

# ROMAN CATHOLIC PURPOSES ADMINISTERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS

England & Wales · Charity number 232541

## Details

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**Other names** S M A FATHERS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1964-05-12

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES WHICH ADVANCE THE RELIGIOUS AND OTHER CHARITABLE WORK FOR THE TIME BEING CARRIED ON IN ENGLAND OR WALES.

**Activities:** The advancement of Religious and Charitable works in connection with the Roman Catholic Religion both in the United Kingdom and in Nigeria and Liberia.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NATIONAL
- Liberia
- Nigeria
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,113,335	£1,364,310	£12,228,091	12
2023-12-31	£1,195,379	£1,298,879	£12,189,252	11
2022-12-31	£1,233,453	£1,412,692	£12,076,966	15
2021-12-31	£1,047,123	£1,232,442	£13,500,571	14
2020-12-31	£1,021,660	£1,564,377	£12,680,327	13

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV ROBERT MORLAND SMA		
Rev ROZARIO THYAGARAJ ARPUTHAM SMA		2025-11-19
Rev SAMUEL MAWUNYA KOKU AGBEME SMA		2025-11-19
Rev Thomas Joseph Ryan SMA		

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 232541

# **Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions**

known as

**Society of African Missions**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

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**Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Reverend T J Ryan SMA Reverend D A McCaul SMA Reverend R Morland SMA
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<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	232541
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## **Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions**

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#### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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

##### ***Nature of governing document***

The charity is an unincorporated body governed by its Trustees under a deed of Trust dated 7th September 1963.

##### ***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The Superior of the "Society of African Missions" has the power under the trust deed of the charity to appoint and remove trustees. The Trustees of the society are chosen according to their experience of the Trust Ministry and of its need to function according to law.

##### ***Induction and training of trustees***

The Trustees keep themselves informed of new developments relating to the Trust and when necessary, meet to be briefed on particular issues by their advisors. The Trustees, in the past attended seminars on matters relevant to the Trust and to the Society's ministry.

Recognising the need for expertise, the Trustees have engaged professional advisors in the areas of finance, investment, insurance, law and protection of minors and vulnerable adults. Experts in Church law are made available through the Society's international dimension.

In major decisions regarding the assets of the trust, the trustees seek the advice of their Professional Advisors.

#### ***Organisational structure***

The Charity is administered on behalf of the trustees by the Provincial Superior of the British Province of the Society of African Missions in accordance with the constitutions of the Society.

The Charity is part of a wider Society of African Missions which is an international group of priests and brothers with its headquarters at Via della Nocetta 111 Rome, Italy (The Generalate) and numbers in excess of 757 members. The internal organisation of the Society is that of fifteen autonomous Provinces, eight districts and four Delegations. Members of the Society are on mission in sixteen African countries and are present in nine European countries, India, The Philippines, United States of America and Canada.

The Charity is the British Province of the International Society and has pastoral responsibilities for areas of Mission in Nigeria, (Gombe, Bauchi State & Lafia, Nasarawa State) and Liberia (within the Archdiocese of Monrovia). The charity also has responsibilities within the Catholic Church in England and Wales and Scotland.

#### **Relationships with related parties**

##### **SMA Polish District in Formation**

The SMA Polish District in Formation are another unit of the International Group that the charity are a part of.

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### ***Major risks and management of those risks***

###### ***General Risk Policy***

The Trustees regularly review all areas of the Charities activities, including personnel and employment legislation, health and safety, operational matters and funding.

The Trustees utilise the services of outside consults wherever necessary.

Major risks have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

##### **Objectives and activities**

###### ***Objects and aims***

The objectives and aims of the charity continue to be to benefit the public with the advancement of religious and charitable works in connection with the Roman Catholic religion.

The Charity's aim is to be an effective response to the missionary vocation of the Church, chiefly in Africa and among the people of African origin. Africa for the SMA is the continent where we find a welcome, an openness to receiving God's Word, and a motivation that inspires our missionaries to spend and give their lives.

The SMA priests and lay missionaries are involved in many projects in the fields of:

- pastoral work
- education
- health care
- community development projects
- peace and reconciliation initiatives
- inter-religious dialogue

The charities future aims remain consistent with past aims, being the advancement of religious and charitable works in connection with the Roman Catholic religion in the UK and Africa

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### ***Objectives, strategies and activities***

In all ministries in Africa and the United Kingdom the charity provides for the Spiritual and Material wellbeing of those entrusted to its care.

In Africa the charity actively advances the growth of the Catholic Church on that continent and participates in the social development services the Church provides.

In the United Kingdom the charity animates the Catholic population and others in the service of the peoples of the developing world. In addition, it provides support for parishes by providing clergy for short-term supply. The Society also lends its particular missionary charism while offering spiritual guidance and retreats.

These two dimensions of the Society's ministry are combined in facilitating the transmission of aid and support from Church members in the United Kingdom to those in need of support in Africa.

To its permanent members the Society offers assistance for their moral and spiritual growth.

The trustees continue to review the Society's operation and activities.

##### ***Public benefit***

The Charity activities include providing support and assistance in many different ways for the public benefit. The Trustees ensure they continue to carry out the charities objectives for the public benefit and that their activities beneficially impact on society. All of the Charities activities have a beneficial impact on society. In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### **Achievements and performance**

In addition to providing funds for the developing units within the Society during the year under review, the charity has continued to provide substantial financial support for projects in Liberia West Africa, support to a number of African Diocese as well as parishes staffed by provincial personnel in Nigeria. The Charity also funds the Society's ministry and mission within Britain.

The charity maintains appropriate living facilities for Society members in the United Kingdom.

The Charity facilitates the postgraduate training of society members and clergy of African Diocese with which it is associated.

At any time, the Society in Britain may be asked to fund major projects such as the building of churches, schools, and clinics, the provision of water and electricity for churches and communities, and assistance for refugees. The charity continually assists in minor projects such as the provision of school fees for children from poor families in Africa, provision of motor vehicles for Society personnel in connection with their ministry, language translation projects, and the provision of church equipment. As well as maintaining its own personnel in their ministry, the charity contributed £368,532 (2023 - £361,320) for projects at home and overseas from unrestricted funds and £119,997 (2023 - £116,648) from restricted funds.

##### **Fundraising Practices**

The fundraising approach of the Charity is by a direct mailing to previous donors who have expressed a desire to be in touch with Society. This is done by the Society itself.

The Society is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. There are no failings to report for the period.

Apart from the three annual mailings inviting a response, there is no follow-up or any other form of contact that might be perceived as applying pressure on donors into making a response.

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### **Investment Performance**

The trustees hold investments with Castlefield and Coutts with a view to receiving income and capital growth. Investment performance is monitored by the trustees who receive regular reports from the investment managers.

The investments are held for the medium to longer term and are reviewed regularly. The listed investments have continued growth inline with general market conditions with an increased profit 2023 in 2024. It is the decision of the trustees to leave funds under the guidance or the investment managers.

##### **Financial review**

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 13.

Total incoming resources amounted to £1,113,335 (2023: £1,195,379) with unrestricted income of £1,001,615 (2023: 1,073,519) and restricted income of £111,720 (2023 - £121,860).

Most of the funds in the charity are raised through donations and trading fundraising activities that include a lottery, Holy Souls Novena, Christmas Mass Remembrance operated by the charity.

Total resources expended amounted to £1,364,310 (2023 - £1,298,879). Unrestricted expenditure amounted to £1,244,313 (2023 - £1,182,231) and restricted expenditure £119,997 (2023 - £116,648).

The investment portfolio increased during the period by £709,701 (2023 - £161,090).

The total net result for the year was a surplus of £38,837 (2023 - £ 112,286).

Total retained funds carried forward at the end of the year amounted to £12,228,089 (2023 - £12,189,252) with unrestricted funds of £12,138,913 (2023 - £12,091,478) and restricted funds of £89,176 (2023 - £97,774).

##### ***Principal funding sources***

The principle funding sources are donations and legacies received from individuals and investment income. During the year income commenced from the provision of pastoral services.

##### ***Investment policy and objectives***

The trust deed authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity.

The Investment managers meet regularly with the trustees to invest in a portfolio, which is complementary to the aims of the Society. Performance in the current year has seen the portfolio increase in value. The Trustees monitor the performance of the Investment Managers on a regular basis.

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***Policy on reserves***

The Trustees objective is to maintain a level of reserves, which ensures that after meeting current commitments, the Charity will have sufficient income to fund its ongoing work for the next 18 to 24 months, and provide a secure foundation for the future.

The Trustees acknowledge the need for a retirement provision for the members of the British Province, for whom no externally funded pension provision has ever been made. The ongoing funding is met from current income, however, the trustees intend to provide sufficient reserves to ensure that all members will be provided for in retirement, irrespective of the charities other income.

In light of the difficulties and challenges faced by the global financial sector the Trustees annually examine their policy towards reserves.

The Trustees distinguish between reserves generated from annual surpluses and those from capital gains and sale of property. In respect of annual surpluses, the Trust will continue to apply these to the furtherance of the aims and development of the Society of African Missions both in Britain and internationally while retaining sufficient reserves for the British Provinces own needs. This the Trustees regard as their "short term policy".

The Trustees agree that the funds so far generated should therefore be held primarily to sustain the future of the Society in Britain. Secondly they should be used to assist the funding of the Society internationally in its capital outlays. This the Trustees regard as their "Long Term Strategy".

The total unrestricted reserves held at the 31st December were £12,138,913 (2023: £12,091,478). Of the unrestricted funds, amounts have been designated for specific purposes. The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priest's medical expenses and retirement costs. The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the Charities properties. Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally. All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The total restricted funds at the 31st December were £89,176 (2023: £97,774). The restricted funds are donations received for specific overseas projects.

**Going concern**

The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern. The charity has recourse to cash reserves where necessary and the trustees look to a reduction in spending where possible. Operations are able to continue with members of the religious order who volunteer and assist with our promotional work.

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**Financial instruments**

***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

***Cash flow risk***

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

***Credit risk***

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash and investments. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties.

***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term investment options.

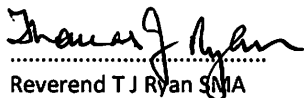
**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

**Reappointment of auditor**

The auditors The Moffatts Partnership LLP are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 4 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend T J Ryan S.M.A.  
Trustee

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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

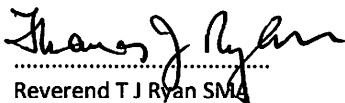
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 4 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
Trustee

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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements 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 original financial statements were 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.

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**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 our 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 where the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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.

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##### **Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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.

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principle risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included Charities Commission, employment law and health and safety.

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 financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charities legal advisors.

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 key management and the trustees and from our knowledge and experience of the sector, we assessed the extent of compliance and the audit team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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

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

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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 journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The test nature and other inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of any accounting and internal control systems, mean that there is an unavoidable risk that even some material misstatements in respect of irregularities may remain undiscovered even though the audit is properly planned in accordance with ISAs (UK).

We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements.

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.

Our examination should therefore not be relied upon to disclose all such material misstatements or frauds, errors or instances of non-compliance that might exist. The responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the company and or the prevention and detection of fraud, error and non-compliance with law or regulations rests with the directors.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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4 September 2025

The Moffatts Partnership LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies		759,807	111,720	871,527	897,828
Charitable activities		15,600	-	15,600	15,600
Other trading activities		31,764	-	31,764	35,941
Investment income	5	193,597	-	193,597	170,298
Other income		847	-	847	75,712
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,001,615</u>	<u>111,720</u>	<u>1,113,335</u>	<u>1,195,379</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds		(39,419)	-	(39,419)	(38,008)
Charitable activities		(1,204,892)	(119,997)	(1,324,889)	(1,260,871)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>(1,244,311)</u>	<u>(119,997)</u>	<u>(1,364,308)</u>	<u>(1,298,879)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		282,584	-	282,584	223,153
Net income/(expenditure)		39,888	(8,277)	31,611	119,653
Gross transfers between funds		321	(321)	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Other gains/losses		7,228	-	7,228	(7,367)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		47,437	(8,598)	38,839	112,286
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>12,091,478</u>	<u>97,774</u>	<u>12,189,252</u>	<u>12,076,966</u>
Total funds carried forward	22	<u>12,138,915</u>	<u>89,176</u>	<u>12,228,091</u>	<u>12,189,252</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 22.

The notes on pages 18 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

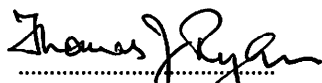
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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	15	2,934,201	3,013,275
Investments	16	<u>7,537,320</u>	<u>6,827,619</u>
		<u>10,471,521</u>	<u>9,840,894</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	17	129,235	178,383
Debtors	18	137,257	111,789
Investments	19	40,000	790,560
Cash at bank and in hand	20	<u>1,626,579</u>	<u>1,504,788</u>
		1,933,071	2,585,520
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	<u>(176,501)</u>	<u>(237,162)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,756,570</u>	<u>2,348,358</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>12,228,091</u>	<u>12,189,252</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			
Restricted funds	22	89,176	97,774
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>12,138,915</u>	<u>12,091,478</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	22	<u>12,228,091</u>	<u>12,189,252</u>

The financial statements on pages 15 to 34 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 4 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
 Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income		38,837	112,286
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation		79,560	79,089
Investment income		(193,597)	(170,298)
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	(1,147)
Profit on disposal of investments		(639,673)	(125,898)
Revaluation of investments		357,089	(97,255)
		<u>(357,784)</u>	<u>(203,223)</u>
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
Decrease in stocks	17	49,148	11,132
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	18	(25,468)	73,311
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	21	(60,661)	20,125
Decrease in provisions		-	(74,085)
		<u>-</u>	<u>(74,085)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(394,765)</u>	<u>(172,740)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		36,347	25,609
Acquisitions of tangible assets		(486)	(57,960)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets		-	1,800
Acquisitions of investments		228,154	(2,375,136)
Proceeds from sale of investments		95,291	2,437,199
Dividend income		157,250	144,689
Receipts from the repayment of loans to other entities		-	74,085
		<u>-</u>	<u>74,085</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>516,556</u>	<u>250,286</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		121,791	77,546
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>1,504,788</u>	<u>1,427,242</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u>1,626,579</u>	<u>1,504,788</u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 18 to 34 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

##### **1 Accounting policies**

###### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

###### **Basis of preparation**

Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) 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.

###### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

###### **Judgements**

The trustees have not made any judgements in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

###### **Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

###### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Sources of income are as follows;

###### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations consist of cash and direct debits paid directly to the Society of African Missions, donations made in churches via Mass, Christmas and Novena cards. Legacies are received via solicitors following the terms of the will from which the legacy has been bequeathed.

###### ***Gift aid***

Claims made to HMRC when conditions are met by Donors

###### ***Other trading activities***

Income from other trading activities relates to lottery income and is recognised on a receivable basis.

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***Investment income***

Dividend income from investments held is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the dividends paid by the investment companies. 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.

***Charitable activities***

Income from the provision of pastoral care is related to the provision of parish priests to Catholic Diocese for agreed religious services

***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

***Tangible fixed assets***

Individual fixed assets costing £50.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Properties are included in the balance sheet at original cost, plus additions in respect of major repairs and renovations, depreciation is provided on the book cost less an amount attributed to the cost of the land.

The market value of the properties is considered to be substantially in excess of the book value.

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##### **Heritage assets**

Individual works of art, treasures and plate are not capitalised as they are regarded as heritage assets which are held in a manner consistent with the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith, have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely.

Works of art, treasures and plate are not capitalised in these accounts. They are considered to be heritage assets for the purposes of the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The assets are integral to the Charity's overall objective of advancing the Catholic religion. They all have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The Trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

##### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Land and Buildings	2% reducing balance basis
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	20% reducing balance basis

##### **Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

##### **Current asset investments**

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit with a maturity of greater than twelve months.

##### **Stock**

Stock is included at cost value. Although the stock is not sold, it is used to facilitate donations which are in excess of the cost. Therefore, the cost is considered the correct method of valuation.

##### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of twelve months or less.

