

Report of the Trustees of the “The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London”

Year to 31 December 2020

Introduction

The Trustees present their statutory report with the accounts of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The results for the year are presented in the form of a consolidated statement of financial activities, which show income and expenditure account, in order to comply with the revised Statement of Recommended Practice for charities, as issued by the Charity Commission in October 1995.

During the reporting period, His Holiness, Francis, Pope of Rome, in conjunction with a decision of the episcopal Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church appointed, on 15 January 2020, the Right Reverend Kenneth Nowakowski, formally Bishop Eparch of New Westminster, Canada as Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. The enthronement of the new Eparch took place on 21 March 2020, just prior to the National Lockdown.

Constitution

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London is a charitable trust established by a trust deed dated 10th August 1953 and is registered under the Charities Act 1993, Charity Registration No. 240088. The charity uses both the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Eparchy of the Holy Family of London as working names.

Scope of the Accounts

The accounts include assets, liabilities, and transactions of the following:

Curial Funds

The Curial funds are used to support the Bishop in providing Eparchial services and pastoral care and to meet the cost of central administration. The Curial funds are administered by staff within the Curial (or Central) Offices in the Cathedral Complex.

Parochial Funds

The Parochial funds are administered, with guidance from the Central Finance Office, by the parish priests and are used to carry out the work of the Church within local areas.

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Ukrainian Cathedral of the Holy Family

A wholly owned subsidiary carrying out activities which relate to the Cathedral, whose objective it is to generate profit for the benefit of the Cathedral parish as well as to support the Eparch.

The Charity’s Objects

The Declaration of the Trust included in the Trust Deed dated the 10 August 1953, specifies that the property and other assets owned by the Charity should be used for “*serving the spiritual needs of the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain.*”

The principal ways in which these objectives are fulfilled are:

- The provision of religious and pastoral services to parishes and missionary points.
- The provision and maintenance of churches and presbyteries.
- Looking after the well being of the clergy within the Eparchy.
- Ensuring that the retired clergy of the Eparchy have proper accommodation and means of existence.
- Providing support and assistance for the UGCC Synod of Bishops and its Governing Body.
- Providing monies for religious causes in Ukraine.

This is achieved principally through the fourteen parishes and twenty missionary points.

Organisation

The Charity is governed by a Board of Directors of the Trust which meet on a regular basis to attend to the financial, property, legal and administrative affairs of the Eparchy.

The parishes in the Eparchy are established and operate under the Church’s Code of Eastern Canon Law which bestows on them separate canonical status. In addition, the Eparchy is bound by the Canons of the Particular Law of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

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Administrative and Advisory Bodies

As required by Canon Law, the Eparchial Financial Council exists to give advice to the Bishop on financial matters. It must also be consulted on administrative matters of major importance. The Eparchial Financial Council is composed of three members of the clergy and five members of the laity to reinforce the concept of stewardship.

In the Eparchy four senior priests; Very Reverend Fathers Andrew Choma, Mykola Matwijiwskyj, Ewgen Nebesniak, and David Senyk, constituted the “Presbyteral Council” to fulfil the legal requirements of Canon Law 264 of the Eastern Code. This Body is consulted by the Bishop on important Eparchial matters.

Progress during the Year

The central role of the Church and Eparchy is the mission of the Christian Gospel. This takes a number of different forms into a unified whole. It is “delivered” in a variety of ways.

- The baptised Eastern Rite Catholics number around 13,000 active parishioners. In addition to the daily celebration of Liturgies, other services (marriages, baptisms, funerals, and a wide variety of additional services) were conducted in the parishes throughout the year prior to the National Lockdown after which all churches closed their doors. The COVID-19 pandemic adversely affected every aspect of life, but it encouraged the clergy to show initiative in serving the needs of the faithful in new means including livestreamed Divine Liturgies, online prayer groups, daily recorded sermons and other congregational gatherings conducted online.
- During the reporting period, the Eparchy was served by one bishop and fourteen priests (one of whom belongs to a Religious Congregation). All are strongly supported by a substantial number of lay volunteers. Additionally, we have two incardinated priests abroad. Furthermore, there are two retired priest and another on compassionate leave.
- Moreover, as the oldest Eastern Rite Catholic church in the UK, the Eparchy helps other Eastern Catholic and Orthodox communities by allowing their communities use of our premises.
- In addition to raising sufficient funds to enable them to operate, parishes also raise (annually) donations for designated charitable activities.

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- The Bishop is called upon to perform a national role in the life of the Eastern Rite Catholic Church. As head of the Eparchy, he is father and leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in this country. He is not only a member of the Council of the Bishops' Conferences of Europe (CCEE), but also a member of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). As such, the decisions which are agreed at the bishops' conferences are binding for our Eparchy. For that reason, we are adopting policies which seeks to protect and promote a culture of safeguarding within our community.
- The Cathedral, not merely because of its location in London, but also because of its distinctive pastoral and liturgical life, plays a similar role as leader of UCC life in the UK.
- The Eparchy strives to sustain good partnerships with other Christian bodies. Regular meetings take place between the leaders of the Church as well as local meetings of clergy. Many projects are carried out ecumenically.
- The delivery of the mission outlined briefly above requires substantial investment in property, in terms of its management, maintenance (due to the age of the properties) and capital expenditure.

