees of the charity.

All the trustees are vowed members of the Congregation, most for over thirty five years. All of them have served the Congregation in various capacities in education (primary, secondary, special needs, adult, catechetics and family support), legal affairs, social care (children and adults with special needs, homeless people, refugees and asylum seekers), spiritual accompaniment, parish work, and in a variety of ministries including senior administrative posts in the Congregation. They are fully aware of everything pertaining to the charity and participate in assemblies where all the important decisions are made.

On being appointed, new trustees undergo induction and training in the roles and responsibilities of their office. This induction, initially, is carried out by the retiring trustees and all are given a written statement of their duties and responsibilities which is updated with current legislation. Every year some trustees attend training courses necessary to keep themselves updated with new legislation governing trustees. The information is shared not only with other trustees but throughout the charity.

All trustees are members of the Congregation; those resident in the United Kingdom have their living expenses and personal costs borne by the charity. However, they receive no remuneration or reimbursement for their expenses for their services as trustees.

The names of the trustees who served during the period are set out as part of the reference and administrative details on page 1 of this annual report and accounts.

Structure and management reporting

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charity. They meet regularly to review developments with regard to the charity and its activities and make the necessary important decisions. They are assisted in this task by a lay manager who deals with finance, human resources and health and safety matters. A finance manager was appointed several years ago following the retirement of the person who had held the position for ten years. No executive power attaches to this position. The finance manager, together with external advisers, advises the trustees as to their legal and fiscal responsibilities and duties, and provides training in these matters.

Governance, structure, management and relevant policies (continued)

Structure and management reporting (continued)

When necessary, the trustees seek advice and support from the charity's professional advisers including property consultants, portfolio managers, solicitors and accountants.

The trustees have established a Finance Committee to advise them on matters relating to the finances of the charity. The Finance Committee meets during the year to review and make recommendations in regard to the financial control of the charity's resources and assets. Management accounts are reviewed against budget, and the performance of the charity's portfolio is reviewed.

While two trustees are part of the Finance Committee which meets to make appropriate recommendations to the trustees, the full body of trustees, together with the Finance Committee, meets annually with our Auditor and semi-annually with our Investment Managers.

Charity administration

The Congregation has employed staff to perform the administrative tasks previously undertaken by members. One Sister continues as the safeguarding lead for the Congregation in the United Kingdom which during the year shifted its alignment from the Nottingham Diocesan Safeguarding Commission to the new Religious Life Safeguarding Service. She receives no financial reward for her work.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the 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 and of the income and expenditure 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 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)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

Governance, structure, management and relevant policies (continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions with reasonable accuracy and disclose 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.

Risk management

The trustees have reviewed the risk management process. Four designated areas have been identified and delegated to various trustees. These areas are governance and strategic risk, environment, operations and finance. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. These major risks concern potential damage to reputation or name, protection of assets, liabilities, and compliance with laws and regulations. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate any exposure to the major risks.

The main long term risk facing the charity is that it may not be able to meet all of the costs of caring for sick and/or elderly Sisters. This is, in general, not a risk that can be avoided. Prudent management of funds will continue to be exercised and properties provide a potential source of funding should activities contract in the long term. This has become more acute as the Sisters age.

The trustees regularly review the finances and personnel and have concluded that the level of funding of £8,562,000 to care for our elderly and set aside as a designated fund in the accounts is appropriate. This has allowed us to plan the finances for twenty-four hour care for the Sisters.

During each year, the trustees coordinate an updated review of risk including matters of health and safety and risk assessment. This is done in conjunction with the health and safety advice from the charity's insurance brokers. The results are communicated to the Sisters and staff. Risk continues to be an ongoing area for review.

The investments are managed by reputable investment managers who adhere to a policy agreed by the trustees. The trustees meet regularly with the investment managers and the managers' performance and that of the portfolio are monitored. The investment strategy is assessed regularly to ensure it remains appropriate to the charity's needs – both now and in the future.

