

**CATHOLIC CHARITABLE TRUST**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the year ended 31st December 2023**

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# **CATHOLIC CHARITABLE TRUST**

## **ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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## **Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Catholic Charitable Trust**

### **I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023**

#### *Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner*

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### *Basis of independent examiner's report*

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### *Independent examiner's statement*

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

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Chartered Accountants  
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July 2024

## **CATHOLIC CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, 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 in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)(Charities SORP (FRS 102))

#### **Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit**

The purposes of the charity are the advancement of religion in any part or parts of the world by means of the sacraments, services, ceremonies, rituals and missionary and other work of all kinds of the Roman Catholic Church and for such other objects if any (being charitable in the legal sense of that word) in connection with the Roman Catholic Church. It is the general policy of the Trustees to support charities involved with the traditional teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church as these were taught and accepted by Catholics before the Second Vatican Council, including the preservation of the Latin Liturgy and Traditional Liturgical Services. The Trustees consider the charities' activities are for the public benefit. The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under s17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Method of appointing new trustees**

The power of appointing new trustees is vested in the trustees. Any new trustee appointed is informed as to the charity's activities and aims and provided with copies of the governing document, Minutes of recent meetings and the latest financial accounts.

#### **Volunteers**

Aside from the trustees, the charity receives no assistance from volunteers.

#### **Wider network**

The charity acts independently and is not part of a wider network.

#### **Donations**

The charity is not involved in fund-raising or publicity and receives no donations.

#### **Grant making policy**

The charity does not invite applications for grants but does consider unsolicited appeals. It supports several charities on an ongoing basis, subject to reports and appeals being received. Due to the high volume of unsolicited appeals received, the trustees regret they cannot acknowledge all applications and will only respond if the applicant is successful.

During the year the Trust supported 18 Catholic charities with varying objectives. 5 organisations support the Latin Mass; 2 support missionary work; 2 charities are based in California and were previously supported by Claude, Countess of Kinnoull, a major benefactor of the charity. The largest grants were for £20,000 towards the traditional teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and an order of Religious Sisters.

## Investment policy and performance

The charity has professional investment advisers who manage the portfolio on a medium high-risk basis with a balanced investment objective. Their recommendations are subject to the review of the Trustees.

During the year the charity disposed of investments for £26,094 realising a gain on their values at the start of the year of £6,189. The charity purchased three investments at a cost of £148,847. The annual revaluation of the investments saw a gain during the year of £208,026 and the total value of the charity increased during the year by 5.15%.

At 31st December 2023 the investments were held in the following classes. All investments were held at fair value:-

	2023	2022
UK fixed interest	9.727%	9.944%
Foreign fixed interest	0%	0%
UK listed equities	25.384%	26.479%
Overseas listed equities	62.259%	55.784%
Cash	2.631%	7.793%

## Financial Review

The charity's funds increased from £3,278,353 to £3,447,122 in the year. All income is received from investment income which decreased to £99,371 (2022: £105,055 including £3,000 re-credited to income being a donation unpaid in 2021). Expenditure decreased to £144,818 (2022: £147,000).

## Reserves policy

The Trustees have power under the governing document to apply income and capital for the charity's objectives. In practice the Trustees aim to distribute the income and to build up the capital as unrestricted reserves. The reserves at the year-end were £3,447,122 (2022: £3,278,353).

## Risk management

The principal risk faced by the charity lies in the performance of investments. This is mitigated by retaining expert investment managers and having a diversified investment portfolio. The Trustees have reviewed the risks to which the charity is exposed and consider that they have established sufficient systems and procedures to mitigate those risks. Where appropriate, risks are reported on and discussed in subsequent meetings.

## Plans for the future

The Trustees expect to be able to continue at approximately the same level of activity in 2024 as in previous years.

## Structure, governance and management

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission number 215553 and is constituted under a Declaration of Trust dated 15 March 1935. It received large gifts from Claude, Countess of Kinnoull on its inception and seeks to continue its charitable work through the careful stewardship of its existing resources.

The Trustees manage the charity and take all decisions jointly with regard to the review of the Trust's activities and achievement of objectives. Day to day administrative tasks are delegated to the charity's legal and investment advisers. The Trustees meet at least once a year to agree grants and policies and deal with other matters by correspondence as they arise.

### **Related party transactions**

The charity has no subsidiaries and is not connected with any other charity. None of the Trustees were paid remuneration or expenses for the year. Mr W E Vernor-Miles is a partner in the firm of Hunters Law LLP who prepared the Trust Accounts and act in the administration of the charity. Hunters received fees of £16,647 plus VAT for this work in the year (2022: £18,421). Mr Orr was a member of the firm Raymond James, who were the charity's Investment Managers and received management and sundry fees of £11,242 plus VAT in the year (2022: £11,165).

No travel or other expenses were reimbursed to any of the Trustees during the year.