**Trade creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Foreign exchange**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

**Financial instruments**

***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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**Recognition and measurement**

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

**2 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	650,512	111,720	762,232	763,889
Legacies	60,492	-	60,492	81,330
Gift aid reclaimed	48,803	-	48,803	52,609
	<u>759,807</u>	<u>111,720</u>	<u>871,527</u>	<u>897,828</u>

**3 Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Income from the provision of pastoral care	<u>15,600</u>	<u>15,600</u>	<u>15,600</u>

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**4 Income from other trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Lotteries and competitions income	31,764	31,764	35,941
	<u>31,764</u>	<u>31,764</u>	<u>35,941</u>

**5 Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
	<b>Designated £</b>	<b>General £</b>		
Income from dividends;				
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	42,349	114,901	157,250	144,689
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	36,347	36,347	25,609
	<u>42,349</u>	<u>151,248</u>	<u>193,597</u>	<u>170,298</u>

**6 Other income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Other income	847	847	74,565
Gains on sale of tangible fixed assets for charity's own use	-	-	1,147
	<u>847</u>	<u>847</u>	<u>75,712</u>

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**7 Expenditure on raising funds**

**a) Costs of trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Lotteries and competitions	<u>4,332</u>	<u>4,332</u>	<u>4,809</u>
	<u>4,332</u>	<u>4,332</u>	<u>4,809</u>

**b) Investment management costs**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
	<b>Designated £</b>	<b>General £</b>		
Amounts payable to investment managers	<u>9,123</u>	<u>25,964</u>	<u>35,087</u>	<u>33,199</u>

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**8 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Costs of Masses & Mass Cards	49,149	-	49,149	39,957
Costs of Community Accommodation	215,953	-	215,953	166,618
Provincial Costs	168,392	-	168,392	182,401
Charitable Distributions	368,532	119,997	488,529	477,963
Stationery & Postages	132,954	-	132,954	132,085
Costs of Mission News	15,480	-	15,480	15,060
Staff Costs	151,410	-	151,410	140,189
Depreciation of tangible assets	79,560	-	79,560	79,089
Bank Charges	4,084	-	4,084	5,038
Governance costs	19,380	-	19,380	22,471
	<u>1,204,894</u>	<u>119,997</u>	<u>1,324,891</u>	<u>1,260,871</u>

£1,204,894 (2023 - £1,144,223) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £119,997 (2023 - £116,648) to restricted funds.

Included in the expenditure analysed above, there are governance costs of £19,380 (2023 - £22,471) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

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**9 Analysis of governance and support costs**

**Governance costs**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	17,130	17,130	14,430
Other fees paid to auditors	2,460	2,460	2,370
Legal fees	(210)	(210)	5,671
	<u>19,380</u>	<u>19,380</u>	<u>22,471</u>

**10 Net incoming/outgoing resources**

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Audit fees	17,130	14,430
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>79,560</u>	<u>79,089</u>

**11 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

**Reverend T J Ryan SMA**

£13,526 (2023: £13,861) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend T J Ryan SMA during the year.

**Reverend R Morland SMA**

£3,661 (2023: £3,509) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend R Morland SMA during the year.

The trustees of the charity are all ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Church. It is their vocation to fulfil the aims of the charity and as such they reside in premises owned by it. The charity meets the living expenses and covers all costs incurred by the trustees and other members on the furtherance of its aims. None of the trustees receive a salary.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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**12 Staff costs**

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	147,380	136,886
Pension costs	<u>4,029</u>	<u>3,303</u>
	<u><u>151,409</u></u>	<u><u>140,189</u></u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Charitable Activities	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>

6 (2023 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £4,029 (2023 - £3,303).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

**13 Auditors' remuneration**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit of the financial statements	<u>17,130</u>	<u>14,430</u>
<b>Other fees to auditors</b>		
All other non-audit services	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,370</u>

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**14 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**15 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Land and buildings £</b>	<b>Furniture and equipment £</b>	<b>Motor vehicles £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2024	3,725,062	102,669	164,591	83,959	4,076,281
Additions	-	-	-	486	486
At 31 December 2024	<u>3,725,062</u>	<u>102,669</u>	<u>164,591</u>	<u>84,445</u>	<u>4,076,767</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2024	798,544	88,738	98,886	76,838	1,063,006
Charge for the year	<u>58,449</u>	<u>2,785</u>	<u>16,425</u>	<u>1,901</u>	<u>79,560</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>856,993</u>	<u>91,523</u>	<u>115,311</u>	<u>78,739</u>	<u>1,142,566</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,868,069</u>	<u>11,146</u>	<u>49,280</u>	<u>5,706</u>	<u>2,934,201</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,926,518</u>	<u>13,931</u>	<u>65,705</u>	<u>7,121</u>	<u>3,013,275</u>

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**16 Fixed asset investments**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other investments	<u>7,537,320</u>	<u>6,827,619</u>

**Other investments**

	<b>Listed investments £</b>	<b>Cash deposits £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>			
At 1 January 2024	6,790,485	37,133	6,827,618
Revaluation	(357,089)	-	(357,089)
Additions	7,780,259	(8,008,413)	(228,154)
Disposals	(7,357,703)	8,012,975	655,272
Realised gains	<u>639,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>639,673</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>7,495,625</u>	<u>41,695</u>	<u>7,537,320</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2024	<u>7,495,625</u>	<u>41,695</u>	<u>7,537,320</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>6,790,485</u>	<u>37,133</u>	<u>6,827,618</u>

**17 Stock**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	<u>129,235</u>	<u>178,383</u>

The cost of stock recognised as an expense in the year amounted to £49,149 (2023 - £39,957).

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**18 Debtors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	18	18
Prepayments	37,638	37,246
Accrued income	44,026	72,042
Other debtors	55,575	2,483
	<u>137,257</u>	<u>111,789</u>

**19 Current asset investments**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash deposits	<u>40,000</u>	<u>790,560</u>

**20 Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash on hand	2,012	7,814
Cash at bank	<u>1,624,567</u>	<u>1,496,974</u>
	<u>1,626,579</u>	<u>1,504,788</u>

**21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	11,766	39,377
Other taxation and social security	2,211	1,384
Other creditors	133,921	169,253
Pension scheme creditor	368	-
Accruals	<u>28,235</u>	<u>27,148</u>
	<u>176,501</u>	<u>237,162</u>

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**22 Funds**

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
<i>General</i>						
Unrestricted Income Fund	10,044,739	961,244	(1,235,387)	321	216,340	9,987,257
<i>Designated</i>						
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,746,739	40,371	(8,926)	-	73,474	1,851,658
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>2,046,739</u>	<u>40,371</u>	<u>(8,926)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,474</u>	<u>2,151,658</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	12,091,478	1,001,615	(1,244,313)	321	289,814	12,138,915
<b>Restricted funds</b>						
International Projects	<u>97,774</u>	<u>111,720</u>	<u>(119,997)</u>	<u>(321)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,176</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>12,189,252</u>	<u>1,113,335</u>	<u>(1,364,310)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>289,814</u>	<u>12,228,091</u>

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	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Income Fund	10,024,859	1,035,675	(1,173,562)	157,767	10,044,739
<i>Designated</i>					
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,659,545	37,844	(8,669)	58,019	1,746,739
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>1,959,545</u>	<u>37,844</u>	<u>(8,669)</u>	<u>58,019</u>	<u>2,046,739</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	11,984,404	1,073,519	(1,182,231)	215,786	12,091,478
<b>Restricted</b>					
International Projects	<u>92,562</u>	<u>121,860</u>	<u>(116,648)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,774</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>12,076,966</u>	<u>1,195,379</u>	<u>(1,298,879)</u>	<u>215,786</u>	<u>12,189,252</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priests' medical expenses and retirement costs.

The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the charities properties.

Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally.

All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The International Projects fund is made up of donations received for specific projects and these funds are restricted to that purpose.

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**23 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2024
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	2,934,201	-	-	2,934,201
Fixed asset investments	5,685,664	1,851,656	-	7,537,320
Current assets	1,543,895	300,000	89,176	1,933,071
Current liabilities	(176,501)	-	-	(176,501)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>9,987,259</b>	<b>2,151,656</b>	<b>89,176</b>	<b>12,228,091</b>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2023
	General	Designated		
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	3,013,275	-	-	3,013,275
Fixed asset investments	5,080,880	1,746,739	-	6,827,619
Current assets	2,187,746	300,000	97,774	2,585,520
Current liabilities	(237,162)	-	-	(237,162)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>10,044,739</b>	<b>2,046,739</b>	<b>97,774</b>	<b>12,189,252</b>

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**24 Analysis of net funds**

	<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	<b>Financing cash flows</b>	<b>Exchange movement</b>	<b>At 31 December 2024</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,504,788	114,563	7,228	1,626,579
Current asset investments	790,560	(750,560)	-	40,000
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>2,295,348</b>	<b>(635,997)</b>	<b>7,228</b>	<b>1,666,579</b>

	<b>At 1 January 2023</b>	<b>Financing cash flows</b>	<b>Exchange movement</b>	<b>At 31 December 2023</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,427,242	84,913	(7,367)	1,504,788
Current asset investments	790,560	-	-	790,560
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>2,217,802</b>	<b>84,913</b>	<b>(7,367)</b>	<b>2,295,348</b>

**25 Related party transactions**

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

**SMA Poland**

(SMA Poland is another province of the international order that the UK charity is a part of)

In 2017, the charity gave a loan of €250,000 to assist them with the construction of a missionary animation and promotion centre in Warsaw. At the balance sheet date the amount due from SMA Poland was £151,873 (2023 - £151,873). The provision for doubtful debts from the related parties at the balance sheet date was £151,873 (2023 - £151,873).

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 232541

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**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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## **Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions**

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#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Reverend T J Ryan SMA Reverend D A McCaul SMA Reverend R Morland SMA
<b>Principal Office</b>	378 Upper Brook Street Manchester M13 0EP
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	232541
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<b>Bankers</b>	Royal Bank of Scotland plc St Anne's Square Manchester M2 7LG
<b>Investment Advisors</b>	Castlefield Partners 111 Piccadilly Manchester M1 2HY Coutts & Co 1st Floor, 1 Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP
<b>Personnel &amp; Human Resources</b>	Direct Law & Personnel Ltd Southerly 7, Waterfold Park Bury BL9 7BR

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**Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Structure, governance and management**

***Nature of governing document***

The charity is an unincorporated body governed by its Trustees under a deed of Trust dated 7th September 1963.

***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The Superior of the "Society of African Missions" has the power under the trust deed of the charity to appoint and remove trustees. The Trustees of the society are chosen according to their experience of the Trust Ministry and of its need to function according to law.

***Induction and training of trustees***

The Trustees keep themselves informed of new developments relating to the Trust and when necessary, meet to be briefed on particular issues by their advisors. The Trustees, in the past attended seminars on matters relevant to the Trust and to the Society's ministry.

Recognising the need for expertise, the Trustees have engaged professional advisors in the areas of finance, investment, insurance, law and protection of minors and vulnerable adults. Experts in Church law are made available through the Society's international dimension.

In major decisions regarding the assets of the trust, the trustees seek the advice of their Professional Advisors.

***Organisational structure***

The Charity is administered on behalf of the trustees by the Provincial Superior of the British Province of the Society of African Missions in accordance with the constitutions of the Society.

The Charity is part of a wider Society of African Missions which is an international group of priests and brothers with its headquarters at Via della Nocetta 111 Rome, Italy (The Generalate) and numbers in excess of 757 members. The internal organisation of the Society is that of fifteen autonomous Provinces, eight districts and four Delegations. Members of the Society are on mission in sixteen African countries and are present in nine European countries, India, The Philippines, United States of America and Canada.

The Charity is the British Province of the International Society and has pastoral responsibilities for areas of Mission in Nigeria, (Gombe, Bauchi State & Lafia, Nasarawa State) and Liberia (within the Archdiocese of Monrovia). The charity also has responsibilities within the Catholic Church in England and Wales and Scotland.

**Relationships with related parties**

**SMA Polish District in Formation**

The SMA Polish District in Formation are another unit of the International Group that the charity are a part of.

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**Trustees' Report**

***Major risks and management of those risks***

***General Risk Policy***

The Trustees regularly review all areas of the Charities activities, including personnel and employment legislation, health and safety, operational matters and funding.

The Trustees utilise the services of outside consults wherever necessary.

Major risks have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

***Objectives and activities***

***Objects and aims***

The objectives and aims of the charity continue to be to benefit the public with the advancement of religious and charitable works in connection with the Roman Catholic religion.

The Charity's aim is to be an effective response to the missionary vocation of the Church, chiefly in Africa and among the people of African origin. Africa for the SMA is the continent where we find a welcome, an openness to receiving God's Word, and a motivation that inspires our missionaries to spend and give their lives.

The SMA priests and lay missionaries are involved in many projects in the fields of:

- pastoral work
- education
- health care
- community development projects
- peace and reconciliation initiatives
- inter-religious dialogue

***Objectives, strategies and activities***

In all ministries in Africa and the United Kingdom the charity provides for the Spiritual and Material wellbeing of those entrusted to its care.

In Africa the charity actively advances the growth of the Catholic Church on that continent and participates in the social development services the Church provides.

In the United Kingdom the charity animates the Catholic population and others in the service of the peoples of the developing world. In addition, it provides support for parishes by providing clergy for short-term supply. The Society also lends its particular missionary charism while offering spiritual guidance and retreats.

These two dimensions of the Society's ministry are combined in facilitating the transmission of aid and support from Church members in the United Kingdom to those in need of support in Africa.

To its permanent members the Society offers assistance for their moral and spiritual growth.

The trustees continue to review the Society's operation and activities.

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### ***Public benefit***

The Charity activities include providing support and assistance in many different ways for the public benefit. The Trustees ensure they continue to carry out the charities objectives for the public benefit and that their activities beneficially impact on society. All of the Charities activities have a beneficial impact on society. In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

##### **Achievements and performance**

In addition to providing funds for the developing units within the Society during the year under review, the charity has continued to provide substantial financial support for projects in Liberia West Africa, support to a number of African Diocese as well as parishes staffed by provincial personnel in Nigeria. The Charity also funds the Society's ministry and mission within Britain.

The charity maintains appropriate living facilities for Society members in the United Kingdom.

The Charity facilitates the postgraduate training of society members and clergy of African Diocese with which it is associated.

At any time, the Society in Britain may be asked to fund major projects such as the building of churches, schools, and clinics, the provision of water and electricity for churches and communities, and assistance for refugees. The charity continually assists in minor projects such as the provision of school fees for children from poor families in Africa, provision of motor vehicles for Society personnel in connection with their ministry, language translation projects, and the provision of church equipment. As well as maintaining its own personnel in their ministry, the charity contributed £361,320 (2022 - £441,650) for projects at home and overseas from unrestricted funds and £116,648 (2022 - £119,243) from restricted funds.

##### **Fundraising Practices**

The fundraising approach of the Charity is by a direct mailing to previous donors who have expressed a desire to bein touch with Society. This is done by the Society itself.

The Society is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. There are no failings to report for the period.

Apart from the three annual mailings inviting a response, there is no follow-up or any other form of contact that might be perceived as applying pressure on donors into making a response.

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### **Investment Performance**

The trustees hold investments with Castlefield and Coutts with a view to receiving income and capital growth. Investment performance is monitored by the trustees who receive regular reports from the investment managers.

The investments are held for the medium to longer term and are reviewed regularly. The listed investments have recovered in line with general market conditions from a small loss in 2022 to a profit in 2023. It is the decision of the trustees to leave funds under the guidance of the investment managers.

##### **Financial review**

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 14.

Total incoming resources amounted to £1,195,379 (2022: £1,233,453) with unrestricted income of £1,073,519 (2022: £1,140,492) and restricted income of £121,860 (2022 - £92,961).

Most of the funds in the charity are raised through donations and trading fundraising activities that include lottery, Holy Souls Novena, Christmas Mass Remembrance operated by the charity.

Total resources expended amounted to £1,298,879 (2022 - £1,412,692). Unrestricted expenditure amounted to £1,182,231 (2022 - £1,293,449) and restricted expenditure £116,648 (2022 - £119,243).

The investment portfolio increased during the period by £161,090 (2022 - decreased ££1,341,414). The total net result for the year was a (deficit) / surplus of £112,286 (2022 - £ (1,467,724)).

Total retained funds carried forward at the end of the year amounted to £12,189,252 (2022 - £12,076,966) with unrestricted funds of £12,091,478 (2022 - £11,984,404) and restricted funds of £97,774 (2022 - £92,562).

Within unrestricted reserves, the Trustees assess their free reserves to be £2,072,201 (2022 - £2,093,213). These are set at a level to withstand and mitigate any short term financial risks.

##### ***Principal funding sources***

The principle funding sources are donations and legacies received from individuals and investment income. During the year income commenced from the provision of pastoral services.

##### ***Investment policy and objectives***

The trust deed authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity.

The Investment managers meet regularly with the trustees to invest in a portfolio, which is complementary to the aims of the Society. Performance in the current year has seen the portfolio increase in value. The Trustees monitor the performance of the Investment Managers on a regular basis.

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##### ***Policy on reserves***

The Trustees objective is to maintain a level of reserves, which ensures that after meeting current commitments, the Charity will have sufficient income to fund its ongoing work for the next 18 to 24 months, and provide a secure foundation for the future.