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

Governance, structure, management and relevant policies (continued)

Protection of children and vulnerable adults

As with all organisations serving in the community, the trustees recognise the necessity of ensuring the protection and safety of all those the charity serves. Therefore, a Sister has been appointed as the Designated Safeguarding Lead, and the charity has a safeguarding policy that follows the policies and procedures of the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and the Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS). Sisters, employees and volunteers have had clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

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.

All the trustees are members of the Congregation and, whilst the living and personal expenses of the trustees based in the UK are borne by the charity, they receive no remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as trustees.

Investment policy

The charity has a discretionary investment management agreement with Sarasin & Partners LLP.

The trustees receive a report and valuation every three months and meet twice a year with the charity's investment managers. They ensure that the portfolio is managed in accordance with their written guidelines and with the religious and ethical principles of the charity. Acceptable investments, mostly equities, are chosen so that through their activities people's lives will be enhanced, natural resources will be used responsibly and all of creation will be respected. The trustees and their Investment Advisor are alerted to opportunities for investment in countries/companies which have proven good human rights records, actively promote self-development in its people/employees and are sensitive to environmental concerns.

The target set for the investment managers is to achieve a certain return of both income and capital growth with no more than a moderate level of risk. Within these guidelines, the investment managers are expected to generate growth ahead of inflation as measured by the UK Retail Prices Index to ensure the charity's cash flow objectives are met. Overall performance is measured by the achievement of benchmark indices based on the main indicators of Government Stock and FTSE.

Employees, volunteers, and members of the Congregation

The trustees wish to record their recognition of the professionalism and commitment of all their staff, volunteers and the individual members of the Congregation, without whom we would not be able to do the work we do. Their dedication and positive approach are very much appreciated.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

M Redmond

Trustee

Approved by the trustees on: 11 February 2025

Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace CIO

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace CIO (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the 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 June 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 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 set out on page 26-27, 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.

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

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.

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

How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

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

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

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's accounts to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

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

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

- ◆ Performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- ◆ Tested and reviewed journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- ◆ Tested the authorisation of expenditure as part of our substantive testing thereon;

- ◆ Assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and

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

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

- ◆ Investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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

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

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

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

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. 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 LLP
Statutory Auditor
130 Wood Street
London
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Date:

Independent auditor's report 30 June 2024

Buzzacott 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 June 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	1	539,159	509,012
Investments and interest receivable	2	315,664	349,323
Other sources			
. Surplus on the disposal of tangible fixed assets		10,600	4,298
. Other income		—	8,288
Total income		865,423	870,921
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities			
. Support of members of the Congregation and their ministry	3	1,489,971	1,269,465
. Charitable grants and donations	4	318,389	257,016
Total expenditure		1,808,360	1,526,481
Net expenditure for the year before net investment gains	6	(942,937)	(655,560)
Net investment gains	10	929,930	73,130
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		(13,007)	(582,430)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances brought forward at 1 July 2023		15,765,354	16,347,784
Fund balances carried forward at 30 June 2024		15,752,347	15,765,354

All income and expenditure was unrestricted in the above two financial periods.

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

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

Balance sheet 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		3,397,560		3,265,022
Investments	10		12,156,501		12,174,436
			15,554,061		15,439,458
Current assets					
Debtors	11	5,208		5,230	
Cash at bank and in hand		225,117		360,201	
		230,325		365,431	
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(32,039)		(39,535)	
Net current assets			198,286		325,896
Total net assets			15,752,347		15,765,354
The funds of the charity					
Restricted funds	13		100		100
Unrestricted funds					
. Tangible fixed assets fund	14	3,397,560		3,265,022	
. Designated funds	15	8,562,000		8,644,098	
. General funds		3,792,687		3,856,134	
			15,752,247		15,765,254
			15,752,347		15,765,354