## Reference and Administrative Details

<b>Charity registration number</b>	215553
<b>Principal address</b>	9 New Square Lincoln's Inn London WC2A 3QN
<b>Trustees</b>	John Crosfield Vernor-Miles Wilfrid Edward Vernor-Miles David Peter Orr Jennifer Frances Vernor-Miles
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Colin Reid FCA Burgess Hodgson LLP 27 New Dover Road Canterbury Kent CT1 3DN
<b>Solicitors</b>	Hunters Law LLP 9 New Square Lincoln's Inn London WC2A 3QN
<b>Bankers</b>	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
<b>Investment Managers</b>	Raymond James Investment Services Ltd 1 King William Street London EC4N 7AF

Approved by the trustees on 1/7/2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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**CATHOLIC CHARITABLE TRUST****BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	
		2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	3	3,365,752.79	3,028,783.90
<b>Current assets</b>			
Raymond James combined income & dealing £		49,967.95	126,987.06
CAF Bank		35,920.55	97,342.64
Hunters		5,044.23	31,664.93
<b>Net Current assets</b>		3,456,685.52	3,284,778.53
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6		
Accruals		(9,564.00)	(6,426.00)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>3,447,121.52</u>	<u>3,278,352.53</u>
Represented by:			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<u>3,447,121.52</u>	<u>3,278,352.53</u>



**CATHOLIC CHARITABLE TRUST****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	
	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
UK Fixed Interest	17,299.89	19,654.96
Foreign Bond Interest	0.00	0.00
UK Dividends	46,746.76	50,869.03
Foreign Dividends	34,618.54	31,464.13
Bank interest received	705.94	66.59
2021 donation re-credited	0.00	3,000.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>99,371.13</b>	<b>105,054.71</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Charitable donations	110,335.34	110,494.02
Hunters costs to December 2023	19,975.80	22,105.20
Raymond James management costs	13,460.17	13,397.49
Raymond James valuation fees	30.00	15.00
Raymond James negative interest	0.00	11.95
LEI Application fee	0.00	0.00
Burgess Hodgson Independent Examiners fee	870.00	726.00
Bank fees	146.56	250.50
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>144,817.87</b>	<b>147,000.16</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds</b>	<b>(45,446.74)</b>	<b>(41,945.45)</b>
Realised gains/(losses) on investments	6,189.33	(46,211.99)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	208,026.40	(193,907.93)
Net gain / (loss) on currency conversions	0.00	324.46
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>168,768.99</b>	<b>(281,740.91)</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>3,278,352.53</b>	<b>3,560,093.44</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>3,447,121.52</b>	<b>3,278,352.53</b>

## CATHOLIC CHARITABLE TRUST

### DONATIONS made in the year ended 31st December 2023

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
CAFOD	0.00	15,000.00
California Friends of the Society of St Pius X (\$6,000)	4,819.28	4,247.01
Canons Regular of Premontre	5,000.00	0.00
Cardinal Hume Centre	4,000.00	4,000.00
Carmelite Monastery Carmel California (\$5,000)	4,016.06	4,247.01
Catholic Bishops Conference for England and Wales	5,000.00	5,000.00
Chavagnes International College	6,000.00	0.00
EVC Uganda	0.00	3,000.00
Hospice of St John & Elizabeth	0.00	4,000.00
Latin Mass Society	2,000.00	2,000.00
Little Sisters of the Poor	8,000.00	8,000.00
OOLW - Central Church Music Fund	2,000.00	0.00
Our Lady of the Rosary & St Dominic's	3,000.00	0.00
Religious of Mary Immaculate	20,000.00	10,000.00
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth	0.00	5,000.00
SS John and Elizabeth Charity	4,000.00	0.00
St Elizabeth Centre	0.00	2,000.00
St Francis Leprosy Guild	0.00	3,000.00
St James Church Spanish Place	1,500.00	3,000.00
St Peters Winchester	3,000.00	0.00
Society of Saint Pius X - England	20,000.00	20,000.00
Society of Saint Pius X - Switzerland	8,000.00	8,000.00
Society of Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers)	5,000.00	5,000.00
Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa (White Sisters)	5,000.00	5,000.00
	<u>110,335.34</u>	<u>110,494.02</u>

