

**ROMAN CATHOLIC PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CONGREGATION OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER
(KNOWN AS THE CONGREGATION OF THE MOST HOLY
REDEEMER AND THE REDEMPTORISTS)**

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

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The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared on the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's trust deed, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Trust Deed dated 23 February 1967 which is the governing document of the Congregation sets out its objective: "The charitable purposes which advance the religious and other charitable work for the time being carried on by or under the direction of the Society as the Trustees, with the approval of the Superior, shall from time to time think fit".

The Congregation continually assesses the effectiveness with which it achieves this objective: though such reviews are not always or easily subjected to statistical analysis as much of the work is of a 'spiritual' nature. The Trustees co-ordinate the work of around seventy members of the Congregation based in the UK and Zimbabwe and a larger number of people who work for the Congregation, largely on a voluntary basis. There are currently five Redemptorist communities in the UK and four in Zimbabwe. For the purpose of reporting on Public Benefit, the various activities of the Charity and its charitable work are listed with greater detail.

The trustees confirm they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission.

PARISHES

Parish Communities: The Redemptorists staff four parishes in England:

St Mary's Clapham

This is a large, multi-racial Catholic parish in south-London with a wide socio-economic mix. Two Redemptorists are fully occupied with the parish. Other members of the community assist with the church services.

- Before the pandemic, the church was open seven days a week providing Catholic worship and the opportunity for anyone to spend a few minutes in quiet prayer or reflection.
- About 1,000 worshippers attended Mass each Sunday.
- There is a large and highly successful primary school to which the parish priest offers chaplaincy support and serves on the Governing Body.
- The priests are also catholic chaplains to Trinity Hospice where they visit the patients and are available 'on call'. This ministry is supported by the Charity as they receive no stipend or salary.
- Some of the confreres are engaged part-time with missions and retreats and do supplies in the local dioceses.
- The ground floor is used for parish and ecumenical meetings and courses.
- The Ace of Clubs is a Registered Charitable Company under the Trusteeship of the Redemptorists. Three Redemptorists are involved in the Trustees Committee. The club is housed in the old school building and forms an integral part of the community outreach of the parish. It is a day drop-in centre providing meals and practical support for homeless men and women. Under its lay director and dedicated team it has had a difficult year on account of the Covid-19 Pandemic when most of the activities had to be closed down, although take-away food was provided on a daily basis once this was possible. The two charity shops which help to provide financial support for the Centre also had to work within the constraints of the pandemic. The Trustees have established a Trustees Committee to provide specialised support and oversight of the activities of The Ace of Clubs.
- There are strong ecumenical links with the local Christian churches and with other centres for the homeless
- With Lockdown, the Church was completely closed at the end of March 2020, and people were unable to come to worship, pray or simply to visit.
- As a way of maintaining contact the Priests of the Parish filmed and produced online all the Liturgies of the Catholic Church as if the people were there. This has brought much comfort to many.
- Added to this, the community were all involved in a "Thought for the Day", going out online.
- Once restrictions of church attendance were lifted, services were resumed following the guidelines for numbers, social distancing and face coverings.

The Abbey Parish, Erdington, Birmingham

This is a large, vibrant parish staffed by two Redemptorists that attracts people from beyond the parish boundaries.

- Before the pandemic, on Sunday there were over 1,200 worshippers at Mass and the church was open every day for worship, private prayer and reflection

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- There are two Catholic schools within the parish: The Abbey Primary school, and St Edmund Campion Comprehensive School. The parish priest serves on the Governing Body and is Chaplain to the primary school.
- The parish priest also serves, one day a week, Chaplain-on-call for Good Hope General Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, and the local John Taylor Hospice.
- The Redemptorist priests are also chaplains to a number of residential care homes within the parish.
- The Mission Coordinator for the Province lives and works from here.
- The parish hall is used extensively by parish and other groups with activities available to anyone from the local community.
- There is an active lay group of the St Vincent de Paul Society that seeks to serve the needs of the local poor and needy families and has become the biggest food donor to Erdington Food Bank.
- During the pandemic, services in the church had to be suspended according to government regulations. As the restrictions were eased services were resumed following the guidelines for numbers, social distancing and face coverings. It has been noted that the Sunday Mass attendance has reduced from 1200 to 800 over this period.

Bishop Eton, Liverpool

This is a very popular parish church in a residential area of south Liverpool. It is staffed by a priest from the community: the parish priest. Other members of the community are also involved with the celebration of Mass and other services within the church.

- Before the pandemic, the church was open every day, through the day, offering Catholic worship and opportunities for personal prayer and reflection.
- There were approximately 850 worshippers who attended the Sunday Masses
- There is a Catholic primary school and the parish priest is the Chaplain. There is also a private, Catholic school within the parish boundary.
- The Fisher-More Hall is used by a variety of groups including Parents and Toddlers, and for fund-raising events for Third World Projects. It is also a local polling station when required.
- Members of the community also occasionally engage in giving parish missions in parishes around the country by local invitation, and retreats to religious communities.
- One Redemptorist Brother is engaged in pastoral work in HMP Liverpool and another at HMP Wymott and HMP Risley. Since lockdown and the continuing pandemic this ministry has had to stop, particularly as the Brother reached retirement age.
- With Lockdown in March 2020, the Parish Priest has kept contact with the Parish and school by means of a weekly message and a recorded Mass, which the parishioners are encouraged to follow online. Throughout this reporting period, many parish activities were suspended on account of the pandemic. However, the weekly recorded message and Mass have continued without a break. Once government regulations allowed the opening of the church, Masses were resumed at a reduced frequency, but following all the guidelines for numbers, social distancing and face coverings.

St Mary's Woolton, Liverpool

In 2011 the Archdiocese of Liverpool requested that the Trustees accept the pastoral care of the neighbouring parish of St Mary's, Woolton. St Mary's parish is of a similar size to Bishop Eton. The pastoral care of St Mary's has developed well with the members of the community assisting the full time Redemptorist Parish Priest in the provision of church services. St Mary's also has its own Catholic Primary School. Again, throughout the pandemic, ministry was severely restricted and has slowly resumed following the government guidelines.

St Benet's and St Hilda's Sunderland

The Redemptorists withdrew from St Benet's, Sunderland in 2011. In consultation with the local Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, the Charity continues to negotiate the future of the Church of St Benet's, which is still in use by the Diocese, and that of the unoccupied adjoining monastery. These negotiations have continued throughout the current reporting period.

Further note

Every Catholic parish is a constituent part of the local Catholic Diocese. By the staffing of these parishes, we are also contributing to the overall Public Benefit of these Registered Charities: Southwark (South London & Kent); Birmingham; Liverpool.