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

M Redmond

Trustee

Approved on: 11 February 2025

Statement of cash flows Year to 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash used in operating activities	A	(1,209,569)	(981,457)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Investment income and interest received (excluding accumulation unit income)		30,612	38,581
Proceeds from the disposal of tangible fixed assets		10,600	4,298
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(199,644)	(52,386)
Proceeds from the disposal of listed investments		1,290,000	1,107,336
Purchase of listed investments (excluding accumulation unit income)		(56,266)	—
Net cash provided by investing activities		1,075,302	1,097,829
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the period		(134,267)	116,372
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July 2023		387,126	270,754
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2024	B	252,859	387,126

Notes to the statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Net movement in funds (as per the statement of financial activities)	(13,007)	(582,430)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charge	67,106	48,861
(Gains) on investments	(929,930)	(73,130)
Gains (losses) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(10,600)	1,265
Investment income and interest receivable	(315,664)	(349,323)
Decrease (increase) in debtors	22	(1,342)
(Decrease) in creditors	(7,496)	(25,358)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,209,569)	(981,457)

B Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	225,117	360,201
Cash held by investment managers	27,742	26,925
Total cash and cash equivalents	252,859	387,126

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 June 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 June 2024 with comparative information provided for the year to 30 June 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:

- ◆ the useful economic lives and residual values of tangible fixed assets for the purposes of determining the annual depreciation charge or no depreciation charge;
- ◆ the assumptions applied in determining the size of the retirement reserve, created in order to provide for the continuing care of the members of the Congregation; and
- ◆ estimating future income and expenditure flows for the purpose of assessing going concern (see below).

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 of the charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The most significant areas of judgement that affect items in the accounts are detailed above. With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 30 June 2025, the most significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the charity are the level of investment return and the performance of the investment markets.

Income recognition

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

Income comprises donations, legacies, and investment income and interest receivable.

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 pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the 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.

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

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, and 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.

Dividends arising on income units are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. Income arising on accumulation units is reinvested directly by the investment managers and added to the capital value of the funds rather than paid as a distribution. To reflect the substance of this transaction, the amounts "accumulated" are recognised as income in these accounts at the date on which the charity becomes entitled to the funds with a corresponding amount reflected as an addition to listed investments.

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.

Investment manager fee rebates are included in income from investments, the prior period figures have been re-analysed from other income.

Other income is measured at fair value and accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure recognition

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 accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses are allocated to the applicable expenditure headings. The majority of expenditure is directly attributable and any apportionment between headings is negligible.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the charity through the provision of its charitable activities and includes:

- ◆ Expenditure on the support of members of the Congregation and their ministry. Such expenditure enables the members to carry out the work of the charity in the areas of the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith, the relief of poverty and supporting the other charitable activities of members of the Congregation.
- ◆ Grants and donations to support the Congregation's own work overseas and to support other charitable organisations with objectives consistent with those of the charity.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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 financial procedures, provision of office services and equipment.

Governance costs comprise the costs involving the public accountability of the charity (including audit costs) and costs in respect to its compliance with regulation and good practice.

All expenditure on support and governance is allocated to the charitable activities of care of members of the Congregation and enabling their ministry as any costs in relation to provision of donations and grants is considered to be minimal.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £2,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

- ◆ Freehold land and buildings
Freehold land and buildings purchased by the charity's predecessor charity on or prior to 1 July 1997 and transferred to the CIO are included in the accounts at a valuation determined by the trustees as at 1 July 1997 with professional assistance, based on replacement cost for existing use. As permitted by FRS 102, with effect from 1 July 2014 the value assigned to this property is now deemed its cost. Land and buildings purchased by the predecessor charity or CIO on or after 1 April 2008 are shown on the balance sheet at cost. Freehold land and buildings comprise:

Tangible fixed assets (continued)

- ◆ Freehold land and buildings (continued)
 - a. Non-specialised buildings i.e. those designed as, and used wholly or mainly for, private residential accommodation. Such land and 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.
 - b. Specialised buildings defined as those comprising the Congregation's large residential convents. Depreciation calculated using a straight-line basis is provided at 2% per annum in order to write the buildings off over their estimated useful economic life.
- ◆ Furniture and equipment

Expenditure on the purchase and replacement of furniture and domestic equipment is capitalised and depreciated over a four-year period on a straight-line basis. Expenditure on office equipment is capitalised and depreciated over a four-year period on a straight-line basis.
- ◆ Motor vehicles

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

Investments

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

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

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

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

Debtors

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

Cash at bank and in hand

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

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the 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.

