DUCHESNE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 288467

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Trust
Registered	1984-01-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: IN PROMOTING ANY CHARITABLE WORKS OR OBJECTS FOR THE TIME BEING CARRIED ON OR SUPPORTED (WHETHER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR ELSEWHERE) BY THE SOCIETY AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL THINK FIT (AND SO THAT IF AT ANY TIME THE SOCIETY SHALL CEASE TO EXIST OR TO CARRY ON OR SUPPORT ANY CHARITABLE WORKS THE TRUST FUND AND THE INCOME THEREOF SHALL BE NEEDED FOR SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGION AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL IN THEIR DISCRETION THINK FIT).

Activities: Promoting charitable works and objects for the time being carried on or supported by the Society of the Sacred Heart Charitable Trust.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM OR ELSEWHERE
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chad
- Chile
- Colombia
- Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Egypt
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Kenya
- Malta
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Puerto Rico
- South Korea
- Spain
- Taiwan
- Uganda

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- United States
- Uruguay
- Vietnam

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	-	-	-	-
2023-12-31	£6,629,151	£6,303,417	£123,564,475	12
2022-12-31	£6,761,081	£5,727,179	£117,771,874	16
2021-12-31	£14,590,109	£7,613,635	£126,212,288	16
2020-12-31	£10,718,232	£6,142,199	£107,913,562	14
2019-12-31	£12,749,000	£5,440,000	£110,464,000	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CATHERINE ANNE LLOYD		2022-09-23
Sister Claire Pierrette Marie Castaing		2024-12-10
Sister Francisca Rodriguez Muriel		2025-04-22
Sister Noellina Namusisi		2025-04-22
Sister Paula Sue Gruner		2025-12-01
Sister Sheila Mary Smith		2025-04-22

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DUCHESNE TRUST

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 288467

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

We want to make a genuine effort to bring about a more just distribution of the world's resources, in solidarity with all who suffer. We build communion with them by setting aside our own interests, by giving, without seeking reward or gain, by sharing at every level in the Society and by depriving ourselves for the benefit of those who are in need of everything.

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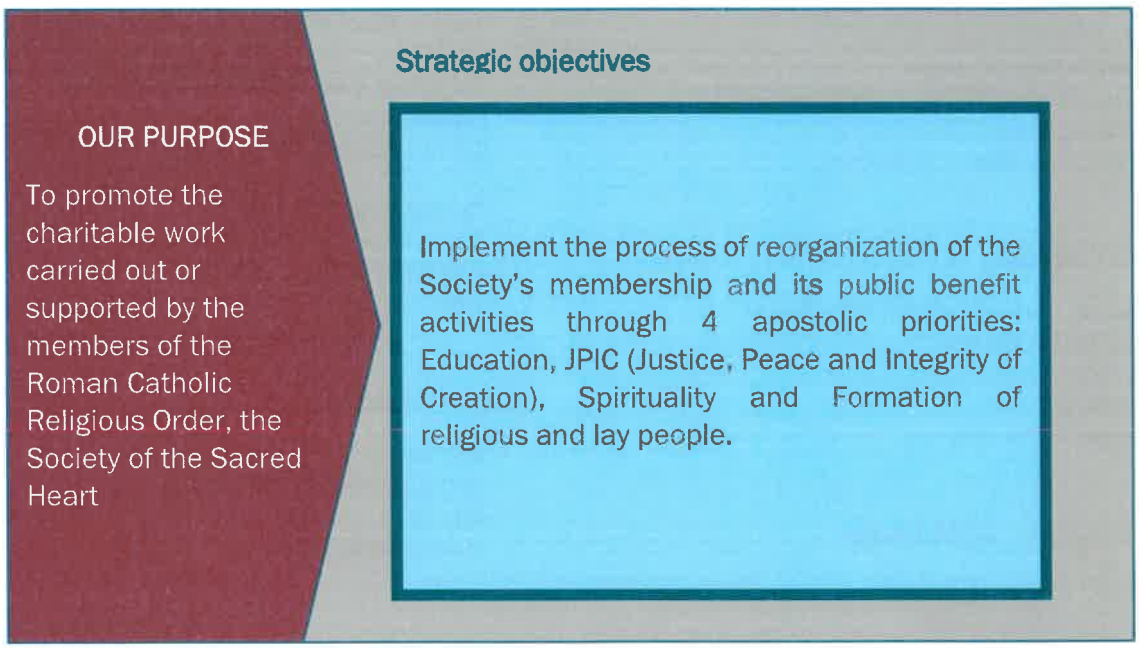
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

INCLUDING STRATEGIC REPORT

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the group for the period ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the group.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.