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PASTORAL CENTRES

The Charity currently owns and runs a Pastoral & Retreat Centre.

St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth.

St Mary's Monastery has been the Redemptorists principal location in Scotland since the Monastery was first built in the 1860's. It was a community for the charity's members, Redemptorist priests and brothers based in Scotland. In addition to the resident community it has also served as a Retreat Centre for clergy and lay retreats. This ministry has greatly expanded over the past forty years. In recent years, in addition to the two renewal courses for seven weeks, there have been a variety of retreats for the Catholic and Christian community. 'Kinnoull' provides retreat and conference facilities for a wide variety of organisations including the Episcopal Church, Alcoholics Anonymous, professional groups, and self-help groups. In this reporting year our activities have been severely restricted, if not stopped altogether, by the Covid-19 pandemic. 'Kinnoull' provided a daily Mass in the Monastery, open to the local Catholic community, which had to stop during lockdown. It is also a base for ministry in parishes across Scotland. The Centre is used by the Province for our own Provincial and Congregational meetings and retreats. Again, all these activities have been restricted by the pandemic. Staff have been furloughed while the centre is not being utilised

As from March 2020, due to the response to Covid-19, we had to cancel all our courses until the summer. This resulted in returning deposits to those who had booked, and in some cases people had paid the full mount which also had to be returned.

Our biggest fear continues to be the future of the retreat house. We are totally dependent on guests for our income. We have no other source of support. Some courses were presented, but to very few participants and private retreatants came for the occasional few days break.

Our community is now reduced to 10 persons. We have decided on a strategy to ensure our continued health and well-being. Our programme to keep us engaged daily in an agreed way of living continues.

St Clement's, Chawton, Alton.

There were two Redemptorists belonging to the community. One is the full-time Director at Redemptorist Publications, and the other priest died in a care home during this reporting period. A Redemptorist Brother, a writer of icons, joined the community. Since March 2020, a new pastoral work of Redemptorist Publications at St Clement's has been a weekly online Mass. Donations from this ministry have gone to support Redemptorist Publications at this time. Redemptorist Publications is a separate Registered, Charitable Company under the same Trustees as the Main Charity.

THE REDEMPTORIST MISSION, ZIMBABWE

The Redemptorists are based in four locations in Harare from where they serve a number of township parishes and outlying areas where some of the poorest are living. Two of these locations are also residences for those training to be Redemptorists. As this community is still growing it is called a *Region* with a local administration, but it remains under the auspices of the Trustees of the London Province. The Region's activities include:

- The staffing of two township parishes of Tafara, and Mabvuku, and the very poor settlements of Bobo and Hatcliffe and an extension area named popularly as "Sally Mugabe".
- The staffing of a residential parish of Borrowdale, and a very poor area at Hatcliffe.
- The staffing of a rural mission in Chiweshe with over 15 outstations.
- The formation and education of future Zimbabwean Redemptorists at the Jesuit, Arrupe University, and Holy Trinity College.
- One of the Brothers is responsible for a feeding and basic education programme for 20,000 children.
- One Brother works in our school for poor children called Mavambo.
- One Brother heads an administration outreach team in Mavambo.
- One of the Brothers is partly responsible for the Archdiocese of Harare's social service programme.

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In consultation with the Province Trustees, the leadership team in Zimbabwe agreed to accept the invitation of the Archdiocese of Harare to take pastoral responsibility for a rural mission at Chiweshe mentioned above, which is approximately two hours' drive from Harare. A Redemptorist priest is working full time as parish priest and is regularly assisted by two others. A significant financial investment is required to provide a community house and other basic infrastructure.

All this work is managed by fundraising and donations. The Congregation does not receive any grants for the education of the students and the administration of the parishes.

The Region of Zimbabwe also supports the mother Province with the presence of two of its members who work in our parishes in Birmingham and Clapham. We have applied to obtain a visa for a third member whose arrival is eagerly awaited.

This variety of activity in the different communities of the Congregation in the UK and Zimbabwe is brought together in the common objective described in the Constitutions and Statutes which govern the Congregation throughout the world and which are approved by the Roman Catholic Church, in which it is stated: "Preference for situations where there is a pastoral need, that is, for evangelisation in the strict sense together with the choice in favour of the poor and promoting their fundamental rights to justice and freedom. The means employed must be effective and at the same time consistent with the Gospel".

During this past year, there has been increasing political instability in Zimbabwe with continued super hyper-inflation and much poverty. In addition, due to drought the crops have been poor for several years. In addition, the present pandemic has meant lockdown, and this has caused huge hardship for both the beneficiaries of our ministry as well as for the Religious community members themselves. Even the meagre collections of a few dollars a month have disappeared and assistance has to be provided from UK.

Volunteers

The London Province of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer benefits from the help of many volunteers, whose work and commitment varies from place to place. In the parishes, for example, many people assist with the work of the local community, some on a casual basis and others on a more regular basis. The monetary value of such charitable assistance is considerable and difficult to calculate.

Each year, also, a large number of people help in fund-raising for the Congregation's work in Zimbabwe, where our priests and brothers make a significant difference to the living conditions of many of the local people in the vicinity of Harare – although this year with the closure of churches in UK for lengthy periods due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this funding has decreased considerably. The Provincial Council has developed a programme of formation for Redemptorist Associates.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer has the particular responsibility within the Roman Catholic Church of explicit preaching of the Christian Gospel. In achieving this aim the Congregation within the UK works in co-operation with the Congregation throughout the world and with the diocesan bishops of England & Wales, and Scotland.

The major objectives for The Trustees in the period to 31 December 2020 included:-

Developing the province plan: The Trustees continue their reflections on the future 'shape' of the London Province of the Redemptorists. In addition to the criteria mentioned above the following has an important bearing on the decisions of the Trustees: the ageing profile of the members; the small number of men in formation, and the pastoral needs of the wider Catholic community in the next few years.

Collaboration with other Redemptorists: After the last General Chapter of the Redemptorist Congregation in Pattaya, Thailand, 2016, the five regional Conferences that were established to promote restructuring and to further the aims of the Congregation, continued to develop this project.

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The Conference of Europe: The London Province of the Redemptorists is part of the Conference of Europe, and Fr Provincial (The Chair of Trustees) participates in its meetings.

At North European Regional level there are regular meetings of the Provincial Councils of the London, Dublin, St Clements Provinces, (the latter is an amalgamation of the Redemptorists of north Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and the Flemish region of Belgium) and the Province of Vienna/Munich. At these meetings we are looking at ways of greater collaboration within our north European region.

The Body of Trustees is registered with the UK Border Agency to act as a sponsor for Redemptorists working in the UK as religious workers.