Funds structure

The charity's funds include unrestricted income funds which are available for application towards the charity's objectives. Within unrestricted funds the trustees have designated certain amounts for specific purposes and have identified those non-liquid funds represented by tangible fixed assets.

The charity's funds include restricted funds also which comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to, a specific purpose or monies subject to donor-imposed restrictions in use.

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

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

Pensions

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

Services provided by members of the Congregation

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

Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

1 Income from: Donations and legacies

	Total funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Pensions of individual religious received under Gift Aid compliant Deed of Covenant	539,159	508,762
Other donations and gifts	—	250
	539,159	509,012

2 Income from: Investments and interest receivable

	Total funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from listed investments (including accumulation units)	312,804	347,406
Interest on cash held by investment manager	2,860	1,917
	315,664	349,323

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

	Total funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Premises	359,396	322,714
Staff costs (excluding administration and support staff)	96,480	76,154
Sisters' living and personal expenses	818,854	680,050
Education, training, and spiritual renewal	42,931	50,639
Administration and support costs (including staff costs of £134,885 (2023: £103,381))	162,226	127,128
Governance costs (note 5)	10,084	12,780
	1,489,971	1,269,465

4 Expenditure on: Charitable grants and donations

	Total funds	
	2024 £	2023 £
Grants in support of the missionary and other work of the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace:		
. Congregation stipend	186,244	177,400
. Overseas missions of the Congregation		
.. El Salvador	5,000	—
.. Haiti	5,000	—
Bakhita House	—	5,000
CAFÉ	5,000	—
CAFOD	25,370	—
CARE Ltd	5,000	—
CDP Diocesan Caritas	2,380	—
CHIPS	5,000	—
Christians Aware	3,670	—
City of Sanctuary UK	5,000	—
Congregations of the Passion of Jesus Christ	4,000	—
Disasters Emergency Committee	—	5,000
Earlsdon Primary School	—	4,500
Elizabeth Fry Charity	5,000	—
Emmanuel House Support Centre	4,800	—
Green Futures	4,900	—
Hangpop Kabataan	5,054	5,010
Harbour Place Grimsby	5,030	—
Hope Garden Project	—	4,000
Jesuit Refugee Service	—	5,000
London Catholic Worker	5,200	—
Loughborough Town of Sanctuary	—	5,000
Medaille Trust	—	4,000
Mind The Gap	—	2,400
Nottingham Arimathea Trust	5,000	—
Our Lady's High School	2,000	—
Out There	5,000	—
PACT	—	3,500
Schools of Sanctuary	—	5,000
Society of St. Columban for Foreign Missions	—	4,900
St. Bede's Catholic High School	3,000	—
St Marys Grub Club	—	2,370
St Francis of Assisi Fund	—	5,000
St Vincents de Paul Society	—	5,000
The Catholic Worker Farm	5,000	—
The Ecological Centre	—	3,111
Upbeat Communities	5,000	—
Voice of Dalit International	5,000	—
Donations of £1,000 or less to institutions	6,741	10,825
	318,389	257,016

The charity made no donations to individuals (2023: none).