AIM (OBJECTS) AND PURPOSE

GOVERNANCE

The Duchesne Trust (the Trust) is regulated by a Trust Deed dated 14 December 1983. The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales - Charity Registration No: 288467.

PRINCIPAL AIMS

The trustees of the Duchesne Trust aim to promote the charitable work carried out or supported by the members of the Roman Catholic Religious Order, the Society of the Sacred Heart. When setting the objectives and planning the work of the charity for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion.

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVE

The Trust exists to promote any of the charitable works carried out, or supported by, the Roman Catholic Religious Congregation known as the Society of the Sacred Heart (the Society). Specifically, it funds activities associated with:

- The worldwide administration of the Society, through members of the Generalate supporting provinces and communities of the Congregation, in order to provide leadership and to strengthen the charism and ethos of the group;
- The administration of a fund for solidarity, where projects involving members of the Congregation support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty; This is often directed towards health (special needs and HIV/AIDS), youth and education, people on the move, and children and women in vulnerable situations;
- The administration of a fund, approved by the trustees, set up to facilitate the maintenance of heritage assets within the Society of the Sacred Heart. Specifically, the heritage properties are located in Joigny, France, Grand Coteau in the United States of America, and in Rome, Italy.
- The administration of a fund which will ensure the sustainability of the life and mission of the Society into the future and which, for some provinces, is already a necessity to support their own costs for formation, international activities, eldercare or capital projects.

SHORT TERM STRATEGIES

During 2023 the Duchesne Trust, while continuing to support the charitable activities of the members in a worldwide context, began a complex process of internal reorganisation that will involve the creation of eight territorial entities grouping the current Provinces. The governance of the new entities will be defined as soon as the functions assigned to each one are established, both as individual entities and for their cooperation.

The trustees, with the collaboration of the International Planning Commission of the Society, have established that the Trust's activities must be oriented towards strengthening four Apostolic Priorities:

- Education
- JPIC (Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation)
- Spirituality
- Formation of religious and lay people

LONG TERM STRATEGIES

In the long term, the Duchesne Trust will continue to support the charitable activities of the members of the Society. Until the end of their mandate in 2024, the current leadership team will continue to work on implementing the decisions of the General Chapter 2016, and those of the Special General Chapter in 2021, as developed by the International Planning Commission of the Society and the Assembly of Provincials. In detail:

- Revitalize our sense of mission in the world today
- Generate a process of reflection and systematization of each of the apostolic priorities
- Work on the definition of each apostolic priority
- Explore how to implement these apostolic priorities and their functioning with the new organisation
- See how to coordinate these apostolic priorities at an international level
- in the context of potential entities and/or with other entities, plan meetings, work-team meetings, and meetings regarding the articulation of apostolic priorities
- Implementing training in leadership, change management, financial, and intercultural competency
- Look into the financial and legal management and implications

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

ORGANISATION

The trustees have the final responsibility for the policies, activities and assets of the Trust. They meet at least annually to review developments with regard to the Trust and to make significant decisions. The day-to-day management of the Trust's activities and the implementation of policies are delegated to:

- the trustees who are nominated by the Superior General,
- the appropriate senior staff of the Society.

TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the year are shown on page 3. New trustees are appointed by the Superior General under Clause 14 of the Trust Deed. There shall at no time be fewer than four trustees who shall be members of the International Congregation. All new trustees are taken through a process of making them aware of their responsibilities as trustees of a UK Charity as well as what it means to be a trustee by fellow trustees that are on the Board of Trustees.

VOLUNTEERS

The administration of the Trust is done on a voluntary basis by members of the Society of the Sacred Heart. The trustees wish to record their appreciation of this work.