- **Developing the mission in Zimbabwe.** In the current financial year a substantial amount was donated to the communities based in and around Harare. This funding supports thirty priests and brothers who are already members of the Congregation or who are training to become members. The work of these members, both in terms of spirituality and material support, is substantial, particularly for those in the townships of Tafara and Mabvuku, near Harare, and Bobo and Hatcliffe, where people live in extreme poverty. The mission to Chiweshe continues to develop.
- **Working for new ways to proclaim the Gospel**
 - This work is continued in a context where, in the past decade church attendance in the Roman Catholic Church has reduced by 28% and the number of Roman Catholic clergy has decreased by over 20%. We continue to assess the long-term effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Church attendance has reduced even further. With lockdown, 'habits' of church going have been broken and new ways of participation are being sought.
 - **St Mary's Perth:** Since September 2016 after the successful internal refurbishment project, the work of retreats and courses in human and spiritual development has carried on to good effect. However, the repeated lockdowns and restrictions on hospitality have profoundly affected the ability to do any forward planning for either pastoral ministry or maintenance of the property.
 - **The Ace of Clubs,** Clapham, London, is a day drop-in centre for homeless and marginalised people offering meals, showering and laundry facilities, and other professional services. It is a separate Charity under the Trustees of the main Charity and it is located in an old school building next to St Mary's Monastery. As a result of lockdown due to Covid-19, the Ace of Clubs has redesigned their facilities and was able to offer the poor and most vulnerable a 'take away' meal of hot food and refreshments. The Ace of Clubs is the only place in our area providing for this clientele during this period of time and as such we have been feeding up to 180 people a day.
 - The giving of one or two week **Parish Missions** has been one of the traditional ministries of the Redemptorist Congregation. This ministry is for the maintenance and the promotion of the Christian/Catholic religion. Despite the small number of Redemptorists available for this ministry due to our ageing profile, there remains a steady demand for the services of those Redemptorists who are engaged in this work. Once again, due to the pandemic, this ministry has been severely restricted.

IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTIES

St Mary's, Clapham

A more radical plan to provide suitable accommodation for elderly confreres with the provision of a lift to the upper floors has been approved. Work commenced in October 2020. Three community members involved in the parish ministry and the Ace of Clubs moved into one of the houses owned by the Redemptorists on the former Scaffold Yard. Two elderly confreres moved into a care home, while others found accommodation elsewhere for the duration of the refurbishment project. Finance for the project will depend on the successful development of St Mary's Hall.

The properties from **The Scaffold Yard** development have been beneficial. New tenants have settled into one property while the second has been restored in preparation for it to be available as temporary accommodation for members of the community when the refurbishment of the monastery begins.

St Mary's Hall: Plans to dispose of the Hall to developers which will include the provision of a smaller Parish facility have been turned down by Lambeth Borough Council. The property is being remarketed

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Bishop Eton Monastery, Liverpool.

Ongoing maintenance of this old building is constant, as new safety issues appear. A project to replace/renew windows throughout the building is slowly making its way through the approval process of Historic Buildings.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The full detailed figures in the financial activities are shown on the following pages of the Report and Accounts.

Total income in the period reduced from £1.75m to £0.83m mainly due to the effects of COVID. Of this restricted income reduced from £380,895 to £147,787 and Unrestricted income reduced from £1,370,415 to £684,855.

Rental income has reduced this period as one of the Clapham Townhouses was not rented while it was refurbished ready for use by members of the congregation while the Clapham Refurbishments take place.

Donations and legacies have held up well, but most other income has reduced significantly for reasons detailed earlier in the Trustees Report. Investment income has remained stable for the period when compared to a full year in the comparative.

Total expenditure of the charity has reduced from £1,771,426 to £1,161,781. Of this restricted expenditure has reduced from £481,930 to £233,038 while unrestricted expenditure has reduced from £1,289,496 to £928,743.

The main effects on the restricted expenditure has been the large reduction in costs at the Ace of Clubs shops due to their enforced closures, reductions in Zimbabwe costs and other general reductions.

Regarding unrestricted expenditure, these are fairly comparable for the period against the prior 12 month period but there have been large reductions in travel costs and other cost categories due to the restrictions in place, and savings on wages as a result. There was a £150,000 payment to Rome during the year which represented the amount due following the sale of Hawkstone.

The unrestricted fund shows a deficit of £243,888, however the investment performance performed very well providing a gain in the year of £733,304 which moved the deficit to a net surplus of £480,336. The restricted funds showed a £85,251 deficit before a similar gain on the investment funds of £376,873 again gave a surplus of £300,702, and therefore an overall surplus of £781,038. The investment value gain at the period end followed significant losses of £547,742 in the prior year.

The Trustees hope that following the lifting of restrictions income will increase particularly from St Mary's Kinnoull which had been performing well following the extensive restoration work undertaken.

Although there are now some modernised older properties and a few new properties in the Charity's portfolio, it is appropriate to repeat comments in recent years accounts concerning the assets of the Congregation. On first reading of the raw figures in the Audited Accounts it could be judged that the Congregation in the UK is rich in assets, particularly in relation to property assets. This is far from the reality.

The Trustees policy decisions, to carefully manage expenditure of Repairs and Renewals of the mostly old buildings that make up the property assets, has avoided much larger deficits and supports their actions in seeking to maximise the value of assets surplus to current requirements and reinvesting in the remaining assets and acquiring new low maintenance assets and others that will provide future significant rental income to aid the lack of pension income for the confreres.

Most of the property portfolio remains old and the nature of these assets and their age, means keeping them in good repair is a continual challenge for the Trustees/Charity and the costs involved are significant. However, they are essential to the functioning of and the continuance of the work of the Congregation and the trustees are seeking to continue to progress a programme of repair, maintenance and in some cases restoration or upgrade e.g. St. Mary's Clapham where the Trustees are planning a major internal restoration following on an external restoration several years ago, through careful management of the Charity's resources combined with hopefully, invaluable support from various Grant Agencies.

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Significant progress has been made in delivering the Strategic Plan in recent years with the Restoration of St Mary's Perth, St Mary's Clapham and Bishop Eton Liverpool and disposal of Hawkstone Hall/Cottages. Plans are still being progressed to dispose of buildings in Sunderland. Reference should be made to the 'Property Fixed Assets/Designated Property Fund' Policy Review later in this Report.

The Conditions attached to the Grant from Historic Scotland for the 40% Grant for the External Fabric Restoration continue to apply including a legal charge over the Church/ Monastery.

The General funds (or free reserves) held by the Trustees of net £4.89m (5 April 2020: £4.4m) have remained consistent. As such there are sufficient reserves to cover twelve months expenditure as well as coping with the increased costs of care of the elderly and sick Priests and Brothers despite lack of sufficient pension provision. The coming on stream of new sources of Long Term rental income and investment income will continue to assist.