The Trustees acknowledge the need for a retirement provision for the members of the British Province, for whom no externally funded pension provision has ever been made. The ongoing funding is met from current income, however, the trustees intend to provide sufficient reserves to ensure that all members will be provided for in retirement, irrespective of the charities other income.

In light of the difficulties and challenges faced by the global financial sector the Trustees annually examine their policy towards reserves.

The Trustees distinguish between reserves generated from annual surpluses and those from capital gains and sale of property. In respect of annual surpluses, the Trust will continue to apply these to the furtherance of the aims and development of the Society of African Missions both in Britain and internationally while retaining sufficient reserves for the British Provinces own needs. This the Trustees regard as their "short term policy".

The Trustees agree that the funds so far generated should therefore be held primarily to sustain the future of the Society in Britain. Secondly they should be used to assist the funding of the Society internationally in its capital outlays. This the Trustees regard as their "Long Term Strategy".

The total unrestricted reserves held at the 31st December were £12,091,478 (2022: £11,984,404). Of the unrestricted funds, amounts have been designated for specific purposes. The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priest's medical expenses and retirement costs. The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the Charities properties. Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally. All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The total restricted funds at the 31st December were £97,774 (2022: £92,562). The restricted funds are donations received for specific overseas projects.

##### **Plans for future periods**

###### ***Aims and key objectives for future periods***

The society plans to continue carrying out the aims and objectives of the charity.

In addition, the charity aims to increase its presence in the UK through parish ministry. Priests of the Society have been asked to minister in a parish on behalf of a UK Diocese and a second parish is being sought.

The society is also looking for additional priest members of the Society of African Missions to join their Appeals Team.

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**Going concern**

The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern. The charity has recourse to cash reserves where necessary and the trustees look to a reduction in spending where possible. Operations are able to continue with members of the religious order who volunteer and assist with our promotional work.

**Financial instruments**

***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

***Cash flow risk***

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

***Credit risk***

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash and investments.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties.

***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term investment options.

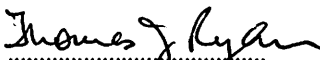
**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

**Reappointment of auditor**

The auditors The Moffatts Partnership LLP are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 31 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
Trustee

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#### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

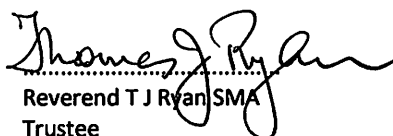
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 31 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
Trustee

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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements 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 original financial statements were 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.

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##### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 our 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 where the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

##### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 8), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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.

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##### **Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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.

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principle risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included Charities Commission, employment law and health and safety.

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 financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charities legal advisors.

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 key management and the trustees and from our knowledge and experience of the sector, we assessed the extent of compliance and the audit team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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

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

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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 journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The test nature and other inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of any accounting and internal control systems, mean that there is an unavoidable risk that even some material misstatements in respect of irregularities may remain undiscovered even though the audit is properly planned in accordance with ISAs (UK).

We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements.

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.

Our examination should therefore not be relied upon to disclose all such material misstatements or frauds, errors or instances of non-compliance that might exist. The responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the company and or the prevention and detection of fraud, error and non-compliance with law or regulations rests with the directors.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in  
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31 May 2024

The Moffatts Partnership LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	775,968	121,860	897,828	985,251
Charitable activities	3	15,600	-	15,600	62,400
Other trading activities	4	35,941	-	35,941	37,980
Investment income	5	170,298	-	170,298	147,822
Other income	6	75,712	-	75,712	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,073,519</b>	<b>121,860</b>	<b>1,195,379</b>	<b>1,233,453</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	38,008	-	38,008	56,084
Charitable activities	8	1,144,223	116,648	1,260,871	1,356,608
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>1,182,231</b>	<b>116,648</b>	<b>1,298,879</b>	<b>1,412,692</b>
Gains/losses on investment assets		223,153	-	223,153	(1,294,961)
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>114,441</b>	<b>5,212</b>	<b>119,653</b>	<b>(1,474,200)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Other gains/losses		(7,367)	-	(7,367)	6,476
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>107,074</b>	<b>5,212</b>	<b>112,286</b>	<b>(1,467,724)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		11,984,404	92,562	12,076,966	13,544,690
Total funds carried forward	22	12,091,478	97,774	12,189,252	12,076,966

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 22.

The notes on pages 17 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	15	3,013,275	3,035,057
Investments	16	<u>6,827,619</u>	<u>6,666,529</u>
		<u>9,840,894</u>	<u>9,701,586</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	17	178,383	189,515
Debtors	18	111,789	185,100
Investments	19	790,560	790,561
Cash at bank and in hand	20	<u>1,504,788</u>	<u>1,427,242</u>
		2,585,520	2,592,418
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	<u>(237,162)</u>	<u>(217,038)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>2,348,358</u>	<u>2,375,380</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>12,189,252</u>	<u>12,076,966</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>		97,774	92,562
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted income funds		<u>12,091,478</u>	<u>11,984,404</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	22	<u>12,189,252</u>	<u>12,076,966</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 33 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 31 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
 Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		112,286	(1,467,724)
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation		79,089	76,344
Investment income		(170,298)	(147,822)
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets		(1,147)	(386)
Profit on disposal of investments		(123,948)	(299,725)
Revaluation of investments		<u>(99,205)</u>	<u>1,594,686</u>
		<u>(203,223)</u>	<u>(244,627)</u>
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	17	11,132	(60,036)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	18	73,311	(107,287)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	21	20,125	(11,573)
Decrease in provisions		<u>(74,085)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(172,740)</u>	<u>(423,523)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		25,609	4,983
Acquisitions of tangible assets		(57,960)	(6,115)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets		1,800	243
Acquisitions of investments		(2,375,136)	(5,578,157)
Proceeds from sale of investments		2,437,199	5,624,610
Dividend income		144,689	142,839
Receipts from the repayment of loans to other entities		<u>74,085</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>250,286</u>	<u>188,403</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		77,546	(235,120)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>1,427,242</u>	<u>1,662,362</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u><u>1,504,788</u></u>	<u><u>1,427,242</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

**1 Accounting policies**

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of preparation**

Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) 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.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Reclassification of comparative amounts**

The charity has received donations from donors specifically to be passed on to a member of the Society of African Missions based overseas for their own overseas projects. The amounts received for these projects should be recognised as restricted funds. It has been determined that some amounts received in the prior period had been treated as unrestricted income. Comparative amounts have been reclassified to reflect the correct treatment.

**Judgements**

The trustees have not made any judgements in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

**Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

***Donations and legacies***

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

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***Other trading activities***

Income from other trading activities relates to lottery income and is recognised on a receivable basis.

***Investment income***

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.

***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

***Tangible fixed assets***

Individual fixed assets costing £50.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Properties are included in the balance sheet at original cost, plus additions in respect of major repairs and renovations, depreciation is provided on the book cost less an amount attributed to the cost of the land.

The market value of the properties is considered to be substantially in excess of the book value.

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**Heritage assets**

Individual works of art, treasures and plate are not capitalised as they are regarded as heritage assets which are held in a manner consistent with the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith, have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely.

Works of art, treasures and plate are not capitalised in these accounts. They are considered to be heritage assets for the purposes of the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The assets are integral to the Charity's overall objective of advancing the Catholic religion. They all have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The Trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

**Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Land and Buildings	2% reducing balance basis
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	20% reducing balance basis

**Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

**Current asset investments**

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit with a maturity of greater than twelve months.

**Stock**

Stock is included at cost value. Although the stock is not sold, it is used to facilitate donations which are in excess of the cost. Therefore, the cost is considered the correct method of valuation.

**Trade debtors**

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of twelve months or less.

**Trade creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Foreign exchange**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

**Financial instruments**

***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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##### **Recognition and measurement**

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### **2 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	651,348	112,541	763,889	772,735
Legacies	81,330	-	81,330	169,806
Gift aid reclaimed	43,290	9,319	52,609	42,710
	<u>775,968</u>	<u>121,860</u>	<u>897,828</u>	<u>985,251</u>

##### **3 Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Income from the provision of pastoral care	<u>15,600</u>	<u>15,600</u>	<u>62,400</u>

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**4 Income from other trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Lotteries and competitions income	35,941	35,941	37,980
	<u>35,941</u>	<u>35,941</u>	<u>37,980</u>

**5 Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
	<b>Designated £</b>	<b>General £</b>		
Income from dividends;				
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	37,844	106,845	144,689	142,839
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	25,609	25,609	4,983
	<u>37,844</u>	<u>132,454</u>	<u>170,298</u>	<u>147,822</u>

**6 Other income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
Other income	74,565	74,565
Gains on sale of tangible fixed assets for charity's own use	1,147	1,147
	<u>75,712</u>	<u>75,712</u>

Other income relates to the release of a previous bad debt provision.

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**7 Expenditure on raising funds**

**a) Costs of trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Lotteries and competitions	<u>4,809</u>	<u>4,809</u>	<u>21,964</u>
	<u><u>4,809</u></u>	<u><u>4,809</u></u>	<u><u>21,964</u></u>

**b) Investment management costs**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
	<b>Designated £</b>	<b>General £</b>		
Amounts payable to investment managers	<u>8,669</u>	<u>24,530</u>	<u>33,199</u>	<u>34,120</u>

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**8 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Costs of Masses & Mass Cards	39,957	-	39,957	39,369
Costs of Community Accommodation	165,541	1,077	166,618	163,264
Provincial Costs	182,401	-	182,401	226,248
Charitable Distributions	362,392	115,571	477,963	560,893
Stationery & Postages	132,085	-	132,085	114,297
Costs of Mission News	15,060	-	15,060	16,043
Staff Costs	140,189	-	140,189	138,075
Depreciation of tangible assets	79,089	-	79,089	76,344
Bank Charges	5,038	-	5,038	5,839
Loss on disposal of assets	-	-	-	386
Governance costs	22,471	-	22,471	15,850
	<u>1,144,223</u>	<u>116,648</u>	<u>1,260,871</u>	<u>1,356,608</u>

£1,144,223 (2022 - £1,237,365) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £116,648 (2022 - £119,243) to restricted funds.

Included in the expenditure analysed above, there are governance costs of £22,471 (2022 - £15,850) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

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**9 Analysis of governance and support costs**

**Governance costs**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	14,430	14,430	14,400
Other fees paid to auditors	2,370	2,370	1,450
Legal fees	5,671	5,671	-
	<u>22,471</u>	<u>22,471</u>	<u>15,850</u>

**10 Net incoming/outgoing resources**

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit fees	14,430	14,400
Loss on disposal of fixed assets held for the charity's own use	-	386
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>79,089</u>	<u>76,344</u>

**11 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

**Reverend T J Ryan SMA**

£13,861 (2022: £12,663) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend T J Ryan SMA during the year.

**Reverend R Morland SMA**

£3,509 (2022: £4,811) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend R Morland SMA during the year.

The trustees of the charity are all ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Church. It is their vocation to fulfil the aims of the charity and as such they reside in premises owned by it. The charity meets the living expenses and covers all costs incurred by the trustees and other members on the furtherance of its aims. None of the trustees receive a salary.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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**12 Staff costs**

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	136,886	134,934
Pension costs	<u>3,303</u>	<u>3,141</u>
	<u><u>140,189</u></u>	<u><u>138,075</u></u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Charitable Activities	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

5 (2022 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £3,303 (2022 - £3,141).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

**13 Auditors' remuneration**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit of the financial statements	<u>14,430</u>	<u>14,400</u>
<b>Other fees to auditors</b>		
All other non-audit services	<u>2,370</u>	<u>1,450</u>

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**14 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**15 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Land and buildings £</b>	<b>Furniture and equipment £</b>	<b>Motor vehicles £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2023	3,725,062	97,266	121,650	83,043	4,027,021
Additions	-	5,403	51,641	916	57,960
Disposals	-	-	(8,700)	-	(8,700)
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>3,725,062</b>	<b>102,669</b>	<b>164,591</b>	<b>83,959</b>	<b>4,076,281</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2023	738,983	86,128	92,203	74,650	991,964
Charge for the year	59,561	2,610	14,730	2,188	79,089
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(8,047)	-	(8,047)
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>798,544</b>	<b>88,738</b>	<b>98,886</b>	<b>76,838</b>	<b>1,063,006</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>2,926,518</b>	<b>13,931</b>	<b>65,705</b>	<b>7,121</b>	<b>3,013,275</b>
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>2,986,079</b>	<b>11,138</b>	<b>29,447</b>	<b>8,393</b>	<b>3,035,057</b>

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**16 Fixed asset investments**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other investments	<u>6,827,619</u>	<u>6,666,529</u>

**Other investments**

	<b>Listed investments £</b>	<b>Cash deposits £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>			
At 1 January 2023	6,612,751	53,778	6,666,529
Revaluation	97,255	-	97,255
Additions	1,091,679	1,283,457	2,375,136
Disposals	(1,137,097)	(1,300,102)	(2,437,199)
Realised gains	<u>125,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,898</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>6,790,486</u>	<u>37,133</u>	<u>6,827,619</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u>6,790,486</u>	<u>37,133</u>	<u>6,827,619</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>6,612,751</u>	<u>53,778</u>	<u>6,666,529</u>

**17 Stock**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	<u>178,383</u>	<u>189,515</u>

The cost of stock recognised as an expense in the year amounted to £39,957 (2022 - £39,368).

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**18 Debtors**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	18	-
Prepayments	37,246	30,953
Accrued income	72,042	152,095
Other debtors	2,483	2,052
	<u>111,789</u>	<u>185,100</u>

**19 Current asset investments**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash deposits	<u>790,560</u>	<u>790,561</u>

**20 Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash on hand	7,814	7,103
Cash at bank	<u>1,496,974</u>	<u>1,420,139</u>
	<u>1,504,788</u>	<u>1,427,242</u>

**21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	39,377	8,463
Other taxation and social security	1,384	358
Other creditors	169,253	172,916
Pension scheme creditor	-	150
Accruals	27,148	35,151
	<u>237,162</u>	<u>217,038</u>

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**22 Funds**

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Income Fund	10,024,859	1,035,675	(1,173,562)	157,767	10,044,739
<i>Designated</i>					
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,659,545	37,844	(8,669)	58,019	1,746,739
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>1,959,545</u>	<u>37,844</u>	<u>(8,669)</u>	<u>58,019</u>	<u>2,046,739</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	11,984,404	1,073,519	(1,182,231)	215,786	12,091,478
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
International Projects	92,562	121,860	(116,648)	-	97,774
	<u>92,562</u>	<u>121,860</u>	<u>(116,648)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,774</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>12,076,966</u>	<u>1,195,379</u>	<u>(1,298,879)</u>	<u>215,786</u>	<u>12,189,252</u>

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	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Income Fund	11,154,201	1,106,094	(1,283,641)	(951,795)	10,024,859
<i>Designated</i>					
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,971,645	34,398	(9,808)	(336,690)	1,659,545
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>2,271,645</u>	<u>34,398</u>	<u>(9,808)</u>	<u>(336,690)</u>	<u>1,959,545</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	13,425,846	1,140,492	(1,293,449)	(1,288,485)	11,984,404
<b>Restricted</b>					
International Projects	<u>118,844</u>	<u>92,961</u>	<u>(119,243)</u>	-	<u>92,562</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>13,544,690</u>	<u>1,233,453</u>	<u>(1,412,692)</u>	<u>(1,288,485)</u>	<u>12,076,966</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priests' medical expenses and retirement costs.

The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the charities properties.

Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally.

All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The International Projects fund is made up of donations received for specific projects and these funds are restricted to that purpose.

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**23 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at
	General	Designated		31 December
	£	£	£	2023
Tangible fixed assets	3,013,275	-	-	3,013,275
Fixed asset investments	5,080,880	1,746,739	-	6,827,619
Current assets	2,187,746	300,000	97,774	2,585,520
Current liabilities	(237,162)	-	-	(237,162)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>10,044,739</b>	<b>2,046,739</b>	<b>97,774</b>	<b>12,189,252</b>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at
	General	Designated		31 December
	£	£	£	2022
Tangible fixed assets	3,035,057	-	-	3,035,057
Fixed asset investments	5,006,984	1,659,545	-	6,666,529
Current assets	2,199,766	300,000	92,652	2,592,418
Current liabilities	(217,038)	-	-	(217,038)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>10,024,769</b>	<b>1,959,545</b>	<b>92,652</b>	<b>12,076,966</b>

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**24 Analysis of net funds**

	<b>At 1 January 2023</b>	<b>Financing cash flows</b>	<b>Exchange movement</b>	<b>At 31 December 2023</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,427,242	90,913	(7,367)	1,510,788
Current asset investments	790,561	-	-	790,561
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>2,217,803</b>	<b>90,913</b>	<b>(7,367)</b>	<b>2,301,349</b>

	<b>At 1 January 2022</b>	<b>Financing cash flows</b>	<b>Other non cash changes</b>	<b>At 31 December 2022</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,662,362	(241,596)	6,476	1,427,242
Current asset investments	790,032	529	-	790,561
<b>Net Debt</b>	<b>2,452,394</b>	<b>(241,067)</b>	<b>6,476</b>	<b>2,217,803</b>

**25 Related party transactions**

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

**SMA Polish District in Formation**

(The SMA Polish District in Formation is another unit of the international group that the charity is a part of.)