5 Governance costs

Included within expenditure on supporting members of the Congregation and their ministry are governance costs as detailed below:

	Total funds	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Legal and professional fees	10,084	12,780

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

This is stated after charging (crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs (note 7)	231,365	179,536
Auditor's remuneration (including VAT)		
. Statutory audit fee		
.. Current period	9,000	12,780
.. Prior period	736	900
Depreciation	67,106	48,861
Operating lease charges	26,340	17,400
Foreign exchange (gains) losses	(450)	3,199

7 Staff costs, key management, and trustees' remuneration

Staff costs during the period were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	211,635	161,623
Social security costs	15,745	15,353
Pension contributions	3,985	2,560
	231,365	179,536

The average number of employees (excluding agency staff), analysed by function, was:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Care of members of the Congregation	4.00	4.00
Peace Through Justice ministry	1.00	0.46
Administration and support	2.33	2.00
	7.33	6.46

7 Staff costs, key management, and trustees' remuneration (continued)**Higher paid staff**

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension and employer national insurance costs) fell within the following bands was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	—	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	—

Key management

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.

All trustees are members of the Congregation and whilst the living and personal expenses of those resident in the United Kingdom are borne by the charity, none of the trustees receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses in connection with their duties as trustees or work as key management (2023: none).

8 Taxation

The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace CIO is a registered charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income on gains derived from its charitable activities, as they fall within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings		Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	Non-specialised £	Specialised £	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 July 2023	2,250,528	1,082,143	156,092	174,439	3,663,202
Transfers	(10,660)	10,660	—	—	—
Additions	—	126,372	28,794	44,478	199,644
Disposals	—	—	—	(22,275)	(22,275)
At 30 June 2024	2,239,868	1,219,175	184,886	196,642	3,840,571
Depreciation					
At 1 July 2023	—	124,769	146,097	127,314	398,180
Charge for the year	—	24,810	14,162	28,134	67,106
Disposals	—	—	—	(22,275)	(22,275)
At 30 June 2024	—	149,579	160,259	133,173	443,011
Net book values					
At 30 June 2024	2,239,868	1,069,596	24,627	63,469	3,397,560
At 30 June 2023	2,250,528	957,374	9,995	47,125	3,265,022

Capital commitments

At 30 June 2024, the charity had no capital commitments (2023: £220,000 relating to refurbishment works on various properties).

10 Listed investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Listed investments		
Market value at 1 July 2023	12,147,511	12,870,975
Additions at cost	341,321	310,742
Disposals at book value (see below)	(1,171,320)	(1,113,348)
Net unrealised gains	811,247	79,142
Market value at 30 June 2024	12,128,759	12,147,511
Cash held by investment managers	27,742	26,925
	12,156,501	12,174,436
Cost of listed investments at 30 June 2024	9,930,216	10,760,216

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Proceeds	1,290,000	1,107,336
(Gains) Losses	(118,680)	6,012
Disposals at book value	1,171,320	1,113,348

Listed investments held at 30 June 2024 comprised the following:

	2024 £	2023 £
Common Investment Funds and Charity Authorised Investment Funds:		
. Sarasin Climate Active Endowments Fund (accumulation units)	9,437,683	9,340,014
. Alpha Common Investment Fund for Income and Reserves (accumulation units)	960,970	1,126,041
	10,398,653	10,466,055
Unit trusts:		
. FP WHEB Sustainability Fund	1,730,106	1,681,456
	12,128,759	12,147,511

The underlying investment assets in the funds noted above were all dealt in on a recognised stock exchange.

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	5,110	4,680
Prepayments and accrued income	98	550
	5,208	5,230

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Expense creditors	12,391	17,933
Accruals	19,648	21,602
	32,039	39,535

13 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include the following unexpended balances of donations held on trusts to be applied for specific purposes:

	Novitiate fund £	Total £
At 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024	100	100

The novitiate fund comprises monies donated by the international Congregation towards the care and education of novices while they live within communities in the United Kingdom.

14 Tangible fixed assets fund

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 July 2023	3,265,022	3,267,060
Net movement in period	132,538	(2,038)
At 30 June 2024	3,397,560	3,265,022

The tangible fixed assets fund represents the net book value of the charity's tangible fixed assets. A decision was made to separate this fund from the general fund and other designated funds 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.