PROPERTY FIXED ASSETS/DESIGNATED PROPERTY FUND POLICY REVIEW

The Trustees have undertaken a complete review of the Charity's property assets in terms of valuation, depreciation and impairment. The review has been driven by the need to provide a realistic assessment of the tangible financial value of the property assets to the Charity and to provide donors and grant agencies with a more realistic and up to date view of the assets of the Redemptorists.

Of course, many of the properties have a value in terms of the achievement of the objectives and work of the Charity that are far more meaningful than the cold financial market value i.e. all the properties are the homes and working places of the members of the Redemptorists and through which some of the work of the Charity is performed in terms of Public Benefit.

With the need to progress the Redemptorist withdrawal from 3 locations, professional valuations were necessary and were obtained and as a result these valuations were reflected in the accounts for the year to 5 April 2012, replacing the previous historic Fire Insurance valuations. Also in recent years, where the Redemptorists have been required to hand back responsibility of the care of a Parish Community to the Archdiocese due to non-availability of manpower, it is clear from these experiences that the Church, Parish Hall and priest living accommodation is required to be gifted to the Archdiocese Trustees. Therefore, the Trustees have decided to take the opportunity to allocate a value more in keeping with the value to the Charity of these specific assets.

The depreciation Policy relating to property assets has also been reviewed. Although there is no reason to doubt that the monasteries and churches will have further useful life for at least the next 100 plus years, the Trustees consider that it is appropriate to discontinue with the past practice of not providing for depreciation of property assets. This Policy will continue to be assessed annually.

THE LONDON PROVINCE'S STRATEGIC PLAN

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The Province Plan 2007-2018. The purpose of original Province Plan was to enable the Trustees to restructure the Charity's physical assets in order to re-focus its mission. The guiding principles/criteria in this process were:

- To clarify the pastoral priorities for the London Province: responding to the pastoral challenges of our times;
- The reduction in Redemptorist personnel, and,
- Financial viability. In keeping with the timetable specified in the Province Plan, the Trustees keep under review the continuing presence of the Redemptorists in three major and two lesser locations.

Plans for 2021

During this period the Charity continued with the second year in its four-year cycle. A new Provincial Leadership and Chapter (Governing Body) were elected in 2018 and the new leadership team began their four-year mandate in January 2019. These executive groups are likely to make further developments to the Strategic Plan, under the guidance of the leadership of the Conference of Europe.

The probable 'future shape' of the Charity: The Redemptorists continue their ministry in three major locations: London, Liverpool, and Perth, Scotland. In addition there is Redemptorist Publications and St Clements House at Chawton in Hampshire, and the parish in Erdington, Birmingham.

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Parish Mission apostolate: it is hoped that from Birmingham and Perth we will continue with a small team for external pastoral ministry; parish missions and retreats.

Progressing the Mission of the Charity: however, in order to progress the principal purpose for restructuring: to further the **mission of the Charity**, the Trustees are open to suggestions for a 'new venture' exploring innovative and creative ways to do this.

Redemptorist Associates: the Trustees recognise the invaluable contribution of the many 'volunteers' and employees who assist the full-time members of the Charity i.e. the priests and brothers, in fulfilling its charitable purposes. For some of these men and women there is a desire to share in the vision and spirituality that underpins these purposes. During the period under review, a group of Associates has been established in our three main centres, Perth, Liverpool and London, with regular meetings. During the pandemic, they continued to meet via Zoom, with a number of formation programmes. They have established a WhatsApp group for mutual support.

Improved care for sick members: The Trustees have a sub-committee (Secretariat) for the Care of sick and elderly Redemptorists. Its remit is to review the current arrangements for the provision of the appropriate level of care for its sick, and elderly/infirm Redemptorists, and to advise the Trustees on the use of the designated Fund of £0.57 million (invested with Quilter Cheviot Investments) for these purposes. This work is ongoing with planning for refurbishment of facilities at St Mary's, Clapham and the part-time employment of a professional nurse for the care of the elderly in Bishop Eton, Liverpool.

COVID-19: The global pandemic has massively impacted the life and ministry of Redemptorists, not only in Britain and Zimbabwe, but throughout the world. Here at the end of this reporting period, all our communities continue under national restrictions/lockdown. Our parish ministries have had to be adjusted to fit with requirements for numbers and social distancing. New means of communication through the internet continue to be explored. The closure of parishes on a national level has caused great difficulties with Redemptorist Publications as our regular income from the weekly Bulletins has been cut off and contact with people through parishes severely restricted making all sales very difficult. The Pastoral Centre in Kinnoull has been closed intermittently to the public cutting off the main source of income. Overall, we have entered a new era in the Church and will face a challenging future as we develop in the post Covid-19 world.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Trustees have the power to invest as they see fit. The Policy is to maintain income whilst preserving the real value of the investment assets. The day to day operation of this Policy is carried out by the Investment Managers', appointed by the Trustees under agreed investment policies. The Trustees reviewed the Policy in the year to April 2019 and this was approved and adopted in December 2018.

In line with the volatile state of the investment market during the period, the Charity has seen wide fluctuations in the value of its investments. The Trustees take a long term view and hope to see improvements in future years and in the meantime increasing dividend income is a key focus for the Investment Managers.

In addition, the nature of the Congregation's work requires that some funds are retained in liquid form, and are held in short term bank deposits. Here the continuing low levels on interest income continue to have a significant impact on total investment income and the overall income of the Congregation.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have developed and put in place a Reserves Policy, this being adopted in May 2018. It is the policy of the Charity to hold reserves in its general funds which have not yet been committed or designated for any particular purpose. The Trustees have set aside these reserves in order to protect the future operations of the Charity from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income streams as part of the policy of good financial management practice. The Trustees have set the level of these reserves after undertaking a thorough assessment of the Charity needs and feel that the level of free unrestricted reserves, those not being included in the property or sick and retired reserves, which stand at £4,887,910 are adequate to carry out this policy.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

With the benefit of the considerable work put into the development of the Province Plan by the Trustees referred to earlier, the Trustees have thoroughly assessed the key risks that impact upon the future viability of the Province in the UK. The evaluation of the risks focused on the reducing availability of active members of the Congregation, the condition of the property assets, the need to focus on core priorities of the work of the members and to plan to look after the increasing number of elderly members.

Moving forward, a programme of reviews of each location over a period of years is now in place with a series of specific risks also to be assessed by all locations.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The Charity made charitable donations in the period of £100,650 (year to 5 April 2020 - £126,515).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer is a Charitable Trust established by a Trust Deed dated 23 February 1967. All the Trustees are Priests or Brothers of the Congregation which was authorised by the Roman Catholic Church as a religious order in 1749 and has spread to most countries throughout the world. The Congregation has been working in the UK since 1845 where it currently has about forty-five members.