In 2017, the charity gave a loan of €250,000 to assist them with the construction of a missionary animation and promotion centre in Warsaw. The first repayment was due in 2020. The first loan repayments were made in 2023 in an amount of €85,000 directly to Rome, the loan outstanding at 31st December 2023. At the balance sheet date the amount due from SMA Polish District in Formation was £151,873 (2022 - £225,958). The provision for doubtful debts from the related parties at the balance sheet date was £151,873 (2022 - £225,958).

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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**Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Reverend T J Ryan SMA Reverend D A McCaul SMA Reverend R Morland SMA Reverend W Brandon SMA
<b>Principal Office</b>	378 Upper Brook Street Manchester M13 0EP
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	232541
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<b>Solicitors</b>	Hill Dickinson 50 Fountain Street Manchester M2 2AS
<b>Bankers</b>	Royal Bank of Scotland plc St Anne's Square Manchester M2 7LG
<b>Investment Advisors</b>	Castlefield Partners 111 Piccadilly Manchester M1 2HY Coutts & Co 1st Floor, 1 Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP
<b>Personnel &amp; Human Resources</b>	Direct Law & Personnel Ltd Southerly 7, Waterfold Park Bury BL9 7BR

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**Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Structure, governance and management**

***Nature of governing document***

The charity is an unincorporated body governed by its Trustees under a deed of Trust dated 7th September 1963.

***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The Superior of the "Society of African Missions" has the power under the trust deed of the charity to appoint and remove trustees. The Trustees of the society are chosen according to their experience of the Trust Ministry and of its need to function according to law.

***Induction and training of trustees***

The Trustees keep themselves informed of new developments relating to the Trust and when necessary, meet to be briefed on particular issues by their advisors. The Trustees, in the past attended seminars on matters relevant to the Trust and to the Society's ministry.

Recognising the need for expertise, the Trustees have engaged professional advisors in the areas of finance, investment, insurance, law and protection of minors and vulnerable adults. Experts in Church law are made available through the Society's international dimension.

In major decisions regarding the assets of the trust, the trustees seek the advice of their Professional Advisors

***Organisational structure***

The Charity is administered on behalf of the trustees by the Provincial Superior of the British Province of the Society of African Missions in accordance with the constitutions of the Society.

The Charity is part of a wider Society of African Missions which is an international group of priests and brothers with its headquarters at Via della Nocetta 111 Rome, Italy (The Generalate) and numbers in excess of 757 members. The internal organisation of the Society is that of fifteen autonomous Provinces, eight districts and four Delegations. Members of the Society are on mission in sixteen African countries and are present in nine European countries, India, The Philippines, United States of America and Canada.

The Charity is the British Province of the International Society and has pastoral responsibilities for areas of Mission in Nigeria, (Gombe, Bauchi State & Lafia, Nasarawa State) and Liberia (within the Archdiocese of Monrovia). The charity also has responsibilities within the Catholic Church in England and Wales and Scotland.

**Relationships with related parties**

**SMA Polish District in Formation**

The SMA Polish District in Formation are another unit of the International Group that the charity are a part of.

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### ***Major risks and management of those risks***

###### ***General Risk Policy***

The Trustees regularly review all areas of the Charities activities, including personnel and employment legislation, health and safety, operational matters and funding.

The Trustees utilise the services of outside consults wherever necessary.

Major risks have been reviewed and systems or procedures have been established to manage those risks.

##### **Objectives and activities**

###### ***Objects and aims***

The objectives and aims of the charity continue to be to benefit the public with the advancement of religious and charitable works in connection with the Roman Catholic religion.

The Charity's aim is to be an effective response to the missionary vocation of the Church, chiefly in Africa and among the people of African origin. Africa for the SMA is the continent where we find a welcome, an openness to receiving God's Word, and a motivation that inspires our missionaries to spend and give their lives.

The SMA priests and lay missionaries are involved in many projects in the fields of:

- pastoral work
- education
- health care
- community development projects
- peace and reconciliation initiatives
- inter-religious dialogue

###### ***Objectives, strategies and activities***

In all ministries in Africa and the United Kingdom the charity provides for the Spiritual and Material wellbeing of those entrusted to its care.

In Africa the charity actively advances the growth of the Catholic Church on that continent and participates in the social development services the Church provides.

In the United Kingdom the charity animates the Catholic population and others in the service of the peoples of the developing world. In addition, it provides support for parishes by providing clergy for short-term supply. The Society also lends its particular missionary charism while offering spiritual guidance and retreats.

These two dimensions of the Society's ministry are combined in facilitating the transmission of aid and support from Church members in the United Kingdom to those in need of support in Africa.

To its permanent members the Society offers assistance for their moral and spiritual growth.

The trustees continue to review the Society's operation and activities.

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##### ***Public benefit***

The Charity activities include providing support and assistance in many different ways for the public benefit. The Trustees ensure they continue to carry out the charities objectives for the public benefit and that their activities beneficially impact on society. All of the Charities activities have a beneficial impact on society. In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

##### **Achievements and performance**

In addition to providing funds for the developing units within the Society during the year under review, the charity has continued to provide substantial financial support for projects in Liberia West Africa, support to a number of African Diocese as well as parishes staffed by provincial personnel in Nigeria. The Charity also funds the Society's ministry and mission within Britain.

The charity maintains appropriate living facilities for Society members in the United Kingdom.

The Charity facilitates the postgraduate training of society members and clergy of African Diocese with which it is associated.

At any time, the Society in Britain may be asked to fund major projects such as the building of churches, schools, and clinics, the provision of water and electricity for churches and communities, and assistance for refugees. The charity continually assists in minor projects such as the provision of school fees for children from poor families in Africa, provision of motor vehicles for Society personnel in connection with their ministry, language translation projects, and the provision of church equipment. As well as maintaining its own personnel in their ministry, the charity contributed £441,650 (2021 - £363,945) for projects at home and overseas from unrestricted funds and £119,243 (2021 - £59,974) from restricted funds.

##### **Fundraising Practices**

The fundraising approach of the Charity is by a direct mailing to previous donors who have expressed a desire to be in touch with Society. This is done by the Society itself.

The Society is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. There are no failings to report for the period.

Apart from the three annual mailings inviting a response, there is no follow-up or any other form of contact that might be perceived as applying pressure on donors into making a response.

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### **Investment Performance**

The trustees hold investments with Castlefield and Coutts with a view to receiving income and capital growth. Investment performance is monitored by the trustees who receive regular reports from the investment managers.

The investments are held for the medium to longer term and are reviewed regularly. The investments have shown losses in the current year due to the ongoing economic crisis and market uncertainty. It is the decision of the trustees to leave funds where they are.

##### **Financial review**

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 14.

Total incoming resources amounted to £1,233,453 (2021: £1,072,253) with unrestricted income of £1,140,492 (2021: £950,933) and restricted income of £92,961 (2021 - £121,320).

Most of the funds in the charity are raised through donations and trading fundraising activities that include a lottery, Holy Souls Novena, Christmas Mass Remembrance operated by the charity.

Total resources expended amounted to £1,412,692 (2021 - £1,263,763). Unrestricted expenditure amounted to £1,293,449 (2021 - £1,138,526) and restricted expenditure £119,243 (2021 - £59,974).

The investment portfolio decreased during the period by £1,341,414 (2021 - increased £802,575).

The total net result for the year was a (deficit) / surplus of £ (1,467,724) (2021 - £814,053).

Total retained funds carried forward at the end of the year amounted to £12,076,966 (2021 - £13,544,690) with unrestricted funds of £11,984,404 (2021 - £13,425,846) and restricted funds of £92,562 (2021 - £118,844).

##### ***Principal funding sources***

The principle funding sources are donations and legacies received from individuals and investment income. During the year income commenced from the provision of pastoral services.

##### ***Investment policy and objectives***

The trust deed authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity.

The Investment managers have full discretion, to invest in a portfolio, which is complementary to the aims of the Society. Performance in the current year has seen the portfolio increase in value. The Trustees monitor the performance of the Investment Managers on a regular basis.

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### ***Policy on reserves***

The Trustees objective is to maintain a level of reserves, which ensures that after meeting current commitments, the Charity will have sufficient income to fund its ongoing work in the short and medium term, and provide a secure foundation for the future.

The Trustees acknowledge the need for a retirement provision for the members of the British Province, for whom no externally funded pension provision has ever been made. The ongoing funding is met from current income, however, the trustees intend to provide sufficient reserves to ensure that all members will be provided for in retirement, irrespective of the charities other income.

In light of the difficulties and challenges faced by the global financial sector the Trustees annually examine their policy towards reserves.

The Trustees distinguish between reserves generated from annual surpluses and those from capital gains and sale of property. In respect of annual surpluses, the Trust will continue to apply these to the furtherance of the aims and development of the Society of African Missions both in Britain and internationally while retaining sufficient reserves for the British Provinces own needs. This the Trustees regard as their "short term policy".

The Trustees agree that the funds so far generated should therefore be held primarily to sustain the future of the Society in Britain. Secondly they should be used to assist the funding of the Society internationally in its capital outlays. This the Trustees regard as their "Long Term Strategy".

The total unrestricted reserves held at the 31st December were £11,984,404 (2021: £13,425,846). Of the unrestricted funds, amounts have been designated for specific purposes. The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priest's medical expenses and retirement costs. The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the Charities properties. Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally. All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The total restricted funds at the 31st December were £92,562 (2021: £118,844). The restricted funds are donations received for specific overseas projects.

##### **Plans for future periods**

###### ***Aims and key objectives for future periods***

The society plans to continue carrying out the aims and objectives of the charity.

In addition, the charity aims to increase its presence in the UK through parish ministry. Priests of the Society have been asked to minister in a parish on behalf of a UK Diocese and a second parish is being sought.

The society is also looking for additional priest members of the Society of African Missions to join their Appeals Team.

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#### **Trustees' Report**

##### **Going concern**

The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern. The charity has recourse to cash reserves where necessary and the trustees look to a reduction in spending where possible. Operations are able to continue with members of the religious order who volunteer and assist with our promotional work.

##### **Financial Instruments**

##### ***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

##### ***Cash flow risk***

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

##### ***Credit risk***

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash and investments.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties.

##### ***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term investment options.

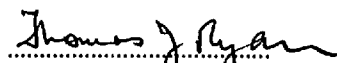
##### **Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

##### **Reappointment of auditor**

The auditors The Moffatts Partnership LLP are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 31 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
Trustee

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#### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

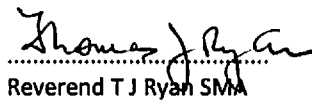
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 31 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
Trustee

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions**

##### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements 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 original financial statements were 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.

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##### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 our 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 where the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

##### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 8), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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.

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##### **Auditor Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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.

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principle risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included Charities Commission, employment law and health and safety.

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 financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charities legal advisors.

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 key management and the trustees and from our knowledge and experience of the sector, we assessed the extent of compliance and the audit team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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

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

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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 journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The test nature and other inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of any accounting and internal control systems, mean that there is an unavoidable risk that even some material misstatements in respect of irregularities may remain undiscovered even though the audit is properly planned in accordance with ISAs (UK).

We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements.

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.

Our examination should therefore not be relied upon to disclose all such material misstatements or frauds, errors or instances of non-compliance that might exist. The responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the company and or the prevention and detection of fraud, error and non-compliance with law or regulations rests with the directors.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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31 May 2023

The Moffatts Partnership LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	(As restated) Total 2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	892,290	92,961	985,251	887,642
Charitable activities	3	62,400	-	62,400	-
Other trading activities	4	37,980	-	37,980	52,091
Investment income	5	147,822	-	147,822	130,835
Other income	6	-	-	-	1,685
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>1,140,492</u>	<u>92,961</u>	<u>1,233,453</u>	<u>1,072,253</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	56,084	-	56,084	65,263
Charitable activities	8	1,237,365	119,243	1,356,608	1,198,500
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>1,293,449</u>	<u>119,243</u>	<u>1,412,692</u>	<u>1,263,763</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>(1,294,961)</u>	-	<u>(1,294,961)</u>	<u>992,941</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<u>(1,447,918)</u>	<u>(26,282)</u>	<u>(1,474,200)</u>	<u>801,431</u>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Other gains/losses		<u>6,476</u>	-	<u>6,476</u>	<u>12,622</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(1,441,442)</u>	<u>(26,282)</u>	<u>(1,467,724)</u>	<u>814,053</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>13,425,846</u>	<u>118,844</u>	<u>13,544,690</u>	<u>12,730,637</u>
Total funds carried forward	22	<u>11,984,404</u>	<u>92,562</u>	<u>12,076,966</u>	<u>13,544,690</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods .

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 22 .

The notes on pages 17 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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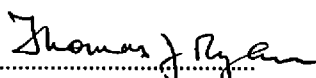
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**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022**

	Note	2022 £	(As restated) 2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	15	3,035,057	3,105,672
Investments	16	6,666,529	8,007,943
		<u>9,701,586</u>	<u>11,113,615</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	17	189,515	129,479
Debtors	18	185,100	77,813
Investments	19	790,561	790,032
Cash at bank and in hand	20	1,427,242	1,662,362
		<u>2,592,418</u>	<u>2,659,686</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	<u>(217,038)</u>	<u>(228,611)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>2,375,380</u>	<u>2,431,075</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>12,076,966</u>	<u>13,544,690</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>		92,562	118,844
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted income funds		<u>11,984,404</u>	<u>13,425,846</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	22	<u>12,076,966</u>	<u>13,544,690</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 33 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 31 May 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
 Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2022</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2021</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash (expenditure)/income		(1,467,724)	814,053
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation		76,344	80,533
Investment income		(147,822)	(130,835)
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets		(386)	(501)
Profit on disposal of investments		(299,725)	(105,247)
Revaluation of investments		<u>1,594,686</u>	<u>(881,839)</u>
		(244,627)	(223,836)
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	17	(60,036)	33,661
Increase in debtors	18	(107,287)	(5,367)
Decrease in creditors	21	<u>(11,573)</u>	<u>(122,090)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(423,523)</u>	<u>(317,632)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		4,983	2,820
Acquisitions of tangible assets		(6,115)	(20,142)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets		243	2,500
Acquisitions of investments		(5,578,157)	(2,540,423)
Proceeds from sale of investments		5,624,610	2,724,935
Dividend income		<u>142,839</u>	<u>128,015</u>
Net cash flows from Investing activities		<u>188,403</u>	<u>297,705</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(235,120)	(19,927)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>1,662,362</u>	<u>1,682,289</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u><u>1,427,242</u></u>	<u><u>1,662,362</u></u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 17 to 33 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

**1 Accounting policies**

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of preparation**

Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) 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.

**Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**Reclassification of comparative amounts**

The charity has received donations from donors specifically to be passed on to a member of the Society of African Missions based overseas for their own overseas projects. The amounts received for these projects should be recognised as restricted funds. It has been determined that some amounts received in the prior period had been treated as unrestricted income. Comparative amounts have been reclassified to reflect the correct treatment.

**Judgements**

The trustees have not made any judgements in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

**Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

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***Other trading activities***

Income from other trading activities relates to lottery income and is recognised on a receivable basis.

***Investment Income***

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.

***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

***Tangible fixed assets***

Individual fixed assets costing £50.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Properties are included in the balance sheet at original cost, plus additions in respect of major repairs and renovations, depreciation is provided on the book cost less an amount attributed to the cost of the land.

The market value of the properties is considered to be substantially in excess of the book value.

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##### **Heritage assets**

Individual works of art, treasures and plate are not capitalised as they are regarded as heritage assets which are held in a manner consistent with the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith, have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely.

Works of art, treasures and plate are not capitalised in these accounts. They are considered to be heritage assets for the purposes of the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The assets are integral to the Charity's overall objective of advancing the Catholic religion. They all have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The Trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

##### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Land and Buildings	2% reducing balance basis
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	20% reducing balance basis

##### **Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

##### **Current asset investments**

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit with a maturity of greater than twelve months.

##### **Stock**

Stock is included at cost value. There is no resale value to the stock.

##### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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##### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of twelve months or less.