RELEVANT POLICIES

DONATIONS AND GRANT MAKING POLICY

During the 12 months to 31 December 2023 funds have been used to further support the charitable works that are particularly relevant to the work of education and social justice. The criteria for the use of these funds are that the work undertaken or supported must demonstrate a commitment to:

- promote justice in faith and the welfare of the deprived and marginalised;
- promote the welfare of young people;
- enable the disadvantaged to become self-reliant;
- education in both formal and informal contexts.
- support vulnerable people in emergency context (wars, pandemics, natural disasters)

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees are assessing the major risks to which the group is exposed during 2023, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the group, its investments and its finances. The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the group, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The trustees consider that given the nature of the group's work and its ability to satisfy future liabilities as they fall due that there is no need for additional free reserves. At the year-end about €70 million are held in designated funds. Further details of these are set out in note 12.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The group has total fixed asset investments of €178 million as at 31 December 2023 (2022: €164 millions). During 2023 the investment policy and investment managers were reviewed and the Trust maintained the strategy in line with its current and future requirements and adopted the investment objectives as stated:

- The primary focus will be to preserve the real capital value of the funds received over 10 years. The basis of inflation is set out later.
- To generate cash of $4 million per annum.
- Achieve a long term return, 10 year, net of all charges, of 0.5% to 1% per annum, above inflation.

Due to the nature of where the Society operates and undertakes its work, the definition of inflation is defined as the average rate of inflation in the United States of America as defined by the "Consumer Price Index" over the past 2 years.

All expenditure of the Generalate and those provinces that will require assistance in the next five years will be translated to USD at the time of the request for funding so that the exchange rates will normalise the level of inflation in those countries.

The above investment policy came into place on the 1 July 2011 and revised in 2016, 2020 and 2023. The results for the past 12 months to 31 December 2023, indicate that the objectives have been met and since inception all objectives have been achieved.

In 2021, the Trust reviewed the investment strategy to ensure that it remained appropriate after Covid. In November 2022, in a context of economic and political uncertainties arising from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, together with a spike in inflation, the Trust again reviewed the investment strategy and confirmed that it would need a

real return more than 6.5% per annum to meet cash flow requirements and preserve capital. The Trust also reviewed the asset allocation and made no changes.

A designated representative of the trustees meets formally with the investment advisor and the fund managers twice a year. This designated representative and the investment advisor meets regularly and communicates as and when required throughout the year. In keeping with charity law, the investment strategy is to maximise total returns, income and capital, within acceptable levels of risk.

The investments have restrictions placed upon them as to the type of investments that the Trust would or would not want to invest in. The ethical investment policy was reviewed during the year and appropriate changes were made also considering the changing investment environment.

Specifically the Trust seeks to invest in companies which:

- Make a positive contribution to society
- Conserve energy and natural resources
- Have high employee welfare and equal opportunities records
- Provide high quality products and services of long term benefit to the community

The Trust would not wish to invest in companies which:

- Produce and distribute arms, landmines and other products which destroy life
- Produce and distribute pornographic material
- Engage in irresponsible environmental practices
- Actively support governmental regimes with oppressive human rights policies

The Trust has also developed additional ethical policies where it felt further guidance and understanding is required due to the complex nature of the type of companies or global investments it invests in. No ethical restrictions apply other than those set out above, although the Trustees reserves the right to exclude any investments in companies whose representation might prove damaging, directly or indirectly, to the purposes or reputation of the group.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

A summary of the year's results for the group can be found on page 50 of the attached accounts. For the period of 12 months ending 31 December 2023:

- the economic result was € 10 million (2022 - €-14 million) comprising mainly donations and investment income;
- total expenditure amounted to € 7 million (2022 - €6 million) of which €6 million (2022 - €5 million) comprised donations to the Society of the Sacred Heart internationally.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The balance sheet shows total reserves as at 31 December 2023 of € 143 million (2022 - €133 million).

THE GROUP'S ASSETS

Acquisitions and disposals of fixed assets during the year are recorded in the note to the accounts.

DUCHESNE TRUST
CHARITABLE PROJECTS INVOLVING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Mother House Solidarity Fund

One of the key instruments by which the Society of the Sacred Heart carries out its charitable work in favor of the most vulnerable communities and peoples is the "Mother House Solidarity Fund".