Trustees are elected by the members of the Congregation for a period of four years; the principal Trustee (Provincial Superior) does not normally hold office for more than three terms except in special circumstances. Trustees are trained within the ordinary procedures of the Roman Catholic Church and are subject to the laws of the Church. In all matters relating to finance and civil law the Trustees are aware of the importance of seeking appropriate professional advice.

The Trustees of the Congregation are also **Trustees of Redemptorist Publications** (Registered Charity No 1088879; Registered Company No 03261721) and, **The Ace of Clubs** (Registered Charity No 1055187; Registered Company No 03080066). Both of these charitable companies are closely linked to The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer in their objectives of spreading the Christian Gospel and helping those in society who are in greatest need.

Members of the Congregation do not possess personal property and do not earn personal income and the Congregation's primary source of income is voluntary donations from those for whom they work. In this context the major risks to which the Charity is exposed are twofold.

The Priests and Brothers who are members of the Congregation and engage in its charitable work are decreasing in numbers and increasing in age. The number of Redemptorist Priests and Brothers in 1992 aged 65 and below was 72, at present it is 14 (including 3 from Zimbabwe). It should be noted that many Redemptorists above that age are still actively involved in the charitable work of the Congregation.

Also, the number of donors to the Charity is decreasing as the numbers of Catholics attending on a weekly basis continues to decline.

The Trustees were put on notice in March 2021 of a potential claim and are taking legal advice. In light of this and as a precaution, the Trustees made a Serious Incident Report to the Charity Commission on 9 April 2021. The Trustees conducted an internal investigation of this matter and have continued to liaise with the Charity Commission. In addition, the Trustees reported this historical matter under the Catholic Standards in Safeguarding ("CSSA") and have also filed a report with the police. To date the Trustees have not been required to do anything further by the regulators and have not been contacted by the police. Solicitors and Counsel have been instructed to advise the Trustees about the potential claim. No claim has been issued. The Trustees understand that medical reports are being prepared on behalf of the potential claimant, but delays have occurred in progressing this due to backlogs caused by the various Covid-19 lockdowns.

The Trustees made a serious incident report in October 2021 about an unrelated matter. This matter is in the public domain and has been widely reported in the press. It involved the conviction of a member of the Congregation in relation to historical matters. The Trustees have been liaising with regulators and the authorities throughout and at this stage there is no further action required. The Trustees issued a statement at the time and continue to offer their support to the families involved.

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The Trustees have undertaken a detailed internal safeguarding review in 2021 and have taken professional and regulatory advice. The Religious Life Safeguarding Service ("RLSS") has recently been set up under the auspices of the CSSA to provide an umbrella organisation for religious orders to access best practice and guidance. The Trustees are liaising with this service. The Trustees are in the process of approving an updated safeguarding policy, internal safeguarding protocols, and putting in place additional safeguarding team members, one of whom will be an independent safeguarding professional.

Fundraising

Fundraising generally takes place in parishes by members of the Redemptorists and other volunteers. The Charity maintains its overall responsibility over fundraising activities. The Charity has not consulted a professional fund raiser during the year.

No complaints have been received about fundraising activities. In undertaking these activities, concern is taken to avoid unreasonable intrusion on a person's privacy, unreasonably persistent approaches are avoided and undue pressure is not placed on people.

The Charity is not required to register with the Fundraising Regulator and has not done so but seeks, nonetheless to maintain high standards.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees during the year under review were:

Rev R Reid C.Ss.R (Provincial Superior)
Rev A Burns C.Ss.R (Vicar Provincial and Provincial Bursar)
Rev T Buckley C.Ss.R. (Consultor)
Rev C Corrigan C.Ss.R.
Rev C Randall C.Ss.R.
Rev E Gweme C.Ss.R.

Note on 30 November 2020 Rev R Reid was appointed Provincial Superior replacing Rev R McAinsh who retired from this position.

The Trustees are elected by the members of the Congregation and serve for a four-year term. Each Trustee is responsible for monitoring the activities of the Charity in specific, operational areas and reporting points for action at Trustees meetings. The Provincial Superior cannot hold office for more than three terms unless permission is granted by the Congregation's General Superior. Trustees are trained within the ordinary procedures of the Roman Catholic Church and are subject to the laws of the church. For finance and civil law matters the Trustees are aware of the importance of seeking appropriate professional advice.

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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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales and Scotland 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 the 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 2019 (FRS102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Rev R Reid C.Ss.R – TRUSTEE



Dated: 20.11.2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the 'charity') for the period ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the 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, for the period 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 and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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.

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 course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the 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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

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:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a material effect on the financial statement or the operations of the charity through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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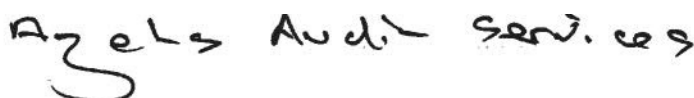
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A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for> This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and Regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Michael Iizard (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services
Statutory Auditor
Athenia House
10-14 Andover Road
Winchester
Hampshire
SO23 7BS

Date: 24 June 2022

Azets Audit Services is eligible for appointment as auditor 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 PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	31/12/2020 Restricted Funds £	Total £	05/04/2020 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	416,912	83,276	500,188	1,057,673
Charitable activities	2	-	3,800	3,800	165,856
Investment income	2	124,110	31,350	155,460	275,352
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed asset	2	-	-	-	83,572
Other income	2	<u>143,833</u>	<u>29,361</u>	<u>173,194</u>	<u>168,857</u>
Total income		<u>684,855</u>	<u>147,787</u>	<u>832,642</u>	<u>1,751,310</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Investment Management costs		20,741	8,992	29,733	6,325
Charitable activities					
General charitable activities	3	<u>908,002</u>	<u>224,046</u>	<u>1,132,048</u>	<u>1,765,101</u>
Total expenditure		<u>928,743</u>	<u>233,038</u>	<u>1,161,781</u>	<u>1,771,426</u>
		(243,888)	(85,251)	(329,139)	(20,116)
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation and disposal of investment assets	9	<u>733,304</u>	<u>376,873</u>	<u>1,110,177</u>	<u>(547,742)</u>
Net income		489,416	291,622	781,038	(567,858)
Transfers between funds		<u>(9,080)</u>	<u>9,080</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds		480,336	300,702	781,038	(567,858)
Fund balances brought forward at 6 April 2020		<u>15,137,624</u>	<u>2,326,370</u>	<u>17,463,994</u>	<u>18,031,852</u>
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2020		<u>15,617,960</u>	<u>2,627,072</u>	<u>18,245,032</u>	<u>17,463,994</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirement for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006. All activities are continuing.