15 Designated funds

The trustees have designated funds from the unrestricted funds for specific purposes as follows:

	At 1 July 2023 £	Designated (utilised) £	At 30 June 2024 £
Retirement fund	8,562,000	—	8,562,000
Property maintenance fund	82,098	(82,098)	—
	8,644,098	(82,098)	8,562,000

15 Designated funds (continued)

	<i>At 1 July 2022</i> £	<i>Designated (utilised)</i> £	<i>At 30 June 2023</i> £
<i>Retirement fund</i>	8,162,000	400,000	8,562,000
<i>Property maintenance fund</i>	109,797	(27,699)	82,098
	<u>8,271,797</u>	<u>372,301</u>	<u>8,644,098</u>

The retirement fund comprises monies set aside to provide for the care and support of members of Congregation in the United Kingdom as they grow older. The value of this fund has been calculated using actuarial principles.

The property maintenance fund was set aside to meet the costs of planned maintenance to the charity's properties. The release in 2024 was due to the completion of planned refurbishment works on the properties.

16 Analysis of net assets by fund

	General funds £	Designated funds £	Tangible fixed assets fund £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Balances at 30 June 2024 are represented by:					
Tangible fixed assets	—	—	3,397,560	—	3,397,560
Investments	3,594,501	8,562,000	—	—	12,156,501
Net current assets	198,186	—	—	100	198,286
	<u>3,792,687</u>	<u>8,562,000</u>	<u>3,397,560</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>15,752,347</u>

	<i>General funds</i> £	<i>Designated funds</i> £	<i>Tangible fixed assets fund</i> £	<i>Restricted funds</i> £	<i>Total</i> £
<i>Balances at 30 June 2023 are represented by:</i>					
<i>Tangible fixed assets</i>	—	—	3,265,022	—	3,265,022
<i>Investments</i>	3,530,338	8,644,098	—	—	12,174,436
<i>Net current assets</i>	325,796	—	—	100	325,896
	<u>3,856,134</u>	<u>8,644,098</u>	<u>3,265,022</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>15,765,354</u>

16 Analysis of net assets by fund (continued)

The total unrealised gains as at 30 June 2024 constitute movements on revaluations and are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Unrealised gains included above:		
On listed investments	2,198,543	1,387,295
Reconciliation of movements in unrealised gains		
Unrealised gains at 1 July 2023	1,387,295	1,413,644
Net gains (losses) arising on revaluation in the period	811,247	79,142
On disposals on investments	—	(105,491)
Total unrealised gains at 30 June 2024	2,198,543	1,387,295

17 Ultimate control

The charity, which is constituted as a CIO, was controlled throughout the period by the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace due to the Congregational Leader, by virtue of her office, being ex-officio the sole member of the CIO.

18 Liability of the member to contribute to the assets of the CIO if it is wound up

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

19 Related party transactions (including transactions with trustees)

As members of the Congregation, none of the trustees have resources of their own. All earnings, pensions and other income of those trustees resident in the United Kingdom have been donated to the charity under a Gift Aid compliant Deed of Covenant. During the period, the total amount donated by these trustees to the charity was £91,946 (2023: £89,488).

During the year, contributions amounting to £186,244 (2023: £177,400) were made to the Generalate of the Congregation. Sister Susan Francois, who is a trustee of the charity, is also a member of the Congregation Leadership Team; Sister Teresa Donohue, who is a trustee of the charity, is also a member of the Congregation's Finance Committee.

There were no other related party transactions requiring disclosure (2023: none).

20 Lease commitments

At 30 June 2024, the charity had total future commitments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect to land and buildings as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts due within one year	1,500	19,000
Amounts due between two and five years inclusive	—	1,500
	1,500	20,500

21 Post balance sheet events

One of the charity's properties was sold for gross proceeds of £1,850,000 on 26 November 2024. The net book value of the property reflected in these accounts was £526,487.