Through this fund, the Society provides funding to projects around the world, following the calls of both Chapter 2008 and Chapter 2016 to live justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in our world today.

The fund is stewarded from the Generalate, through the Solidarity Fund Commission, according to published criteria. We are grateful that five experienced RSCJ have agreed to share their time and expertise to serve on this commission for an initial three-year term: Yuka Arita (Philippines District), Pratibha Pinto (India), Sofia Baranda (Chile), Resty Nalubega (Uganda-Kenya) and Fatima Santaló-Ossorio (Spain). The commission is assisted in the evaluation of the projects by Yolanda Jimenez Delgado, from the Finance Office of the Society.

In 2023, the Mother House Solidarity Fund (MHSF) allocated 28 grants. The Region of Africa received 11 grants, the Region of Asia-Australia-New Zealand (from now on "ASIANZ") 5, Europe 4 and the Region of the American continent (from now on "Philippine Duchesne") 8 grants. The projects, which are currently ongoing, focus on the spheres of health, youth and education, people on the move and, children and women in vulnerable situations.

In September 2023, projects submitted and financed in 2022 were evaluated. The Mother House Solidarity Fund (MHSF) supported 19 projects in the regions of Africa (7), Asia-Australia-New Zealand - ASIANZ (2), American continent - Philippine Duchesne (6) and Europe (4). Here are the results of these projects.

Africa | 7 projects | 3 provinces

Africa | EGYPT, Samalout
Development of classes for handicapped adults | Nagwa Farhan rscj

Development of classes for handicapped adults addressed a group of 16 aged 10-25 years old with disabilities. The Samalout centre originally set for small children needed to reorganise/extend its premises and reconsider its curriculum to respond to the needs of its grown hosts. The project engaged in works of construction and renovation that offered new spaces for educational activities for its target group. The new kitchen has been central in the teaching the target group daily chores that they now also reproduce autonomously in their homes. Thanks to the neat garden and the new outdoor playground, the project participants enjoy more freedom in their movement and present a better capacity in their physical actions. And, the Montessori toys have stimulated their academic skills. The participants feel they are important for it is their responsibility to attend their classes, and people show care for them. Their teachers have grown their interest in the special need person development and attended training to better respond to their needs. With the renewed dynamism of the Samalout centre the image of its host has shifted from people with disabilities to persons with engagement, creativity and interactive.



Wine making



Family's engagement



Mathematics



Kitchen skills

Africa | DEM. REP. CONGO, Kipako
Support to the formation of 50 students of the Lycée Kipako
Wivine Nkusa Mbumba rscj

With limited economic resources, parents are unable to pay for their children's school fees, if so, boys usually get the upper hand. Out-of-school girls become a target for early marriages and pregnancies. The project ensured that 50 non-boarding girls completed their academic year. The girls maintained a full engagement in their studies with peace in mind. New and functioning pedagogical and IT equipment was available for their education; they leant basic IT skills (Word and Excel office, internet browsers). The school environment also provided extra curricula activities to boost a modern and cultural environment that enhanced the students learnings and nurtured their curiosity. Students took their final exams and achieved national qualification. The girls showed responsibility in their studies and an increase in independence. Early pregnancies and dropout diminished.



Classroom



Final exam day

Africa | TCHAD, N'Djamena
Marginalised women, children and abandoned youth victims of poverty and violence
Juliette N'guémta Nakoye rscj

In the prison of Klessoum (Chad) conditions are poor, convicts, in particular women with their children, are often marginalised and their families tend to disregard them. Health and hygiene are not guaranteed. By responding to the health needs of 100 convict women and their children (supply of medicine and medical attention), the project managed to limit spread of disease. It also supplied food that strengthen their immune system. Following massive riots in the country (20/10/2022), access to the jail premises became stricter and some of the planned activities were limited (hygiene awareness raising and literacy activities). The budget item destination were reallocated, the one of awareness raising activities decreased while the item of legal fees increased.