##### **Trade creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

##### **Foreign exchange**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

##### **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

##### **Financial instruments**

###### ***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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##### **Recognition and measurement**

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### **2 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £ (As restated)
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	679,774	92,961	772,735	826,517
Legacies	169,806	-	169,806	16,910
Gift aid reclaimed	42,710	-	42,710	44,215
	<u>892,290</u>	<u>92,961</u>	<u>985,251</u>	<u>887,642</u>

##### **3 Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income from the provision of pastoral care	<u>62,400</u>	<u>62,400</u>	<u>-</u>

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**4 Income from other trading activities**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £	Total 2021 £
Lotteries and competitions income	37,980	37,980	52,091
	<u>37,980</u>	<u>37,980</u>	<u>52,091</u>

**5 Investment income**

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Designated £	General £		
Income from dividends;				
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	34,398	108,441	142,839	128,015
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	4,983	4,983	2,820
	<u>34,398</u>	<u>113,424</u>	<u>147,822</u>	<u>130,835</u>

**6 Other income**

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Other income	-	1,184
Gains on sale of tangible fixed assets for charity's own use	-	501
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,685</u>

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**7 Expenditure on raising funds**

**a) Costs of trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>
Lotteries and competitions	21,964	21,964	22,523
	<u>21,964</u>	<u>21,964</u>	<u>22,523</u>

**b) Investment management costs**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>Total 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £</b>
	<b>Designated £</b>	<b>General £</b>		
Amounts payable to investment managers	9,808	24,312	34,120	42,740
	<u>9,808</u>	<u>24,312</u>	<u>34,120</u>	<u>42,740</u>

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**8 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>	<b>Total 2021 £ (As restated)</b>
Costs of Masses & Mass Cards	39,369	-	39,369	63,411
Costs of Community Accommodation	163,264	-	163,264	151,377
Provincial Costs	226,248	-	226,248	210,937
Charitable Distributions	441,650	119,243	560,893	423,920
Stationery & Postages	114,297	-	114,297	106,763
Costs of Mission News	16,043	-	16,043	15,558
Staff Costs	138,075	-	138,075	121,792
Legal and Professional Fees	-	-	-	2,895
Bank Charges	5,839	-	5,839	5,802
Depreciation of tangible assets	76,344	-	76,344	80,533
Loss on disposal of assets	386	-	386	-
Auditors Remuneration	15,850	-	15,850	15,512
	<u>1,237,365</u>	<u>119,243</u>	<u>1,356,608</u>	<u>1,198,500</u>

£1,237,365 (2021 - £1,138,526) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £119,243 (2021 - £59,974) to restricted funds.

Included in the expenditure analysed above, there are governance costs of £15,850 (2021 - £15,512) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

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**9 Analysis of governance and support costs**

**Governance costs**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	14,400	14,400	14,142
Other fees paid to auditors	1,450	1,450	1,370
	<u>15,850</u>	<u>15,850</u>	<u>15,512</u>

**10 Net incoming/outgoing resources**

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2022 £	2021 £
Audit fees	14,400	14,142
Loss on disposal of fixed assets held for the charity's own use	386	-
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>76,344</u>	<u>80,533</u>

**11 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

**Reverend T J Ryan SMA**

£12,663 (2021: £13,440) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend T J Ryan SMA during the year.

**Reverend R Morland SMA**

£4,811 (2021: £Nil) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend R Morland SMA during the year.

The trustees of the charity are all ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Church. It is their vocation to fulfil the aims of the charity and as such they reside in premises owned by it. The charity meets the living expenses and covers all costs incurred by the trustees and other members on the furtherance of its aims. None of the trustees receive a salary.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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**12 Staff costs**

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	134,934	119,323
Pension costs	<u>3,141</u>	<u>2,469</u>
	<u><u>138,075</u></u>	<u><u>121,792</u></u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Charitable Activities	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>

5 (2021 - 6) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £3,141 (2021 - 2,469)

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

**13 Auditors' remuneration**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit of the financial statements	<u>14,400</u>	<u>14,142</u>
<b>Other fees to auditors</b>		
All other non-audit services	<u>1,450</u>	<u>1,370</u>

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**14 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**15 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Land and buildings £</b>	<b>Furniture and equipment £</b>	<b>Motor vehicles £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2022	3,725,062	96,817	121,650	79,337	4,022,866
Additions	-	449	-	5,666	6,115
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,960)	(1,960)
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,725,062</u>	<u>97,266</u>	<u>121,650</u>	<u>83,043</u>	<u>4,027,021</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2022	678,043	83,342	82,385	73,424	917,194
Charge for the year	60,940	2,786	9,818	2,800	76,344
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	(1,574)	(1,574)
At 31 December 2022	<u>738,983</u>	<u>86,128</u>	<u>92,203</u>	<u>74,650</u>	<u>991,964</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,986,079</u>	<u>11,138</u>	<u>29,447</u>	<u>8,393</u>	<u>3,035,057</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,047,019</u>	<u>13,475</u>	<u>39,265</u>	<u>5,913</u>	<u>3,105,672</u>

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**16 Fixed asset investments**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other investments	<u>6,666,529</u>	<u>8,007,943</u>

**Other investments**

	<b>Listed Investments £</b>	<b>Cash deposits £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>			
At 1 January 2022	7,928,619	79,324	8,007,943
Revaluation	(1,594,686)	-	(1,594,686)
Additions	2,712,475	2,865,682	5,578,157
Disposals	(2,733,382)	(2,891,228)	(5,624,610)
Realised gains	<u>299,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>299,725</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>6,612,751</u>	<u>53,778</u>	<u>6,666,529</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2022	<u>6,612,751</u>	<u>53,778</u>	<u>6,666,529</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>7,928,619</u>	<u>79,324</u>	<u>8,007,943</u>

**17 Stock**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	<u>189,515</u>	<u>129,479</u>

The cost of stock recognised as an expense in the year amounted to £39,368 (2021 - £63,411).

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**18 Debtors**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	1,684
Prepayments	30,953	32,014
Accrued income	152,095	42,063
Other debtors	2,052	2,052
	<u>185,100</u>	<u>77,813</u>

**19 Current asset investments**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash deposits	<u>790,561</u>	<u>790,032</u>

**20 Cash and cash equivalents**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash on hand	7,103	5,848
Cash at bank	<u>1,420,139</u>	<u>1,656,514</u>
	<u>1,427,242</u>	<u>1,662,362</u>

**21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2022	2021
	£	£ (As restated)
Trade creditors	8,463	25,502
Other taxation and social security	358	362
Other creditors	172,916	159,205
Pension scheme creditor	150	150
Accruals	35,151	43,392
	<u>217,038</u>	<u>228,611</u>

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**22 Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1 January 2022 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Other recognised gains/(losses) £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December 2022 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Income Fund	11,154,201	1,106,094	(1,283,641)	(951,795)	10,024,859
<i>Designated</i>					
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,971,645	34,398	(9,808)	(336,690)	1,659,545
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>2,271,645</u>	<u>34,398</u>	<u>(9,808)</u>	<u>(336,690)</u>	<u>1,959,545</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	13,425,846	1,140,492	(1,293,449)	(1,288,485)	11,984,404
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
International Projects	118,844	92,961	(119,243)	-	92,562
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>13,544,690</u>	<u>1,233,453</u>	<u>(1,412,692)</u>	<u>(1,288,485)</u>	<u>12,076,966</u>

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	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £ ( s restated)
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Income Fund	10,676,000	917,649	(1,193,059)	753,611	11,154,201
<i>Designated</i>					
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,697,139	33,284	(10,730)	251,952	1,971,645
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>1,997,139</u>	<u>33,284</u>	<u>(10,730)</u>	<u>251,952</u>	<u>2,271,645</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	12,673,139	950,933	(1,203,789)	1,005,563	13,425,846
<b>Restricted</b>					
International Projects	<u>57,498</u>	<u>121,320</u>	<u>(59,974)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,844</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>12,730,637</u>	<u>1,072,253</u>	<u>(1,263,763)</u>	<u>1,005,563</u>	<u>13,544,690</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priests' medical expenses and retirement costs.

The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the charities properties.

Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally.

All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The International Projects fund is made up of donations received for specific projects and these funds are restricted to that purpose.

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**23 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2022
	General	Designated		
	£	£		
Tangible fixed assets	3,035,057	-	-	3,035,057
Fixed asset investments	5,006,984	1,659,545	-	6,666,529
Current assets	2,199,766	300,000	92,652	2,592,418
Current liabilities	(217,038)	-	-	(217,038)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>10,024,769</b>	<b>1,959,545</b>	<b>92,652</b>	<b>12,076,966</b>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2021 £ (As restated)
	General	Designated		
	£	£		
Tangible fixed assets	3,105,672	-	-	3,105,672
Fixed asset investments	6,036,298	1,971,645	-	8,007,943
Current assets	2,240,842	300,000	118,844	2,659,686
Current liabilities	(228,611)	-	-	(228,611)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>11,154,201</b>	<b>2,271,645</b>	<b>118,844</b>	<b>13,544,690</b>

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**24 Analysis of net funds**

	<b>At 1 January 2022</b>	<b>Financing cash flows</b>	<b>Exchange movement</b>	<b>At 31 December 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,662,362	(241,596)	6,476	1,427,242
Current asset investments	<u>790,032</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790,561</u>
Net debt	<u><u>2,452,394</u></u>	<u><u>(241,067)</u></u>	<u><u>6,476</u></u>	<u><u>2,217,803</u></u>

	<b>At 1 January 2021</b>	<b>Financing cash flows</b>	<b>Exchange movement</b>	<b>At 31 December 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,682,289	(32,549)	12,622	1,662,362
Current asset investments	<u>790,033</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790,032</u>
Net debt	<u><u>2,472,322</u></u>	<u><u>(32,550)</u></u>	<u><u>12,622</u></u>	<u><u>2,452,394</u></u>

**25 Related party transactions**

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

**SMA Polish District in Formation**

(The SMA Polish District In Formation is another unit of the international group that the charity is a part of.)

In 2017, the charity gave a loan to assist them with the construction of a missionary animation and promotion centre in Warsaw. The first repayment was due in 2020. The full loan, adjusted for exchange variations, is still outstanding at 31 December 2022. At the balance sheet date the amount due from SMA Polish District in Formation was £225,958 (2021 - £225,958). The provision for doubtful debts from the related parties at the balance sheet date was £225,958 (2021 - £225,958).

After the year end a repayment has been made directly to Rome from the SMA Polish District in Formation in connection with this loan. As the repayment has not yet been transferred to the charity no adjustment has been made to the doubtful debt provision.

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# Accounts

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**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

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**Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Reverend P N McGuire SMA Reverend T J Ryan SMA Reverend D A McCaul SMA Reverend R Morland SMA
<b>Principal Office</b>	378 Upper Brook Street Manchester M13 0EP
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	232541
	SC 039285
<b>Auditors</b>	The Moffatts Partnership LLP Progress House 396 Wilmslow Road Withington Manchester M20 3BN
<b>Solicitors</b>	Hill Dickinson 50 Fountain Street Manchester M2 2AS
<b>Bankers</b>	Royal Bank of Scotland plc St Anne's Square Manchester M2 7LG
<b>Investment Advisors</b>	Castlefield Partners 111 Piccadilly Manchester M1 2HY Coutts & Co 1st Floor, 1 Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP
<b>Personnel &amp; Human Resources</b>	Direct Law & Personnel Ltd Southerly 7, Waterfold Park Bury BL9 7BR

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**Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Structure, governance and management**

***Nature of governing document***

The charity is an unincorporated body governed by its Trustees under a deed of Trust dated 7th September 1963.

***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The Superior of the "Society of African Missions" has the power under the trust deed of the charity to appoint and remove trustees. The Trustees of the society are chosen according to their experience of the Trust Ministry and of its need to function according to law.

***Induction and training of trustees***

The Trustees keep themselves informed of new developments relating to the Trust and when necessary, meet to be briefed on particular issues by their advisors. The Trustees, in the past attended seminars on matters relevant to the Trust and to the Society's ministry.

Recognising the need for expertise, the Trustees have engaged professional advisors in the areas of finance, investment, insurance, law and protection of minors and vulnerable adults. Experts in Church law are made available through the Society's international dimension.

In major decisions regarding the assets of the trust, the trustees seek the advice of their Professional Advisors

***Organisational structure***

The Charity is administered on behalf of the trustees by the Provincial Superior of the British Province of the Society of African Missions in accordance with the constitutions of the Society.

The Charity is part of a wider Society of African Missions which is an international group of priests and brothers with its headquarters at Via della Nocetta 111 Rome, Italy (The Generalate) and numbers in excess of 757 members. The internal organisation of the Society is that of fifteen autonomous Provinces, eight districts and four Delegations. Members of the Society are on mission in sixteen African countries and are present in nine European countries, India, The Philippines, United States of America and Canada

The Charity is the British Province of the International Society and has pastoral responsibilities for areas of Mission in Nigeria, (Gombe, Bauchi State & Lafia, Nasarawa State) and Liberia (within the Archdiocese of Monrovia). The charity also has responsibilities within the Catholic Church in England and Wales and Scotland.

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***Major risks and management of those risks***

***General Risk Policy***

The Trustees regularly review all areas of the Charities activities, including personnel and employment legislation, health and safety, operational matters and funding.

The Trustees utilise the services of outside consults wherever necessary.

**Objectives and activities**

***Objects and aims***

The objectives and aims of the charity continue to be to benefit the public with the advancement of religious and charitable works in connection with the Roman Catholic religion.

The Charity's aim is to be an effective response to the missionary vocation of the Church, chiefly in Africa and among the people of African origin. Africa for the SMA is the continent where we find a welcome, an openness to receiving God's Word, and a motivation that inspires our missionaries to spend and give their lives.

The SMA priests and lay missionaries are involved in many projects in the fields of:

- pastoral work
- education
- health care
- community development projects
- peace and reconciliation initiatives
- inter-religious dialogue

***Objectives, strategies and activities***

In all ministries in Africa and the United Kingdom the charity provides for the Spiritual and Material wellbeing of those entrusted to its care.

In Africa the charity actively advances the growth of the Catholic Church on that continent and participates in the social development services the Church provides.

In the United Kingdom the charity animates the Catholic population and others in the service of the peoples of the developing world. In addition, it provides support for parishes by providing clergy for short-term supply. The Society also lends its particular missionary charism while offering spiritual guidance and retreats. This work was curtailed during the year due to restrictions associated with covid-19.

These two dimensions of the Society's ministry are combined in facilitating the transmission of aid and support from Church members in the United Kingdom to those in need of support in Africa.

To its permanent members the Society offers assistance for their moral and spiritual growth.

The trustees continue to review the Society's operation and activities.

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### **Trustees' Report**

#### ***Public benefit***

The Charity activities include providing support and assistance in many different ways for the public benefit. The Trustees ensure they continue to carry out the charities objectives for the public benefit and that their activities beneficially impact on society. All of the Charities activities have a beneficial impact on society. In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Achievements and performance**

In addition to providing funds for the developing units within the Society during the year under review, the charity has continued to provide substantial financial support for projects in Liberia, support to a number of African Diocese, as well as parishes staffed by provincial personnel in Nigeria. The Charity also funds the Society's ministry and mission within Britain.

The charity maintains appropriate living facilities for Society members in the United Kingdom.

The Charity facilitates the postgraduate training of society members and clergy of African Diocese with which it is associated.

At any time, the Society in Britain may be asked to fund major projects such as the building of churches, schools, and clinics, the provision of water and electricity for churches and communities, and assistance for refugees. The charity continually assists in minor projects such as the provision of school fees for children from poor families in Africa, provision of motor vehicles for Society personnel in connection with their ministry, language translation projects, and the provision of church equipment. As well as maintaining its own personnel in their ministry, the charity contributed £405,467 (2020 - £439,215) for projects at home and overseas from unrestricted funds and £28,653 (2020 - £49,777) from restricted funds.

#### **Fundraising Practices**

The fundraising approach of the Charity is by a direct mailing to previous donors who have expressed a desire to be in touch with Society. This is done by the Society itself.

The Society is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. There are no failings to report for the period.

Apart from the three annual mailings inviting a response, there is no follow-up or any other form of contact that might be perceived as applying pressure on donors into making a response.

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**Investment Performance**

The trustees hold investments with Castlefield and Coutts with a view to receiving income and capital growth. Investment performance is monitored by the trustees who receive regular reports from the investment managers.

The investments are held for the medium to longer term and it is the decision of the trustees to leave funds where they are.

During the course of 2021 the trustees decided to take an amount of £10,000 a month from the Castlefield portfolio so as to support the day to day running of the Province.

**Financial review**

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 14.