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Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	2	886,951	170,722	1,057,673
Charitable activities	2	-	165,856	165,856
Investment income	2	231,035	44,317	275,352
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed asset	2	83,572	-	83,572
Other income	2	<u>168,857</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,857</u>
Total income		<u>1,370,415</u>	<u>380,895</u>	<u>1,751,310</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds				
Investment Management costs		4,516	1,809	6,325
Charitable activities				
General charitable activities	3	<u>1,284,980</u>	<u>480,121</u>	<u>1,765,101</u>
Total expenditure		<u>1,289,496</u>	<u>481,930</u>	<u>1,771,426</u>
		80,919	(101,035)	(20,116)
(Loss)/Gain on revaluation and disposal of investment assets	9	<u>(342,752)</u>	<u>(204,990)</u>	<u>(547,742)</u>
Net income		(261,833)	(306,025)	(567,858)
Transfers between funds		<u>(16,037)</u>	<u>16,037</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(277,870)	(289,988)	(567,858)
Fund balances brought forward at 6 April 2019		<u>15,415,494</u>	<u>2,616,358</u>	<u>18,031,852</u>
Fund balances carried forward at 5 April 2020		<u>15,137,624</u>	<u>2,326,370</u>	<u>17,463,994</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	31/12/2020		05/04/2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible assets	8		7,286,936		6,944,744
Investments	9		<u>8,707,449</u>		<u>7,535,117</u>
			15,994,385		14,479,861
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	10		-		-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,722,405</u>		<u>3,142,896</u>	
		2,722,405		3,142,896	
CREDITORS:					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(471,758)</u>		<u>(158,763)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			<u>2,250,647</u>		<u>2,984,133</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			18,245,032		17,463,994
CREDITORS:					
Amounts falling due after one year	12		-		-
			<u>18,245,032</u>		<u>17,463,994</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:	14				
Property fund		10,161,747		10,272,238	
General funds		4,887,910		4,436,003	
Sick and retired fund		<u>568,303</u>		<u>429,383</u>	
			15,617,960		15,137,624
RESTRICTED FUNDS:	14		<u>2,627,072</u>		<u>2,326,370</u>
			<u>18,245,032</u>		<u>17,463,994</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Rev R Reid C.Ss.R - TRUSTEE



Rev A Burns C.Ss.R - TRUSTEE

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	<u>31/12/2020</u>	<u>05/04/2020</u>
	£	£
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for year	781,038	(567,858)
Depreciation	142,399	200,549
(Gains)/Losses on investments	(1,110,177)	547,742
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(155,460)	(275,352)
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(83,572)
Decrease in debtors	-	152,496
Increase/(Decreases) in creditors	<u>312,995</u>	<u>(225,623)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(29,205)</u>	<u>(251,618)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	155,460	275,352
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	83,572
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(484,591)	(35,482)
Net purchase of investments	<u>(62,155)</u>	<u>(122,479)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(391,286)</u>	<u>200,963</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(420,491)	(50,655)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	<u>3,142,896</u>	<u>3,193,551</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	<u>2,722,405</u>	<u>3,142,896</u>

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of investment assets at market value. They have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulation and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period and in the preceding year.

REPORTING PERIOD

The charity has changed its year end to 31 December 2020. The reason for this is to align the year end with a charity under common control. These accounts are for the period from 6 April 2020 to 31 December 2020 (39 weeks) (prior period: year ended 5 April 2020) and as a result, the comparative amounts presented in the financial statements (including the related notes) are not entirely comparable. The trustees received approval for their change of year end from the Charity Commission.

GOING CONCERN

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

INCOME RECOGNITION

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity is entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

- Legacies to which the Charity is entitled are included in the Statement of Financial Activities unless they are incapable of measurement.
- Voluntary income by way of grants, donations and gifts, are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the Charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.
- Investment income is recognised when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity is recognised when earned.

EXPENDITURE RECOGNITION

Expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accrual basis as soon as there is legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure includes VAT and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, the costs of trading for fundraising purposes, and the cost of investment management.
- 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

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costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes laid down by the donor. Expenditure for those purposes is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

Unrestricted general funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity. Unrestricted designated funds are funds which have been designated for specific purposes by the Trustees. The designated property fund represents the values of the buildings as detailed in Notes 8 and 9.

CAPITALISATION AND DEPRECIATION OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost, less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets held for Charity use other than buildings by the reducing balance method over their expected useful lives. Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. The rates generally applicable are:

Improvements to property	10% straight line
Household	15% reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance
Buildings	150 years or expected remaining useful life

The Buildings have been reviewed by the Trustees for impairment at the balance sheet date. Where decisions have been made to dispose of assets the impairment has been based on professional valuations obtained. Where there is an expectation of short term exit from a community as part of the future strategy of the province, the carrying value has been adjusted to reflect the remaining working value of the asset to the Charity, and the write off period adjusted to reflect this. For longer term buildings, the Trustees have reconsidered the expected remaining useful life of these properties. It was considered that a period of 150 years was a more accurate reflection of the remaining life of these assets, given their long life to date and the continued upkeep and restoration of these assets.

CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and then subsequently measured at their settlement value.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination payments are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

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Investment properties, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is measured using the fair value model and stated at its fair value as at the reporting end date. Any gains or losses on revaluation and disposals are included in the statement of financial activities.

JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision only affects that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The main accounting estimates of the charity are depreciation and valuation of certain properties.

2. INCOME

	31/12/2020			05/04/2020
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies				
Apostolic work	188,729	-	188,729	718,546
Stole fees	17,334	-	17,334	55,520
Donations received	132,874	83,276	216,150	216,733
Mass accounts	17,975	-	17,975	44,698
Legacies	<u>60,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>22,176</u>
	<u>416,912</u>	<u>83,276</u>	<u>500,188</u>	<u>1,057,673</u>
Charitable activities				
Resale income	<u>-</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>165,856</u>
Investment income				
Rents received	62,092	-	62,092	138,243
Income from listed investments	60,742	31,147	91,889	128,610
Bank deposits	<u>1,276</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>1,479</u>	<u>8,499</u>
	<u>124,110</u>	<u>31,350</u>	<u>155,460</u>	<u>275,352</u>
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed asset	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,572</u>
Other income				
Pensions	105,198	-	105,198	141,958
Other receipts	9,999	170	10,169	26,899
Furlough grants	<u>28,636</u>	<u>29,191</u>	<u>57,827</u>	
	<u>143,833</u>	<u>29,361</u>	<u>173,194</u>	<u>168,857</u>
Total income	<u>684,855</u>	<u>147,787</u>	<u>832,642</u>	<u>1,751,310</u>