Future Commitments

In essence, these will continue to provide and to develop the range of services that constitute the work of the charity in line with the changing times and circumstances. For this to be achievable, one of the key priorities is to seek and foster vocations to the priesthood so that a sufficient number of priests are maintained. To this matter, we currently have two seminarians training for the priesthood and one candidate to the diaconate.

With the appointment of a new Eparch, a consultation and review period has commenced to evaluate the policies and procedures used within the charity.

Most of the assets belonging to the charity is held in property. The maintenance of these premises requires a substantial investment annually, both of finance and in terms of management, to ensure that the pastoral work continues. Many of the churches in the Eparchy are listed buildings and this gives rise to additional responsibilities. Despite the ownership by the Eparchy of substantial property assets, the reality is that this custody attracts a continuous ongoing responsibility and liability. The care and maintenance of the Charity's properties is a heavy burden since we are required to maintain them to a high standard. We envisage that for years to come property maintenance will escalate and funds for this will have to be raised

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otherwise the buildings will deteriorate. In the foreseeable future, we see the Charities’ assets downsizing either through smaller premises due to smaller congregations or, in certain parishes, returning to the use of Roman Catholic churches.

Directors of the Charity

The Directors of the Charity operate the charity and are appointed by the Bishop (primary trustee of three) and constitute the Directors of the Trust.

The Office of the Vicar General implements the directives.

The trustees meet on a regular basis.

Trustees Expenses

All trustees are clergy of the Eparchy. They are remunerated by the Eparchy and are reimbursed expenses for carrying out their ministry in the same way as other clergy of the Eparchy.

However, no trustee received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in connection with their duties as trustees during the year. No trustee had any beneficial interest in any contract with the Charity.

Responsibilities of the Directors of the Trust

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires Directors of the Trust (trustees) to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity’s financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing accounts showing a true and fair view, the Trustees:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Follow applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.
- Prepare the accounts on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

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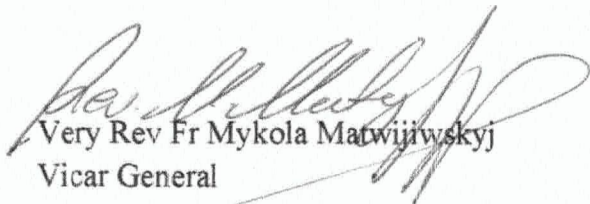
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The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

The auditors, *Gately, Read and Co*, who were appointed during the year, will be proposed for re-appointment.

Signed on behalf of the Directors of the Trust,



Very Rev Fr Mykola Matwijewskyj
Vicar General

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Statement of Financial Affairs

For the year ended 31st December 2020

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31st December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME		
Income from fundraising activities	324,618	540,924
Rent receivable	106,107	81,617
Profit on sale of fixed assets		
Bank interest receivable	80	403
Total Income	430,805	622,944
EXPENDITURE		
Repairs & Renewals	27,790	21,538
House & Church Maintenance	178,818	223,781
Clergy Stipends	107,674	131,121
Ecclesiastical, wine, candles etc	13,198	39,590
Motor & Travel Expenses	27,549	43,087
Telephone	14,763	17,013
Printing, Stationery & Publications	6,462	8,828
Sundries	4,638	21,958
Donations	8,852	15,433
Bank Charges	1,285	616
Exchange Losses/(Gains)		(4)
Legal & Professional Fees	4,340	17,812
Accountancy	1,800	2,400
Total Expenditure	397,169	543,173
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	33,636	79,771
Deficit/Surplus for the year	33,636	79,771

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Balance Sheet
For the year ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	£	£	2020 £	£	2019
Fixed Assets						
Land & Property	2			2,278,147		2,142,705
Fixtures & Fittings				236,764		234,695
Loans				20,332		59,597
Bank Accounts						
Central Funds		154,078			123,292	
Parish Accounts		318,706			384,537	
Petty Cash		2,583				
				475,367		507,829
Bond deposits		274			274	
Prepayments					29,139	
Other debtors						
				274		29,413
Loans		48,910			54,959	
Accruals		4,519			2,400	
		53,429			57,359	
				(53,429)		(57,359)
Accumulated Funds				2,957,455		2,916,880
Accumulated funds brought forward				1,939,730		1,859,959
Prior Year Adjustment				22,939		
Revaluation Reserve				961,150		977,150
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year				33,636		79,771
Accumulated funds				2,957,455		2,916,880

I approve these financial accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 and confirm that all relevant records and information have been made available for their preparation.



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 ALEXANDRIA KENNA

15th September 2021

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Notes to the Accounts
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1. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice.
2. In prior years land and property and fixtures and fittings had been included at historic cost and were not depreciated. In 2019 year certain properties were professionally revalued in order to more properly reflect their current open market values. This resulted in a gain on revaluation amounting to £977,150.
3. As a result of the revaluation exercise mentioned in point 2. above, in the current year a further detailed review of all property costs was under taken. This has resulted in a prior year net adjustment of £22,939 arising from the reallocation of expenditure incurred in 2019 from house and church maintenance to the cost of land and property and bank accounts.

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of
The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of The Holy Family of London**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement


The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or;
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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