**CATHOLIC CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**INVESTMENTS held at 31st December 2023**

		Income	Value at 31/12/2023	Value at 31/12/2022
		£	£	£
<b>UK BONDS</b>				
£25,000	Treasury 4.125% I/L SNR NTS 22/7/2030 acc interest	2,654.04	87,733.16 453.95	84,037.50 453.95
\$300,000	Tesco 6.15% Snr Nts 15/11/37 acc interest	14,645.85	246,219.28 1,810.55	240,236.54 1,914.01
<b>FOREIGN BONDS</b>				
	None at year end			
<b>UK SHARES</b>				
6,000	Aviva 8.75% Cum Irre Pref £1	525.00	7,860.00	7,590.00
3,200	BHP Billiton US\$0.50	4,430.23	86,064.00	82,240.00
8,000	BP Ord US\$0.25	1,786.25	37,292.00	37,992.00
3,450	British American Tobacco Ord 25p	7,852.54	79,194.75	113,211.75
1,500	Diageo Ord 28p	737.55	42,840.00	0.00
3,494	GSK Plc Ord 31.25p	1,939.72	50,684.49	50,244.12
18,350	Haleon Ord 1p	770.70	59,022.78	60,068.73
100,000	Lloyds Banking Ord 10p	2,520.00	47,710.00	45,410.00
21,500	M&G Ord 5p	4,278.50	47,816.00	40,387.75
2,000	Rio Tinto Ord 10p	6,460.40	116,840.00	115,960.00
4,100	Shell Plc Ord €0.07	4,080.73	105,431.50	95,366.00
3,850	Unilever Ord .03111p	5,778.84	146,300.00	161,007.00
3,030	Woodside Energy Ord	5,586.30	50,388.90	60,297.00
<b>FOREIGN SHARES</b>				
80	Adobe Com	0.00	37,471.93	22,345.02
60	Alphabet Inc Cap Stock "C" Class	0.00	132,775.38	88,372.83
1,440	Apple Inc Com NPV	926.84	217,667.58	155,288.38
3,000	Australia and New Zealand Bank NPV	2,485.32	41,621.84	40,015.79
350	Becton Dickinson Com	866.51	67,002.04	73,872.27
1,400	Emerson Electric Com US\$0.50	1,986.58	106,981.24	111,618.87
300	Equifax Inc Com Stock US\$1.25	315.39	58,245.27	48,394.41
1,632	Jardine Matheson US\$0.25	2,839.67	52,802.64	68,945.35
20,000	JP Morgan Asian Investment Trust Ord 0.25	3,140.00	68,000.00	72,800.00
70	LVMH Moet Hennessy Ord €0.30	567.22	44,497.21	0.00
1,000	Microsoft Com	1,981.85	295,234.36	218,950.08
1,050	Philip Morris Com	4,253.16	77,556.72	88,202.27
1,000	Pinterest Com	0.00	29,080.63	20,151.89
300	Remy Cointreau Ord €1.60	579.68	29,894.72	0.00
2,500	Nestle SA CHF0.10	4,285.01	227,200.71	240,677.51
2,050	Novartis AG CHF0.50	3,783.64	162,154.34	153,975.65
10,000	Polar Capital Technology Trust Ord 25p	0.00	259,500.00	172,400.00
1,700	Procter & Gamble Com NPV	4,304.82	195,586.09	213,845.71
410	Sandoz Group AG (demerged from Novartis)	0.00	10,340.28	0.00
1,300	Verizon Communications US\$0.10	2,302.85	38,478.45	42,511.52
		<u>98,665.19</u>	<u>3,365,752.79</u>	<u>3,028,783.90</u>
Market Value at 31/12/22 of investments sold in the year				(19,904.55)
Cost of investments purchased in the year				148,847.04
Adjusted Market Value at 31/12/22				<u>3,157,726.39</u>
Market Value at 31/12/23				3,365,752.79
<b>UNREALISED GAIN/LOSS IN 2023</b>				<u>208,026.40</u>

**CATHOLIC CHARITABLE TRUST****INVESTMENT CHANGES during the year ended 31st December 2023**

			<b>Proceeds £</b>	<b>Value at 31/12/22 (or cost if bought in the year) £</b>	<b>Gain/ Loss £</b>
<b>Disposals</b>					
30/06/23	100	Microsoft Com	26,093.88	19,904.55	6,189.33
			<u>26,093.88</u>	<u>19,904.55</u>	<u>6,189.33</u>
<b>Acquisitions</b>			<b>Cost</b>		
16/01/23	70	LVMH Moet Hennessy Ord €0.30	49,999.07		
16/01/23	300	Remy Cointreau Ord €1.60	47,864.30		
30/06/23	1,500	Diageo Ord 28p	50,983.67		
			<u>148,847.04</u>		

## **CATHOLIC CHARITABLE TRUST**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### **1. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities in Respect of the Accounts**

In accordance with the Charity Commission's Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), Accounting for Charities, the Charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make suitable judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed in
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it presume that this basis applies.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

#### **2. Basis of Preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16th July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

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

### 3. Investments

All investments are carried at their fair value. Investments in equities and fixed interest securities are all traded in quoted public markets, primarily the London Stock Exchange. Holdings in common investment funds, unit trusts and open-ended investment companies are at the bid price. The basis of fair value for quoted investments is equivalent to the market value, using the bid price. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value).

The proportion of equities to fixed interest securities at the end of the year is much the same as the previous year, and the Trustees are happy with the balance between the asset classes at the end of the year.

### 4. Judgements and estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amount reported. Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

### 5. Financial instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangement entered into.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the profit and loss account in other administrative expenses.

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

### 6. Creditors at 31.12.2023

Hunters Solicitors	£3,564.00
Donation to SS John & Elizabeth Charity	£4,000.00
Donation to OOLW - Central Church Music Fund	£2,000.00

### 7. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was 0 (2022: Nil). No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil). This employee and key management personnel figure does not include the Trustees appointed and in position during the year.

### 8. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration, benefits or expenses were paid to the Trustees of the Charity in the current or previous year.