Total incoming resources amounted to £1,047,123 (2020: £1,021,660) with unrestricted income of £950,933 (2020: £986,265) and restricted income of £96,190 (2020 - £35,395).

Most of the funds of the charity are raised through donations and fundraising activities that include a lottery, Holy Souls Novena, Christmas Mass Remembrance operated by the charity.

Total resources expended amounted to £1,232,442 (2020: £1,564,377). Unrestricted expenditure amounted to £1,203,789 (2020: £1,514,600) and restricted expenditure £28,653 (2020 - £49,777).

The investment portfolio increased during the period by £802,575 (2020: decreased by £185,738).

The total net result for the year was a (deficit) / surplus of £820,244 (2020: £(680,170)).

Total retained funds carried forward at the end of the year amounted to £13,500,571 (2020: £12,680,327) with unrestricted funds of £13,425,846 (2020: £12,673,139) and restricted funds of £74,725 (2020: £74,725).

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***Policy on reserves***

The Trustees objective is to maintain a level of reserves, which ensures that after meeting current commitments, the Charity will have sufficient income to fund its ongoing work in the short and medium term, and provide a secure foundation for the future.

The Trustees acknowledge the need for a retirement provision for the members of the British Province, for whom no externally funded pension provision has ever been made. The ongoing funding is met from current income, however, the trustees intend to provide sufficient reserves to ensure that all members will be provided for in retirement, irrespective of the charities other income.

In light of the difficulties and challenges faced by the global financial sector the Trustees annually examine their policy towards reserves.

The Trustees distinguish between reserves generated from annual surpluses and those from capital gains and sale of property. In respect of annual surpluses, the Trust will continue to apply these to the furtherance of the aims and development of the Society of African Missions both in Britain and internationally while retaining sufficient reserves for the British Provinces own needs. This the Trustees regard as their "short term policy".

The Trustees agree that the funds so far generated should therefore be held primarily to sustain the future of the Society in Britain. Secondly they should be used to assist the funding of the Society internationally in its capital outlays. This the Trustees regard as their "Long Term Strategy".

The total unrestricted reserves held at the 31st December were £13,425,846 (2020: £12,673,139). Of the unrestricted funds, amounts have been designated for specific purposes. The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priest's medical expenses and retirement costs. The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the Charities properties. Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally. All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The total restricted funds at the 31st December were £74,725 (2020: £7,188). The restricted funds are donations received for specific overseas projects.

***Investment policy and objectives***

The trust deed authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity.

The Investment managers have full discretion, to invest in a portfolio, which is complementary to the aims of the Society. Performance in the current year has seen the portfolio increase in value. The Trustees monitor the performance of the Investment Managers on a regular basis.

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**Plans for future periods**

***Aims and key objectives for future periods***

The society plans to continue carrying out the aims and objectives of the charity.

In addition, the charity has increased its presence in the UK through parish ministry. Priests of the Society have been asked to minister in two parishes on behalf of two UK Dioceses.

The society is also looking for additional priest members of the Society of African Missions to join their Appeals / animation Team.

**COVID 19 Pandemic:**

We are a small religious / missionary charity. Voluntary contributions to such a charity, in a time of crisis, are often cut back. The Trustees had concerns about the lack of response to our fundraising efforts especially through direct mail appeals. However, there was no dramatic downturn in 2020.

Through the covid crisis our own priest members volunteered to participate in the activities of our promotions / fundraising office thereby supplementing the efforts of our working staff.

There has been little or no pastoral outreach, during the period, in terms of our parish animation & mission appeals or supply work. Churches have had capacity limited so no need for 'supply priests.

We had to look at ways to reduce our expenditure.

Trustee meetings moved online via zoom.

**Going concern**

The situation surrounding Covid-19 brings uncertainties but the trustees are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern. The charity has recourse to cash reserves where necessary and the trustees will look to a reduction in spending where possible. Operations are able to continue with members of the religious order who volunteer and assist with our promotional work.

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**Financial instruments**

***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

***Cash flow risk***

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

***Credit risk***

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash and investments.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties.

***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term investment options.

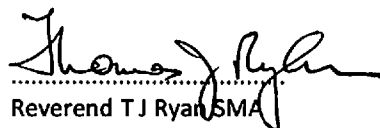
**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

**Reappointment of auditor**

The auditors The Moffatts Partnership LLP are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
Trustee

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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
Trustee

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements 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 original financial statements were 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.

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**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 our 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 where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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 Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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.

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principle risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to breaches of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included Charities Commission, employment law and health and safety.

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 financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the charities legal advisors.

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 key management and the trustees and from our knowledge and experience of the sector, we assessed the extent of compliance and the audit team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- 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 journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The test nature and other inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of any accounting and internal control systems, mean that there is an unavoidable risk that even some material misstatements in respect of irregularities may remain undiscovered even though the audit is properly planned in accordance with ISAs (UK).

We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements.


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.

Our examination should therefore not be relied upon to disclose all such material misstatements or frauds, errors or instances of non-compliance that might exist. The responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the company and or the prevention and detection of fraud, error and non-compliance with law or regulations rests with the directors.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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The Moffatts Partnership LLP, Statutory Auditor

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27 July 2022

The Moffatts Partnership LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	766,322	96,190	862,512	844,292
Other trading activities	3	52,091	-	52,091	53,286
Investment income	4	130,835	-	130,835	124,082
Other income	5	1,685	-	1,685	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>950,933</u>	<u>96,190</u>	<u>1,047,123</u>	<u>1,021,660</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	65,263	-	65,263	65,085
Charitable activities	7	1,138,526	28,653	1,167,179	1,273,334
Other expenditure	8	-	-	-	225,958
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>1,203,789</u>	<u>28,653</u>	<u>1,232,442</u>	<u>1,564,377</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		992,941	-	992,941	(139,879)
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		740,085	67,537	807,622	(682,596)
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Other gains/losses		12,622	-	12,622	2,426
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		752,707	67,537	820,244	(680,170)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>12,673,139</u>	<u>7,188</u>	<u>12,680,327</u>	<u>13,360,497</u>
Total funds carried forward	23	<u><u>13,425,846</u></u>	<u><u>74,725</u></u>	<u><u>13,500,571</u></u>	<u><u>12,680,327</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 23.

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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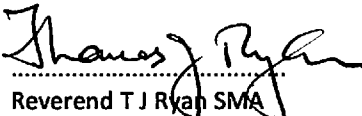
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**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	16	3,105,672	3,168,062
Investments	17	<u>8,007,943</u>	<u>7,205,368</u>
		<u>11,113,615</u>	<u>10,373,430</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	18	129,479	163,140
Debtors	19	77,813	72,446
Investments	20	790,032	790,033
Cash at bank and in hand	21	<u>1,662,362</u>	<u>1,682,289</u>
		2,659,686	2,707,908
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	22	<u>(272,730)</u>	<u>(401,011)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>2,386,956</u>	<u>2,306,897</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>13,500,571</u>	<u>12,680,327</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>		74,725	7,188
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted income funds		<u>13,425,846</u>	<u>12,673,139</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	23	<u>13,500,571</u>	<u>12,680,327</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 32 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27 July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		820,244	(680,170)
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation	6, 8	80,533	81,024
Investment income	4	(130,835)	(121,554)
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets		(501)	398
Profit on disposal of investments		(105,247)	(184,315)
Revaluation of investments		(881,839)	331,417
		<u>(217,645)</u>	<u>(573,200)</u>
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	18	33,661	(52,539)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	19	(5,367)	256,714
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	22	(128,281)	674
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(317,632)</u>	<u>(368,351)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	2,820	2,316
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	16	(20,142)	(1,677)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		2,500	-
Purchase of investments	17	(2,540,423)	(4,408,294)
Sale of investments		2,724,935	4,446,930
Income from dividends	4	128,015	121,766
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>297,705</u>	<u>161,041</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(19,927)	(207,310)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>1,682,289</u>	<u>1,889,599</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u>1,662,362</u>	<u>1,682,289</u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 17 to 32 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

**1 Accounting policies**

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of preparation**

Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) 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.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any 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 make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

**Judgements**

The trustees have not made any judgements in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

**Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

***Donations and legacies***

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

***Other trading activities***

Income from other trading activities relates to lottery income and is recognised on a receivable basis.

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***Investment income***

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.

***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

***Government grants***

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

***Tangible fixed assets***

Individual fixed assets costing £50.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Properties are included in the balance sheet at original cost, plus additions in respect of major repairs and renovations, depreciation is provided on the book cost less an amount attributed to the cost of the land.

The market value of the properties is considered to be substantially in excess of the book value.

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**Heritage assets**

Individual works of art, treasures and plate are not capitalised as they are regarded as heritage assets which are held in a manner consistent with the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith, have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely.

Works of art, treasures and plate are not capitalised in these accounts. They are considered to be heritage assets for the purposes of the Charities SORP (FRS 102). The assets are integral to the Charity's overall objective of advancing the Catholic religion. They all have very long lives and are worth preserving indefinitely. The Trustees consider that it would be prejudicial to the safe custody of these assets to disclose details of their value and usage in these accounts.

**Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Land and Buildings	2% reducing balance basis
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	20% reducing balance basis

**Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

**Current asset investments**

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit with a maturity of greater than twelve months.

**Stock**

Stock is included at cost value. There is no resale value to the stock.

**Trade debtors**

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of twelve months or less.

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**Trade creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Foreign exchange**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

**Financial instruments**

***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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**2 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	705,197	96,190	801,387	784,711
Legacies	16,910	-	16,910	3,600
Gift aid reclaimed	44,215	-	44,215	49,017
Grants, including capital grants;				
Government grants	-	-	-	6,964
	<u>766,322</u>	<u>96,190</u>	<u>862,512</u>	<u>844,292</u>

**3 Income from other trading activities**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £	Total 2020 £
Lotteries and competitions income	52,091	52,091	53,286
	<u>52,091</u>	<u>52,091</u>	<u>53,286</u>

**4 Investment income**

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
	Designated £	General £		
Income from dividends;				
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	33,284	94,731	128,015	121,766
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	2,820	2,820	2,316
	<u>33,284</u>	<u>97,551</u>	<u>130,835</u>	<u>124,082</u>

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**5 Other income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other income	1,184	1,184
Gains on sale of tangible fixed assets for charity's own use	501	501
	<u>1,685</u>	<u>1,685</u>

**6 Expenditure on raising funds**

**a) Costs of trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Lotteries and competitions	22,523	22,523	28,508
	<u>22,523</u>	<u>22,523</u>	<u>28,508</u>

**b) Investment management costs**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	<b>Designated</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts payable to investment managers	10,730	32,010	42,740	36,577
	<u>10,730</u>	<u>32,010</u>	<u>42,740</u>	<u>36,577</u>

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**7 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Costs of Masses & Mass Cards	63,411	-	63,411	62,789
Costs of Community Accommodation	149,197	-	149,197	237,433
Provincial Costs	171,596	-	171,596	148,688
Charitable Distributions	405,467	28,653	434,120	488,992
Stationery & Postages	106,763	-	106,763	105,025
Costs of Mission News	15,558	-	15,558	16,331
Staff Costs	121,792	-	121,792	111,338
Legal and Professional Fees	2,895	-	2,895	40
Depreciation of tangible assets	80,533	-	80,533	81,024
Bank Charges	5,802	-	5,802	5,523
Loss on disposal of assets	-	-	-	398
Auditors Remuneration	15,512	-	15,512	15,753
	<u>1,138,526</u>	<u>28,653</u>	<u>1,167,179</u>	<u>1,273,334</u>

£1,138,526 (2020 - £1,223,577) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £28,653 (2020 - £49,777 ) to restricted funds.

Included in the expenditure analysed above, there are governance costs of £15,512 (2020 - £15,753) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

**8 Other expenditure**

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Other resources expended	-	225,958
	<u>-</u>	<u>225,958</u>

In the prior year, other resources expended includes a bad debt provision in relation to a loan provided to another Province in earlier years. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic it is probable that the loan will not be repaid.

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**9 Analysis of governance and support costs**

**Governance costs**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	14,142	14,142	14,343
Other fees paid to auditors	1,370	1,370	1,410
	<u>15,512</u>	<u>15,512</u>	<u>15,753</u>

**10 Government grants**

Government Grants in relation to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme were received in the prior year. The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £- (2020 - £6,964).

**11 Net incoming/outgoing resources**

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2021 £	2020 £
Audit fees	14,142	14,343
Other non-audit services	1,370	1,410
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(501)	-
Profit on disposal of investments	(107,330)	(184,315)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets held for the charity's own use	-	398
Depreciation of fixed assets	80,533	81,024
Foreign currency gains	(12,622)	(2,426)
Finance charges payable	<u>5,802</u>	<u>5,523</u>

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**12 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

**Reverend T J Ryan SMA**

£13,440 (2020: £14,364) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend T J Ryan SMA during the year.

**Reverend R Morland SMA**

£Nil (2020: £21) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend R Morland SMA during the year.

The trustees of the charity are all ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Church. It is their vocation to fulfil the aims of the charity and as such they reside in premises owned by it. The charity meets the living expenses and covers all costs incurred by the trustees and other members on the furtherance of its aims. None of the trustees receive a salary.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

**13 Staff costs**

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	119,323	109,442
Pension costs	<u>2,469</u>	<u>1,896</u>
	<u><u>121,792</u></u>	<u><u>111,338</u></u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Charitable Activities	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>

6 (2020 - 4) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £2,469 (2020 - £1,896).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

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**14 Auditors' remuneration**

	2021 £	2020 £
Audit of the financial statements	14,142	14,343
<b>Other fees to auditors</b>		
All other non-audit services	1,370	1,410

**15 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**16 Tangible fixed assets**

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2021	3,725,062	96,817	108,590	78,575	4,009,044
Additions	-	-	19,380	762	20,142
Disposals	-	-	(6,320)	-	(6,320)
At 31 December 2021	3,725,062	96,817	121,650	79,337	4,022,866
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2021	615,943	79,972	73,615	71,452	840,982
Charge for the year	62,100	3,370	13,091	1,972	80,533
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(4,321)	-	(4,321)
At 31 December 2021	678,043	83,342	82,385	73,424	917,194
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2021	3,047,019	13,475	39,265	5,913	3,105,672
At 31 December 2020	3,109,119	16,845	34,975	7,123	3,168,062

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**17 Fixed asset investments**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other investments	<b>8,007,943</b>	<b>7,205,368</b>

**Other investments**

	<b>Listed investments</b>	<b>Cash deposits</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>			
At 1 January 2021	7,183,153	22,215	7,205,368
Revaluation	879,757	-	879,757
Additions	1,068,583	1,471,840	2,540,423
Disposals	(1,310,204)	(1,414,731)	(2,724,935)
Realised gains	107,330	-	107,330
At 31 December 2021	<b>7,928,619</b>	<b>79,324</b>	<b>8,007,943</b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2021	<b>7,928,619</b>	<b>79,324</b>	<b>8,007,943</b>
At 31 December 2020	<b>7,183,153</b>	<b>22,215</b>	<b>7,205,368</b>

**18 Stock**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	<b>129,479</b>	<b>163,140</b>

The cost of stock recognised as an expense in the year amounted to £63,411 (2020 - £62,789).

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**19 Debtors**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,684	5,633
Prepayments	32,014	30,145
Accrued income	42,063	34,018
Other debtors	2,052	2,650
	<u>77,813</u>	<u>72,446</u>

**20 Current asset investments**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash deposits	<u>790,032</u>	<u>790,033</u>

**21 Cash and cash equivalents**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash on hand	5,848	6,560
Cash at bank	<u>1,656,514</u>	<u>1,675,729</u>
	<u>1,662,362</u>	<u>1,682,289</u>

**22 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	25,502	7,746
Other taxation and social security	362	141
Other creditors	203,324	359,608
Pension scheme creditor	150	335
Accruals	<u>43,392</u>	<u>33,181</u>
	<u>272,730</u>	<u>401,011</u>

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**23 Funds**

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Income Fund	10,676,000	917,649	(1,193,059)	753,611	11,154,201
<i>Designated</i>					
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,697,139	33,284	(10,730)	251,952	1,971,645
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>1,997,139</u>	<u>33,284</u>	<u>(10,730)</u>	<u>251,952</u>	<u>2,271,645</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>12,673,139</b>	<b>950,933</b>	<b>(1,203,789)</b>	<b>1,005,563</b>	<b>13,425,846</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
International Projects	<u>7,188</u>	<u>96,190</u>	<u>(28,653)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,725</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>12,680,327</u></b>	<b><u>1,047,123</u></b>	<b><u>(1,232,442)</u></b>	<b><u>1,005,563</u></b>	<b><u>13,500,571</u></b>
	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Income Fund	11,327,616	954,134	(1,505,135)	(100,615)	10,676,000
<i>Designated</i>					
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,711,311	32,131	(9,465)	(36,838)	1,697,139
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>2,011,311</u>	<u>32,131</u>	<u>(9,465)</u>	<u>(36,838)</u>	<u>1,997,139</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>13,338,927</b>	<b>986,265</b>	<b>(1,514,600)</b>	<b>(137,453)</b>	<b>12,673,139</b>
<b>Restricted</b>					
International Projects	<u>21,570</u>	<u>35,395</u>	<u>(49,777)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,188</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>13,360,497</u></b>	<b><u>1,021,660</u></b>	<b><u>(1,564,377)</u></b>	<b><u>(137,453)</u></b>	<b><u>12,680,327</u></b>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priests' medical expenses and retirement costs.