No picture allowed in prison

Africa | UGANDA, Kalungu
Improvement of life skill. At Kalungu Training Centre (KGTC)
Secondina Baitwababo rscj

The Uganda school curricula focused mainly on academic teaching, leaving aside hands-on skills. Graduated students' job hunting was much limited to white collar jobs. At the Kalungu Girl Training Centre (KGTC), students mainly come from rural areas, whose parents could not afford higher education fees, and where office work is little. The project offered the KGTC curriculum a versatile aspect in strengthening/including units of hands-on skills (agriculture, sewing, bakery, home economics) and financial literacy. They bought 20 sewing machines, sewing material, and seeds. Indirectly, the project also approached the issues of care of the environment fostering the use of briquettes and the students' nutritional intake with the harvest of the agricultural practical unit. Students are not anymore limited to white collar jobs but equipped with skills with whom they can earn their living through self-employment. The skills students learnt fit in their rural realities and they are having multiplier effects as they teach/offer their relatives their new skills. Students' interest in learning raised making them responsible and self-motivated in learning new skills.



Briquette making



Sewing lessons



Displaying handmade items



Beans harvesting

Africa | KENYA, Chekalini
Food Support at St. Madeleine Sophie home **| Ribinbella Musina rscj**

Despite growing a vegetable garden, harvests does not completely supply to the necessities of the special needs children of Saint Madeleine Sophie Home. The irregular availability of food limits SMSH endeavour on its children development. The project provision of food, both at SMSH and in their families, has ensured good health among the children, and assured their full development. With a child-centred method, children actively and deeply engaged in daily chores (food preparation, cleaning). Children acquired skills they displayed both at SMSH and their families home. They grew to be a contribution rather than a concern. Children proved more independent and showed an increase in their self-esteem and confidence. In addition, the project generated a sense of belonging and caring for each other and the common good.



Lunch time



Welcoming food



Food distribution



Food arrival

Africa | UGANDA, Karamoja, Naoi |
School of Life project| Susan Gertrude Anyango rscj

Following the Covid pandemic, the HIV/AIDS affected/infected children of School of Life appeared less motivated towards their future. A higher number of school dropouts was registered and its consequences (early pregnancies, forced marriages, steetism, family violence). The project ensured a genuine setting of the children in the school environment providing educational material, individual follow up home and school visits and extra tutoring during holiday terms (career guidance). It also guaranteed a regular diet to them. Besides, it fostered a stronger engagement of parents in their children's education (parents and teacher meetings). Children felt loved and cared by both by the school and their families. Motivation prevailed and eagerness of learning for the future thrived; school dropouts were limited and academic performance maintained an average level. In addition, their health appeared to keep stable. The well-being of the HIV/AIDS affected/infected children of School of Life was also indirectly tackled with awareness raising in eight nearby schools against their stigmatisation.



Holiday coaching



Career guidance



Supply school materials



Parents meeting

Asianz | 2 projects | 2 provinces

Asianz | INDIA, Mumbai, Sophia Polytechnic and SPJ Sadhana School | *Counselling for students affected by Covid 19* | Pratibha Pinto rscj

Counselling for Students affected by Covid 19 addressed 200 pupils and students with special educational needs (cerebral palsy, epilepsy, speech, hearing and/or impairment, post-Covid challenged) that were to resume a face-to-face schooling after the pandemic. The target group and their families felt overwhelmed with the new routine. The project run weekly and occasional individual and group session of art-based therapy (music, dance, playing), talk therapy, storytelling, and mindfulness (practice to bring attention to the present moment). Parents attended conferences on cyber safety and cyber bullying, and on the physical development and sexuality of their children. The young participants now show social abilities to regulate their anger and anxiety, display flexibility in their attitudes and enthusiasm in their doings, and can follow routines without individual instructions. In addition, parents express trust and cooperation with the school staff; they show interest in their children development and have now the skills to engage in creative activities with them. And teachers run now common strategies to deal with target behavior in a consistent manner across the school. Fun prevails in the school, fun in learning and fun in teaching.