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3. RESOURCES EXPENDED FOR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	31/12/2020 Restricted Funds £	Total £	05/04/2020 £
Wages	187,677	37,993	225,670	308,225
Social Security	10,541	2,665	13,206	23,953
Administration expenses	3,760	-	3,760	12,546
Motor and travel expenses	21,984	-	21,984	60,789
Food and drink expenses	77,166	-	77,166	137,032
Restoration costs	-	2,166	2,166	-
Repairs and renewals	27,771	-	27,771	90,547
Sundry expenses	18,699	1,108	19,807	17,434
Donations paid	27,786	72,864	100,650	126,515
Community expenses	79,374	4,484	83,858	347,190
Utilities	59,568	5,978	65,546	106,859
Clapham shop rent	-	33,003	33,003	55,343
Medical and charities	6,800	-	6,800	18,136
Insurance	36,189	499	36,688	46,700
Other education and FSC fees	4,461	-	4,461	18,349
Higher studies and formation	-	62,650	62,650	28,802
Depreciation	142,399	-	142,399	200,549
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Bank charges and interest	2,553	636	3,189	3,627
Contribution to Rome	150,327	-	150,327	-
Governance costs (note 4)	<u>50,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,947</u>	<u>162,505</u>
	<u>908,002</u>	<u>224,046</u>	<u>1,132,048</u>	<u>1,765,101</u>

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31/12/2020 £	05/04/2020 £
Legal and professional fees	12,587	62,174
Provincial council travelling costs	-	35,529
Wages and social security	-	34,316
Accountancy	23,360	15,986
Auditors remuneration	<u>15,000</u>	<u>14,500</u>
	<u>50,947</u>	<u>162,505</u>

5. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	31/12/2020 £	05/04/2020 £
Auditor's remuneration		
- statutory audit	15,000	14,500
- other	23,360	11,570
Depreciation and amortisation:		
Tangible fixed assets, owner	<u>142,399</u>	<u>200,549</u>

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6. EMPLOYEES

Staff costs during the period were as follows:

	31/12/2020	05/04/2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	220,071	334,107
Social security costs	13,206	23,953
Pension costs	<u>5,599</u>	<u>8,434</u>
	<u>238,876</u>	<u>366,494</u>

The average number of employees during the period was 28 (year to 5 April 2020: 30) all of whom were engaged in the principal activity.

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more in the current or preceding accounting period.

The Trustees are considered to be the only key management personnel and are not remunerated. The finance director is engaged on a self-employed basis.

7. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES

No Trustee or person with a family or business connection with a Trustee, received remuneration in the year, directly or indirectly, from either the Charity or an institution or company related to the Charity.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings £	Improvements to Property £	Household £	Motor Vehicles £	Totals £
COST:					
At 6 April 2020	8,448,124	465,754	389,172	179,607	9,482,657
Additions	<u>-</u>	<u>484,032</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>484,591</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>8,448,124</u>	<u>949,786</u>	<u>389,731</u>	<u>179,607</u>	<u>9,962,748</u>
DEPRECIATION:					
At 6 April 2020	1,675,886	425,641	306,868	129,518	2,537,913
Charge for year	<u>110,491</u>	<u>13,192</u>	<u>9,319</u>	<u>9,397</u>	<u>142,399</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,786,377</u>	<u>438,833</u>	<u>316,187</u>	<u>138,915</u>	<u>2,680,312</u>
NET BOOK VALUE:					
At 31 December 2020	<u>6,661,747</u>	<u>510,953</u>	<u>73,544</u>	<u>40,692</u>	<u>7,286,936</u>
At 5 April 2020	<u>6,772,238</u>	<u>40,113</u>	<u>82,304</u>	<u>50,089</u>	<u>6,944,744</u>

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9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

MARKET VALUATION

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
At 6 April 2020	6,225,301	1,309,816	7,535,117
Additions	60,742	31,146	91,888
Disposals	(20,741)	(8,992)	(29,733)
Increase in valuation	<u>733,304</u>	<u>376,873</u>	<u>1,110,177</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>6,998,606</u>	<u>1,708,843</u>	<u>8,707,449</u>
At 5 April 2020	<u>6,225,301</u>	<u>1,309,816</u>	<u>7,535,117</u>
Fixed asset investments comprise:			
Investments listed on recognised stock exchange	3,498,606	1,708,843	5,207,449
Investment properties	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500,000</u>
	<u>6,998,606</u>	<u>1,708,843</u>	<u>8,707,449</u>

The investment properties were originally valued based on the open market sale value of comparable properties. These values have been reviewed by the Trustees at the period end based on current market conditions and are considered reasonable.

10. DEBTORS

	31/12/2020 £	05/04/2020 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	-	-
Prepayments & accrued income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31/12/2020 £	05/04/2020 £
Trade creditors	-	14,521
Accruals and deferred income	<u>471,758</u>	<u>144,242</u>
	<u>471,758</u>	<u>158,763</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	31/12/2020 £	05/04/2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Charity is related to Redemptorist Publications (a Charity limited by guarantee) and Ace of Clubs (Clapham) Limited (a Charity limited by guarantee) by virtue of common Trustees. Day to day activities of Redemptorist Publications and Ace of Clubs are both controlled by a Committee which includes management and lay people.

During the period the Charity received donations amounting to £92,567 (2020: £149,351) from Redemptorist Publications.

During the period the Charity received rental income of £2,416 per month from Ace of Clubs (Clapham) Limited for the use of part of its Clapham property.

14. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS

	At 05/04/2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Revaluations Losses & Transfers	At 31/12/2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Ace of Clubs	83,448	32,991	(81,282)	-	35,157
Douglas Fund	1,317,318	75,460	(68,777)	270,985	1,594,986
Zimbabwe Fund	713,918	38,573	(79,754)	114,968	787,705
Redemptoristine Sisters	175,262	-	(1,000)	-	174,262
Father Burns Funds	34,000	-	-	-	34,000
St Mary's Restoration Fund	<u>2,424</u>	<u>763</u>	<u>(2,225)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>962</u>
	<u>2,326,370</u>	<u>147,787</u>	<u>(233,038)</u>	<u>385,953</u>	<u>2,627,072</u>
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated sick and retired fund	429,383	16,867	(18,190)	140,243	568,303
Designated property fund	10,272,238	-	(110,491)	-	10,161,747
General funds	<u>4,436,003</u>	<u>667,988</u>	<u>(800,062)</u>	<u>583,981</u>	<u>4,887,910</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>15,137,624</u>	<u>684,855</u>	<u>(928,743)</u>	<u>724,224</u>	<u>15,617,960</u>
Total funds	<u>17,463,994</u>	<u>832,642</u>	<u>(1,161,781)</u>	<u>1,110,177</u>	<u>18,245,032</u>