The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the charities properties.

Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally.

All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The International Projects fund is made up of donations received for specific projects and these funds are restricted to that purpose.

**24 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2021
	General	Designated		
	£	£		
Tangible fixed assets	3,105,672	-	-	3,105,672
Fixed asset investments	6,036,298	1,971,645	-	8,007,943
Current assets	2,284,961	300,000	74,725	2,659,686
Current liabilities	(272,730)	-	-	(272,730)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>11,154,201</b>	<b>2,271,645</b>	<b>74,725</b>	<b>13,500,571</b>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2020
	General	Designated		
	£	£		
Tangible fixed assets	3,168,062	-	-	3,168,062
Fixed asset investments	5,508,229	1,697,139	-	7,205,368
Current assets	2,400,720	300,000	7,188	2,707,908
Current liabilities	(401,011)	-	-	(401,011)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>10,676,000</b>	<b>1,997,139</b>	<b>7,188</b>	<b>12,680,327</b>

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**25 Analysis of net funds**

	<b>At 1 January 2021 £</b>	<b>Financing cash flows £</b>	<b>Exchange movement £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2021 £</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,682,289	(32,549)	12,622	1,662,362
Current asset investments	<u>790,033</u>	<u>(1)</u>	-	<u>790,032</u>
<b>Net debt</b>	<u><u>2,472,322</u></u>	<u><u>(32,550)</u></u>	<u><u>12,622</u></u>	<u><u>2,452,394</u></u>
	<b>At 1 January 2020 £</b>	<b>Financing cash flows £</b>	<b>Exchange movement £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2020 £</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,889,599	(209,736)	2,426	1,682,289
Current asset investments	<u>792,561</u>	<u>(2,528)</u>	-	<u>790,033</u>
<b>Net debt</b>	<u><u>2,682,160</u></u>	<u><u>(212,264)</u></u>	<u><u>2,426</u></u>	<u><u>2,472,322</u></u>

**26 Related party transactions**

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

**SMA Polish District in Formation**

(The SMA Polish District in Formation is another unit of the international group that the charity is a part of.)  
 In 2017, the charity gave a loan to assist them with the construction of a missionary animation and promotion centre in Warsaw. The first repayment was due in 2020. The full loan, adjusted for exchange variations, is still outstanding at 31 December 2021. At the balance sheet date the amount due from SMA Polish District in Formation was £225,958 (2020 - £225,958). The provision for doubtful debts from the related parties at the balance sheet date was £225,958 (2020 - £225,958).

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**Reference and Administrative Details**

<b>Trustees</b>	Reverend P N McGuire SMA Reverend T J Ryan SMA Reverend D A McCaul SMA
<b>Principal Office</b>	Reverend R Morland SMA 378 Upper Brook Street Manchester M13 0EP
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	232541
<b>Solicitors</b>	SC 039285 Hill Dickinson 50 Fountain Street Manchester M2 2AS
<b>Bankers</b>	Royal Bank of Scotland plc St Anne's Square Manchester M2 7LG
<b>Auditors</b>	The Moffatts Partnership LLP Progress House 396 Wilmslow Road Withington Manchester M20 3BN
<b>Investment Advisors</b>	Castlefield Partners 111 Piccadilly Manchester M1 2HY Coutts & Co 1st Floor, 1 Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP
<b>Personnel &amp; Human Resources</b>	Direct Law & Personnel Ltd Southerly 7, Waterfold Park Bury BL9 7BR

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**Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Structure, governance and management**

***Nature of governing document***

The charity is an unincorporated body governed by its Trustees under a deed of Trust dated 7th September 1963.

***Recruitment and appointment of trustees***

The Superior of the "Society of African Missions" has the power under the trust deed of the charity to appoint and remove trustees. The Trustees of the society are chosen according to their experience of the Trust Ministry and of its need to function according to law.

***Induction and training of trustees***

The Trustees keep themselves informed of new developments relating to the Trust and when necessary, meet to be briefed on particular issues by their advisors. The Trustees, in the past attended seminars on matters relevant to the Trust and to the Society's ministry. However, during this year this has proved impossible because of the pandemic.

Recognising the need for expertise, the Trustees have engaged professional advisors in the areas of finance, investment, insurance, law and protection of minors and vulnerable adults. Experts in Church law are made available through the Society's international dimension.

In major decisions regarding the assets of the trust, the trustees seek the wisdom of their Professional Advisors

***Organisational structure***

The Charity is administered on behalf of the trustees by the Provincial Superior of the British Province of the Society of African Missions in accordance with the constitutions of the Society.

The Charity is part of a wider Society of African Missions which is an international group of priests and brothers with its headquarters at Via della Nocetta 111 Rome, Italy (The Generalate) and numbers in excess of 757 members. The internal organisation of the Society is that of fifteen autonomous Provinces, eight districts and four Delegations. Members of the Society mission in sixteen African countries and are present in nine European countries, India, The Philippines, United States of America and Canada

The Charity is the British Province of the International Society and has pastoral responsibilities for areas of Mission in Nigeria, (Gombe, Bauchi State & Lafia, Nasarawa State) and Liberia (within the Archdiocese of Monrovia). The charity also has responsibilities within the Catholic Church in England and Wales and Scotland.

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***Major risks and management of those risks***

***General Risk Policy***

The Trustees regularly review all areas of the Charities activities, including personnel and employment legislation, health and safety, operational matters and funding.

The Trustees utilise the services of outside consults wherever necessary.

***Objectives and activities***

***Objects and aims***

The objectives and aims of the charity continue to be to benefit the public with the advancement of religious and charitable works in connection with the Roman Catholic religion.

The Charity's aim is to be an effective response to the missionary vocation of the Church, chiefly in Africa and among the people of African origin. Africa for the SMA is the continent where we find a welcome, openness to receiving God's Word, attraction that inspires our missionaries to spend and give their lives.

The SMA priests and lay missionaries are involved in many projects in the fields of:

- pastoral work
- education
- health care
- community development projects

***Objectives, strategies and activities***

In all ministries in Africa and the United Kingdom the charity provides for the Spiritual and Material wellbeing of those entrusted to its care.

In Africa the charity actively advances the growth of the Catholic Church on that continent and participates in the social development services the Church provides.

In the United Kingdom the charity animates the Catholic population and others in the service of the peoples of the developing world. In addition, it provides support for parishes by providing clergy for short-term supply. The Society also lends its particular missionary charism while offering spiritual guidance and retreats. This work was curtailed during the year due to restrictions associated with covid-19.

These two dimensions of the Society's ministry are combined in facilitating the transmission of aid and support from Church members in the United Kingdom to those in need of support in Africa.

To its permanent members the Society offers assistance for their moral and spiritual growth.

The trustees continue to review the Society's operation and activities.

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***Public benefit***

Charity activities include providing support and assistance in many different ways for the public benefit. The Trustees ensure they continue to carry out the charities objectives for the public benefit and that their activities beneficially impact on society. All of the Charities activities have a beneficial impact on society. In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

**Achievements and performance**

In addition to providing funds for the developing units within the Society during the year under review, the charity has continued to provide substantial financial support for projects in Liberia West Africa, support to a number of African Diocese as well as parishes staffed by provincial personnel in Nigeria. The Charity also funds the Society's ministry and mission within Britain.

The charity maintains appropriate living facilities for Society members in the United Kingdom.

The Charity facilitates the postgraduate training of society members and clergy of African Diocese with which it is associated.

At any time, the Society in Britain may be asked to fund major projects such as the building of churches, schools, and clinics, the provision of water and electricity for churches and communities, and assistance for refugees. The charity continually assists in minor projects such as the provision of school fees for children from poor families in Africa, provision of motor vehicles for Society personnel in connection with their ministry, language translation projects, and the provision of church equipment. As well as maintaining its own personnel in their ministry, the charity contributed £439,215 (2019 - £487,154) for projects at home and overseas from unrestricted funds and £49,777 (2019 - £102,160) from restricted funds.

**Fundraising Practices**

The fundraising approach of the Charity is by a direct mailing to previous donors who have expressed a desire to be in touch with Society. This is done by the Society itself.

The Society is not a member of any scheme for fundraising regulation but if contacted by the Fundraising Regulator we respond immediately, and the necessary action is taken. There are no failings to report for the period.

We act immediately on a person's request for removal of their details from our database.

Apart from the three regular mailings inviting a response, there is no follow-up or any other form of contact that might be perceived as applying pressure on donors into making a response.

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**Investment Performance**

The trustees hold investments with Castlefield and Coutts with a view to receiving income and capital growth. Investment performance is monitored by the trustees who receive regular reports from the investment managers.

In early 2020, the investments / portfolios incurred serious losses due to the impact of Covid 19 on economies. During the year, our brokers wrote to inform us that losses were beyond 10% of the value of the holding. The investments are held for the medium to longer term and it is the decision of the trustees to leave funds where they are.

As the year progressed the investments / portfolios began to show signs of recovery.

**Financial review**

The statement of financial activities is set out on page 14.

Total incoming resources amounted to £1,021,660 (2019: 1,155,630) with unrestricted income of £986,265 and restricted income of £35,395 (2019 - £52,399).

Most of the funds in the charity are raised through donations and trading fundraising activities that include a lottery, Holy Souls Novena, Christmas Mass Remembrance operated by the charity.

Total resources expended amounted to £1,564,377 (2019 - £1,427,129). Unrestricted expenditure amounted to £1,514,600 (2019 - £1,324,969) and restricted expenditure £49,777 (2019 - £102,160).

The investment portfolio decreased during the period by £185,738 (2019 - increased £777,895).

The total net result for the year was a (deficit) / surplus of £ (680,170) (2019 - £514,948).

Total retained funds carried forward at the end of the year amounted to £12,680,327 (2019 - £13,360,497) with unrestricted funds of £12,673,139 (2019 - £13,338,927) and restricted funds of £7,188 (2019 - £21,570).

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***Policy on reserves***

The Trustees objective is to maintain a level of reserves, which ensures that after meeting current commitments, the Charity will have sufficient income to fund its ongoing work in the short and medium term, and provide a secure foundation for the future.

The Trustees recognise that there is a real moment of concern regarding retirement provision for the members of the British Province, for whom no externally funded pension provision has ever been made. The ongoing funding is met from current income, and the trustees intend to provide sufficient reserves to ensure that all members will be provided for in retirement, irrespective of the charities other income.

In light of the difficulties and challenges faced by the global financial sector the Trustees annually examine their policy towards reserves.

The Trustees distinguish between reserves generated from annual surpluses and those from capital gains and sale of property. In respect of annual surpluses, the Trust will continue to apply these to the furtherance of the aims and development of the Society of African Missions both in Britain and internationally while retaining sufficient reserves for the British Provinces own needs. This the Trustees regard as their "short term policy".

In respect of gains from the sale of assets the Trustees recognise that these gains are singular in nature and therefore represent irreplaceable assets. Other than from the sale of properties essential to the life of the Charity, or the disposal of its portfolio established for the future needs of the members and their mission, there are no known sources for future surpluses of this magnitude. The Trustees agree that the funds so far generated should therefore be held primarily to sustain the future of the Society in Britain. Secondly they should be used to assist the funding of the Society internationally in its capital outlays. This the Trustees regard as their "Long Term Strategy".

The total unrestricted reserves held at the 31st December were £12,673,139 (2019 - £13,338,927). Of the unrestricted funds, amounts have been designated for specific purposes. The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priest's medical expenses and retirement costs. The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the Charities properties. Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally. All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The total restricted funds at the 31st December were £7,188 (2019 - £21,570). The restricted funds are donations received for specific overseas projects.

***Investment policy and objectives***

The trust deed authorises the trustees to make and hold investments using the general funds of the charity.

The Investment managers have full discretion, to invest in a portfolio, which is complementary to the aims of the Society. Performance in the current year has seen the portfolio decrease in value. The Trustees monitor the performance of the Investment Managers on a regular basis.

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**Plans for future periods**

***Aims and key objectives for future periods***

The society plans to continue carrying out the aims and objectives of the charity.

In addition, the charity aims to increase its presence in the UK through parish ministry. Priests of the Society have been asked to minister in a parish on behalf of a UK Diocese and a second parish is being sought.

The society is also looking for additional priest members of the Society of African Missions to join their Appeals Team.

**COVID 19 Pandemic:**

This report is written in the light of the COVID19 pandemic. The year presented a number of challenges:

In particular, we are a small religious / missionary charity. Voluntary contributions to such a charity, in a time of crisis, are often cut back. There was always a concern about the lack of response to our fundraising efforts especially through direct mail appeals.

Some members of staff had to be furloughed and there was a constant concern to keep safe those who did chose to work. Our own priest members volunteered to participate in the activities of our promotions / fundraising office thereby supplementing the efforts of our working staff.

The health and wellbeing of our own members during lockdown, was also a consideration. We had to be conscious of getting newly arrived priest members registered with a Health Care Practice so as to get vaccinated and cared for.

There has been little or no pastoral outreach, during the period, in terms of our parish animation & mission appeals or supply work. Churches have had capacity limited so no need for 'supply priests.

We had to look at ways to reduce our expenditure.

There was an unrealised loss to the value of our portfolios early on in 2020 but it regained some of the value as the year went on.

Trustee meetings moved online via zoom.

**Going concern**

The situation surrounding Covid-19 brings uncertainties but the trustees are satisfied that the charity remains a going concern. The charity has recourse to cash reserves where necessary and the trustees will look to a reduction in spending where possible. Operations are able to continue with members of the religious order whom volunteer and assist with our promotional work.

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**Trustees' Report**

**Financial instruments**

***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

***Cash flow risk***

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

***Credit risk***

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash and investments.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties.

***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term investment options.

**Important non-adjusting events after the financial period**

The Covid-19 pandemic developed in early 2020. At the date of approval of the accounts it has not been possible to quantify or ascertain any financial impact of the pandemic on the charity. No adjustments have been made to any figures in the accounts as a result of the pandemic.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

**Reappointment of auditor**

The auditors The Moffatts Partnership LLP are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 18 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
Trustee

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#### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees 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.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 18 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Reverend T J Ryan SMA

Trustee

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements 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 original financial statements were 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.

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**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 our 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 where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 9), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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 financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

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

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with key management and the trustees and from our knowledge and experience of the sector, we assessed the extent of compliance and the audit team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

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

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- 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 journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- 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 financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.

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.

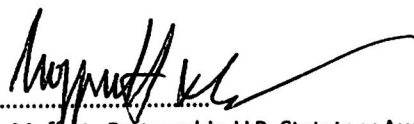
A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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The Moffatts Partnership LLP, Statutory Auditor

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21 June 2021

The Moffatts Partnership LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	(As restated) Total 2019 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	808,897	35,395	844,292	875,087
Other trading activities	3	53,286	-	53,286	44,687
Investment income	4	124,082	-	124,082	214,050
Other income	5	-	-	-	21,806
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>986,265</u>	<u>35,395</u>	<u>1,021,660</u>	<u>1,155,630</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	65,085	-	65,085	67,878
Charitable activities	7	1,223,557	49,777	1,273,334	1,331,486
Other expenditure	8	225,958	-	225,958	27,765
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<u>1,514,600</u>	<u>49,777</u>	<u>1,564,377</u>	<u>1,427,129</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>(139,879)</u>	-	<u>(139,879)</u>	<u>800,083</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<u>(668,214)</u>	<u>(14,382)</u>	<u>(682,596)</u>	<u>528,584</u>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Other gains/losses		<u>2,426</u>	-	<u>2,426</u>	<u>(13,636)</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(665,788)</u>	<u>(14,382)</u>	<u>(680,170)</u>	<u>514,948</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>13,338,927</u>	<u>21,570</u>	<u>13,360,497</u>	<u>12,845,549</u>
Total funds carried forward	23	<u>12,673,139</u>	<u>7,188</u>	<u>12,680,327</u>	<u>13,360,497</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.  
The funds breakdown for 2019 is shown in note 23.

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**Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020**

	Note	2020 £	(As restated) 2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	16	3,168,062	3,247,807
Investments	17	<u>7,205,368</u>	<u>7,391,106</u>
		<u>10,373,430</u>	<u>10,638,913</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	18	163,140	110,601
Debtors	19	72,446	329,160
Investments	20	790,033	792,561
Cash at bank and in hand	21	<u>1,682,289</u>	<u>1,889,599</u>
		2,707,908	3,121,921
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	22	<u>(401,011)</u>	<u>(400,337)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>2,306,897</u>	<u>2,721,584</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>12,680,327</u>	<u>13,360,497</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Restricted income funds</b>		7,188	21,570
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted income funds		<u>12,673,139</u>	<u>13,338,927</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	23	<u>12,680,327</u>	<u>13,360,497</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 33 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 18 June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Reverend T J Ryan SMA  
 Trustee

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**Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	Note	2020 £	(As restated) 2019 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash (expenditure)/income		(680,170)	514,948
<b>Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items</b>			
Depreciation	6, 8	81,024	87,342
Investment income	4	(121,554)	(214,050)
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets		398	(2,928)
Profit on disposal of investments		(184,315)	(217,059)
Revaluation of investments		331,417	(598,606)
		<u>(573,200)</u>	<u>(430,353)</u>
<b>Working capital adjustments</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	18	(52,539)	31,453
Decrease in debtors	19	256,714	188,779
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	22	674	(22,128)
Net cash flows from operating activities		<u>(368,351)</u>	<u>(232,249)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	2,316	11,069
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	16	(1,677)	(20,491)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	5,000
Purchase of investments	17	(4,408,294)	(3,499,126)
Sale of investments		4,446,930	3,544,335
Income from dividends	4	121,766	202,981
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>161,041</u>	<u>243,768</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(207,310)	11,519
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		<u>1,889,599</u>	<u>1,878,080</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u>1,682,289</u>	<u>1,889,599</u>

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**1 Accounting policies**

**Statement of compliance**

The financial statements 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 UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis of preparation**

Roman Catholic Purposes Administered in connection with the Society of African Missions meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any 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 make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

**Changes in accounting policy**

In the past the charity has received donations from donors specifically to be passed on to members of the Society of African Missions based overseas for their own overseas projects. These donations were not considered to be charitable income of the Society of African Missions. A review has been undertaken of the treatment of such donations. It has been determined that the charity would now continue to support these overseas projects and make their own contributions to such projects if the level of existing donations received reduced. The projects are carried out by members of the Society of African Missions and the activities of these projects are similar to the charitable activities of the Society as a whole and as such it has been determined that the donations received and transfers of donations to these projects should be recognised as charitable income and expenditure in the financial statements and shown as restricted funds. The trustees felt that a change in accounting policy was required to recognise these transactions and to ensure the financial statements provide reliable and more relevant information.

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Adjustments in relation to changes in accounting policy

	Relating to the current period disclosed in these financial statements £	Relating to the prior period disclosed in these financial statements £	Relating to prior periods before the prior period disclosed in these financial statements £
Donations and legacies	35,395	52,399	-
Charitable Contributions	(49,777)	(102,160)	-
Creditors	-	(21,570)	-
Restricted funds	7,188	21,570	-
Total funds	<u>7,188</u>	<u>21,570</u>	<u>-</u>

Amounts for previous periods are not disclosed as there was no commitment to provide charity contributions in these prior periods.

**Judgements**

The trustees have not made any judgements in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

**Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

**Grants receivable**

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

**Other trading activities**

Income from other trading activities relates to lottery income and is recognised on a receivable basis.

**Investment income**

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.

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**Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**Raising funds**

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

**Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

**Government grants**

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Individual fixed assets costing £50.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Properties are included in the balance sheet at original cost, plus additions in respect of major repairs and renovations, depreciation is provided on the book cost less an amount attributed to the cost of the land.

The market value of the properties is considered to be substantially in excess of the book value.

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**Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Land and Buildings	2% reducing balance basis
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance basis
Fixtures and Fittings	20% reducing balance basis
Office Equipment	20% reducing balance basis

**Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

**Current asset investments**

Current asset investments include cash held on deposit with a maturity of greater than twelve months.

**Stock**

Stock is included at cost value. There is no resale value to the stock.

**Trade debtors**

Trade debtors and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of twelve months or less.

**Trade creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**Foreign exchange**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

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**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

**Financial instruments**

***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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**2 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £ (As restated)
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	749,316	35,395	784,711	763,042
Legacies	3,600	-	3,600	69,860
Gift aid reclaimed	49,017	-	49,017	42,185
Grants, including capital grants;				
Government grants	6,964	-	6,964	-
	<u>808,897</u>	<u>35,395</u>	<u>844,292</u>	<u>875,087</u>

**3 Income from other trading activities**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £	Total 2019 £
Lotteries and competitions income	53,286	53,286	44,687
	<u>53,286</u>	<u>53,286</u>	<u>44,687</u>

**4 Investment income**

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
	Designated £	General £		
Income from dividends;				
Dividends receivable from other listed investments	32,131	89,635	121,766	202,981
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	-	2,316	2,316	11,069
	<u>32,131</u>	<u>91,951</u>	<u>124,082</u>	<u>214,050</u>

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**5 Other income**

	<b>Total 2020 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>
Other income	-	18,878
Gains on sale of tangible fixed assets for charity's own use	-	2,928
	-	21,806

**6 Expenditure on raising funds**

**a) Costs of trading activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total 2020 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>
Lotteries and competitions	28,508	28,508	26,759
	28,508	28,508	26,759

**b) Investment management costs**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>Total 2020 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>
	<b>Designated £</b>	<b>General £</b>		
Amounts payable to investment managers	9,465	27,112	36,577	41,119
	9,465	27,112	36,577	41,119

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**7 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £ (As restated)
Costs of Masses & Mass Cards	62,789	-	62,789	69,806
Costs of Community				
Accommodation	237,433	-	237,433	188,869
Provincial Costs	148,688	-	148,688	148,081
Charitable Distributions	439,215	49,777	488,992	589,314
Stationery & Postages	105,025	-	105,025	96,698
Costs of Mission News	16,331	-	16,331	16,632
Staff Costs	111,338	-	111,338	112,533
Legal and Professional Fees	40	-	40	5,280
Bank Charges	5,523	-	5,523	4,121
Depreciation of tangible assets	81,024	-	81,024	87,342
Loss on disposal of assets	398	-	398	-
Auditors Remuneration	15,753	-	15,753	12,810
	<u>1,223,557</u>	<u>49,777</u>	<u>1,273,334</u>	<u>1,331,486</u>

£1,223,577 (2019 - £1,229,326) of the above expenditure was attributable to unrestricted funds and £49,777 (2019 - £102,160) to restricted funds.

Included in the expenditure analysed above, there are governance costs of £15,753 (2019 - £12,810) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 9 for further details.

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**8 Other expenditure**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other resources expended	<u>225,958</u>	<u>225,958</u>	<u>27,765</u>
	<u>225,958</u>	<u>225,958</u>	<u>27,765</u>

Other resources expended includes a bad debt provision in relation to a loan provided to another Province in earlier years. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic it is probable that the loan will not be repaid.

In the prior year, the charity was subject to a fraudulent transaction whilst operating in Liberia and suffered a loss to the value of £27,765. This was immediately reported to the Charity Commission, Action Fraud, Bankers, Insurers, Auditors and all trustees.

**9 Analysis of governance and support costs**

**Governance costs**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	14,343	14,343	11,400
Other fees paid to auditors	<u>1,410</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>1,410</u>
	<u>15,753</u>	<u>15,753</u>	<u>12,810</u>

**10 Government grants**

Government Grants in relation to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme were received during the year. The amount of grants recognised in the financial statements was £6,964 (2019 - £Nil).

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**11 Net incoming/outgoing resources**

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2020 £	2019 £
Audit fees	14,343	11,400
Other non-audit services	1,410	1,410
Profit on disposal of investments	(184,315)	(217,059)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets held for the charity's own use	398	(2,928)
Depreciation of fixed assets	81,024	87,342
Foreign currency (gains)/losses	(2,426)	13,636
Finance charges payable	<u>5,523</u>	<u>4,112</u>

**12 Trustees remuneration and expenses**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

**Reverend T J Ryan SMA**

£14,364 (2019: £17,047) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend T J Ryan SMA during the year.

**Reverend D A McCaul SMA**

£Nil (2019: £99) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend D A McCaul SMA during the year.

**Reverend R Morland SMA**

£21 (2019: £2,241) of expenses were reimbursed to Reverend R Morland SMA during the year.

The trustees of the charity are all ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Church. It is their vocation to fulfil the aims of the charity and as such they reside in premises owned by it. The charity meets the living expenses and covers all costs incurred by the trustees and other members on the furtherance of its aims. None of the trustees receive a salary.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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**13 Staff costs**

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	109,442	111,313
Pension costs	<u>1,896</u>	<u>1,220</u>
	<u><u>111,338</u></u>	<u><u>112,533</u></u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Charitable Activities	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>

4 (2019 - 4) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £1,896 (2019 - £1,220).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

**14 Auditors' remuneration**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit of the financial statements	<u>14,343</u>	<u>11,400</u>
<b>Other fees to auditors</b>		
All other non-audit services	<u><u>1,410</u></u>	<u><u>1,410</u></u>

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**15 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**16 Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Land and buildings £</b>	<b>Furniture and equipment £</b>	<b>Motor vehicles £</b>	<b>Computer equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2020	3,725,062	97,223	108,590	78,388	4,009,263
Additions	-	1,490	-	187	1,677
Disposals	-	(1,896)	-	-	(1,896)
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,725,062</u>	<u>96,817</u>	<u>108,590</u>	<u>78,575</u>	<u>4,009,044</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2020	552,573	77,257	61,955	69,671	761,456
Charge for the year	63,370	4,213	11,660	1,781	81,024
Eliminated on disposals	-	(1,498)	-	-	(1,498)
At 31 December 2020	<u>615,943</u>	<u>79,972</u>	<u>73,615</u>	<u>71,452</u>	<u>840,982</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,109,119</u>	<u>16,845</u>	<u>34,975</u>	<u>7,123</u>	<u>3,168,062</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>3,172,489</u>	<u>19,966</u>	<u>46,635</u>	<u>8,717</u>	<u>3,247,807</u>

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**17 Fixed asset investments**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other investments	<u>7,205,368</u>	<u>7,391,106</u>

**Other investments**

	Listed investments £	Cash deposits £	Total £
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>			
At 1 January 2020	7,296,200	94,906	7,391,106
Revaluation	(331,417)	-	(331,417)
Additions	2,157,880	2,250,414	4,408,294
Disposals	(2,123,825)	(2,323,105)	(4,446,930)
Realised gains	<u>184,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,315</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>7,183,153</u>	<u>22,215</u>	<u>7,205,368</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2020	<u>7,183,153</u>	<u>22,215</u>	<u>7,205,368</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>7,296,200</u>	<u>94,906</u>	<u>7,391,106</u>

**18 Stock**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Stocks	<u>163,140</u>	<u>110,601</u>

The cost of stock recognised as an expense in the year amounted to £62,789 (2019 - £69,806).

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**19 Debtors**

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	5,633	439
Prepayments	30,145	34,574
Accrued income	34,018	80,563
Other debtors	2,650	213,584
	<u>72,446</u>	<u>329,160</u>

Debtors includes £Nil (2019: £213,584) receivable after more than one year.

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	-	213,584
	<u>-</u>	<u>213,584</u>

**20 Current asset investments**

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash deposits	790,033	792,561
	<u>790,033</u>	<u>792,561</u>

**21 Cash and cash equivalents**

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash on hand	6,560	5,986
Cash at bank	1,675,729	1,883,613
	<u>1,682,289</u>	<u>1,889,599</u>

**22 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2020 £	2019 £ (As restated)
Trade creditors	7,746	29,940
Other taxation and social security	141	1,768
Other creditors	359,608	338,520
Pension scheme creditor	335	321
Accruals	33,181	29,788
	<u>401,011</u>	<u>400,337</u>

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**23 Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1 January 2020 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Other recognised gains/(losses) £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December 2020 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Income Fund	11,327,616	954,134	(1,505,135)	(100,615)	10,676,000
<i>Designated</i>					
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,711,311	32,131	(9,465)	(36,838)	1,697,139
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>2,011,311</u>	<u>32,131</u>	<u>(9,465)</u>	<u>(36,838)</u>	<u>1,997,139</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>13,338,927</b>	<b>986,265</b>	<b>(1,514,600)</b>	<b>(137,453)</b>	<b>12,673,139</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
International Projects	<u>21,570</u>	<u>35,395</u>	<u>(49,777)</u>	-	<u>7,188</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><b>13,360,497</b></u>	<u><b>1,021,660</b></u>	<u><b>(1,564,377)</b></u>	<u><b>(137,453)</b></u>	<u><b>12,680,327</b></u>
	<b>Balance at 1 January 2019 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Other recognised gains/(losses) £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 December 2019 £ (As restated)</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<i>General</i>					
Unrestricted Income Fund	11,013,080	1,051,066	(1,314,956)	578,426	11,327,616
<i>Designated</i>					
Medical and Retirement Fund	1,461,138	52,165	(10,013)	208,021	1,711,311
Renovation Fund	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
International Members Fund	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
	<u>1,761,138</u>	<u>52,165</u>	<u>(10,013)</u>	<u>208,021</u>	<u>2,011,311</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>12,774,218</b>	<b>1,103,231</b>	<b>(1,324,969)</b>	<b>786,447</b>	<b>13,338,927</b>
<b>Restricted</b>					
International Projects	<u>71,331</u>	<u>52,399</u>	<u>(102,160)</u>	-	<u>21,570</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><b>12,845,549</b></u>	<u><b>1,155,630</b></u>	<u><b>(1,427,129)</b></u>	<u><b>786,447</b></u>	<u><b>13,360,497</b></u>

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Priests Medical and Retirement Fund has been established to cover future costs in relation to priests' medical expenses and retirement costs.

The Renovation Fund has been set aside for any renovations required to the charities properties.

Funds have been allocated to the International Members Support Fund to facilitate any assistance required by priests or members located internationally.

All of these charities funds are unrestricted and can be used for the general purposes of the charity as required.

The International Projects fund is made up of donations received for specific projects and these funds are restricted to that purpose.

**24 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2020
	General	Designated		
	£	£		
Tangible fixed assets	3,168,062	-	-	3,168,062
Fixed asset investments	5,508,229	1,697,139	-	7,205,368
Current assets	2,400,720	300,000	7,188	2,707,908
Current liabilities	(401,011)	-	-	(401,011)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>10,676,000</b>	<b>1,997,139</b>	<b>7,188</b>	<b>12,680,327</b>

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2019
	General	Designated		
	£	£		
Tangible fixed assets	3,247,807	-	-	3,247,807
Fixed asset investments	5,679,795	1,711,311	-	7,391,106
Current assets	2,800,351	300,000	21,570	3,121,921
Current liabilities	(400,337)	-	-	(400,337)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>11,327,616</b>	<b>2,011,311</b>	<b>21,570</b>	<b>13,360,497</b>

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**25 Analysis of net funds**

	<b>At 1 January 2020 £</b>	<b>Financing cash flows £</b>	<b>Exchange movement £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2020 £</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,889,599	(209,736)	2,426	1,682,289
Current asset investments	<u>792,561</u>	<u>(2,528)</u>	-	<u>790,033</u>
Net debt	<u><u>2,682,160</u></u>	<u><u>(212,264)</u></u>	<u><u>2,426</u></u>	<u><u>2,472,322</u></u>
	<b>At 1 January 2019 £</b>	<b>Financing cash flows £</b>	<b>Exchange movement £</b>	<b>At 31 December 2019 £</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	1,878,080	25,155	(13,636)	1,889,599
Current asset investments	<u>800,000</u>	<u>(7,439)</u>	-	<u>792,561</u>
Net debt	<u><u>2,678,080</u></u>	<u><u>17,716</u></u>	<u><u>(13,636)</u></u>	<u><u>2,682,160</u></u>

**26 Related party transactions**

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

**SMA Polish District in Formation**

(The SMA Polish District in Formation is another unit of the international group that the charity is a part of.)  
 In 2017, the charity gave a loan to assist them with the construction of a missionary animation and promotion centre in Warsaw. The first repayment was due in 2020. The full loan, adjusted for exchange variations, is still outstanding at 31 December 2020. At the balance sheet date the amount due from SMA Polish District in Formation was £225,958 (2019 - £213,584). The provision for doubtful debts from the related parties at the balance sheet date was £225,958 (2019 - £Nil).