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Purposes of restricted funds

Douglas Fund	These funds are specifically allocated for the training of priests and brothers and the continuing education of priests and brothers.
Zimbabwe Fund	These funds are held in the UK specifically for use in Zimbabwe, the Trustees having established two communities on the outskirts of Harare in 1990. At that time all finance was handled locally and any fundraising in the UK was sent direct via the Congregation's accounts. When the political difficulties developed into a serious situation, it was decided to retain the majority of surplus funds in the UK and only transfer to Zimbabwe when required or to make payments to suppliers outside of Zimbabwe when the supplies have been received.
Ace of Clubs	The Trustees of the London province has transferred responsibility for the management and administration of the Charity shops from the Ace of Clubs to St Mary's Clapham. All net proceeds from the Charity shops is restricted for the benefit of the Ace of Clubs.
St Mary's Restoration Fund	These funds relate to a legal undertaking provided to Perth & Kinross Council from the sale of land at St Mary's Kinnoull. These funds can only be used on future restoration of St Mary's Kinnoull.
Redemptoristine Sisters	These funds are being held as Custodian for the Redemptoristine Sisters to be used only on instructions to meet future obligations of the Redemptoristines.
Father Burns Funds	These funds represent inheritance from Father Burns that has been paid into the Congregation to be held until its use has been agreed.

Purposes of designated fund

Property fund	<p>The property fund has been set up to represent the reserves attributable to Charitable land & buildings including investment properties. Previous years' values in the accounts were established some years ago and were based on insurance values at that time, as the historical cost values were impossible to arrive at, as the land/buildings had been acquired many decades ago.</p> <p>It is only when the land/buildings are sold or transferred that the proceeds of the transaction, if any, are transferred to the Charity's General Fund of unrestricted assets.</p>
Sick and retired fund	<p>There is no pension provision for the members of the Congregation. The Trustees have paid voluntary National Insurance contributions since the early 1990s for qualifying confreres but the state pension payable to current confreres over the age of 65 is significantly less than the basic state pension.</p> <p>The Trustees have established a fund specifically designated to assist in the care of the sick and retired confreres. Initial funding in this first year of the designated fund has been provided by specific donations from Redemptorist Publications and Erdington House.</p>

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15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted general funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	625,189	6,661,747	-	7,286,936
Investments	2,706,353	4,292,255	1,708,841	8,707,449
Current assets	2,017,070	(223,952)	929,287	2,722,405
Current liabilities	<u>(460,702)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,056)</u>	<u>(471,758)</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2020	<u>4,887,910</u>	<u>10,730,050</u>	<u>2,627,072</u>	<u>18,245,032</u>

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

	31/12/2020 £	05/04/2020 £
Improvements to tangible fixed assets	<u>2,078,405</u>	<u>-</u>

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Historic Scotland has granted the Charity 40% of the costs of the external repair to St Mary's, Kinnoull. As part of the agreement the Charity is bound by certain conditions that it must comply with to avoid the grant becoming repayable. This required the Trustees to sign a security giving Historic Scotland a charge over the property at St Mary's Kinnoull should the Charity default on any of these conditions. The conditions attached to the grant will remain in place for a fifteen year period until 2021.

As detailed in the Trustees Report there is one ongoing serious incident being dealt with by the Charity's legal advisors. The incident is being investigated and has not yet reached a conclusion. No legal proceedings have been commenced. The potential claim is ongoing but the outcome remains uncertain and therefore at this stage it is impracticable to make an estimate of its financial affect. With regard to the second serious incident, the Charity Commission contacted the Trustees on 26 January 2022 to confirm that they are assured that the Trustees are dealing with the matter appropriately and responsibly. Trustees are unable to confirm at this stage whether any claims may arise from this incident and therefore this matter is being kept under review.

18. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to affect the charity throughout 2021. Measures taken by the government to contain the virus have again affected economic activity in various ways, with course income again being significantly impacted, and other income streams also being affected by restrictions. The charity has taken advantage of government support where possible.

We will continue to follow the various government policies and advice and, in parallel, we will do our utmost to continue our operations in the best and safest way possible without jeopardising the health of our people.

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	31/12/2020		05/04/2020	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
Apostolic work	188,729		718,546	
Stole fees	17,334		55,520	
Donations received	216,150		216,733	
Resale	3,800		165,856	
Other receipts	10,169		26,899	
Mass accounts	17,975		44,698	
Pensions	105,198		141,958	
Legacies	<u>60,000</u>		<u>22,176</u>	
		619,355		1,392,386
Other income:				
Rents receivable	62,092		138,243	
Bank interest received	1,479		8,499	
Investment income	91,889		128,610	
Furlough grants received	<u>57,827</u>		<u>-</u>	
		213,827		275,352
Gain on disposal of property		<u>-</u>		<u>83,572</u>
		832,642		1,751,310
Expenditure:				
Wages	225,670		342,541	
Social security	13,206		23,953	
Administration expenses	3,760		12,546	
Motor and travel expenses	21,984		96,318	
Food and drink expenses	77,166		137,032	
Restoration costs	-		-	
Repairs & renewals	29,937		90,547	
Sundry expenses	19,807		17,434	
Audit & Accounting costs	38,360		30,486	
Legal and professional fees	42,320		68,499	
Donations paid	100,650		126,515	
Community expenses	83,858		347,190	
Utilities	65,546		106,859	
Clapham shop rent	33,003		55,343	
Medical and charities	6,800		18,136	
Insurance	36,688		46,700	
Other education and FSC fees	4,461		18,349	
Contribution to Rome	150,327		-	
Formation costs	62,650		28,802	
Resale expenditure	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		(1,016,193)		(1,567,250)
		(183,551)		184,060
Finance costs:				
Bank charges and interest		<u>(3,189)</u>		<u>(3,627)</u>
Carried forward		(186,740)		180,433

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	31/12/2020		05/04/2020	
	£	£	£	£
Brought forward		(186,740)		180,433
Depreciation:				
Household	9,319		14,380	
Motor vehicles	9,397		21,106	
Improvements to property	13,192		17,742	
Buildings	<u>110,491</u>		<u>147,321</u>	
		(142,399)		(200,549)
		(329,139)		(20,116)
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets:				
Motor vehicles	-		-	
Buildings	-		-	
Household	-		-	
Land	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
		-		-
		(329,139)		(20,116)
Other losses:				
Revaluation deficit in the year		-		-
Increase/(Decrease) in market value of investments		<u>1,110,177</u>		<u>(547,742)</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR:		<u>781,038</u>		<u>(567,858)</u>

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