Game of blocks for attention keeping



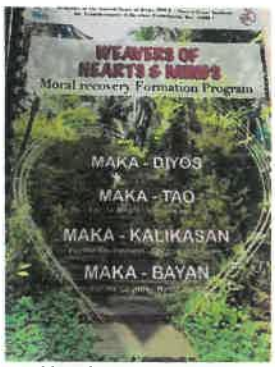
Enjoying music

Asianz | PHILIPPINES, Samar, Sophie's Farm
Post-Pandemic Psychological First Aid and Post-Elections Moral Recovery Programs
Lydia Collado rscj

Following the covid pandemic and the post-election landslide win of the son of the ousted dictator of the Philippines, population felt desperation and fear. The *Moral Recovery Program* organised live-in seminars for a variety of public (local population, university students, religious, former fighters, government clerks) where past experiences and realities were reviewed and discerned over in different modules. Participants achieved greater awareness of what they went through, drew strength from within, and learnt to accept their limitations. As groups, the power of community emerged and trust and openness prevailed for the future. Participants experiences circular relationships on equal sharing of power and responsibilities, towards each other and towards the care of the environment. The transformation led to the autonomous replication of the seminars in small groups in the participants' local realities.



Relation with nature



Handout cover page



Group picture



Session by the sea

Europe| 4 projects | 2 provinces

Europe | SPAIN, Barcelona, Raval
Economato solidario e integración laboral de personas migrantes **| Luz Delàs Ugarte rscj**

The Raval (Barcelona) neighbourhood has a high percentage of undocumented migrants, homeless people and high unemployment numbers. Marginalisation has increased following the pandemic and the current inflation; their needs have amplified, in particular basic food. The project responded the food needs in an holistic way, including elements of immigration formalities, employment, accommodation, and social ties. In the social grocery (with a token system), on a weekly base, users were free to *buy* the food they best liked (including toiletries and cleaning products). Their *food shopping* was also a time where they could share with the *shop assistant* (read it social worker) any other needs than food. About 1.400 people called upon for their food needs, 10 undocumented migrants were assisted in the application and issuing of their resident permit, and signature of a one-year work contract. Emphasis was also put on the healthy use of the food available at the grocery (expiring date, different ways of cooking) when users were invited to cooking workshops. In their stopover to the social grocery and their participation at the workshops, the beneficiaries had a chance to improve their Spanish skills, maintain an healthy diet and made friends to help them overcome loneliness and isolation.



Social grocery



Cooking workshop



Food shopping at the social grocery

Europe | SPAIN, Madrid, Tetuan

Formación técnica para la inserción y el autoempleo | Dolores Aleixandre rscj

Tetuán (Madrid) is a neighbourhood with 31% of migrant population, with poor education, little professional training and no steady job. Its population shows unfamiliarity with the understanding of the local labour and how to access it. Job hunting is often limited to their network of contacts generating dynamics of interdependence. The project organised 5 training courses (electricty/plumbing, and tailoring), including skills for job hunting (preparation of CV and interview mock up), to which a total of 55 persons attended. Participants increased their professional skills and their professional horizions (5 of the participants signed a work contract and/or set self-employment). They increased their confidence and relied less on their contacts.



Tailoring course poster



Electricity/Plumbing course poster



Tailoring course



Electricity/plumbing course

Europe | POLAND, Tarnow
***Back to school and life* | Bogusława Ochał rscj**

Computers have become indispensable in schools, and even more following pandemic when online teaching took over. During the lockdown, the school lent its computers to students to have them attend online teaching. Computers have been overused showed technical issues that limited students to complete their tasks brining discouragement. The project bought new laptops and a digital whiteboard. Teachers run awareness courses on internet challenges. The new IT equipment brought noticeable changes in pupils' attitudes and skills. They become familiar with software for presentations and video making, showed ability to search selective online data. And, they presented stronger self-confidence and open mind to new encounters. They participated in the online JPIC design contest and two pupils reached the 1st and 2nd position.



IT whiteboard



English lesson with new laptops



Session on emotions

Europe | POLAND, Marki
***Go on, butterfly* | Urszula Glowacka rscj**

Go on, butterfly addressed a group of youth and adults attending the Open Heart Foundation that manifested social concerns (dysfunctional families, alcoholism, depression, social anxiety, suicide attempts). From August to the end of November 2022, it run therapeutic and skill-building workshops (art-therapy, self-development, make-up, tailoring), organised volunteering activities and concluded with a fashion catwalk public event to display the fashion garments that the target group designed and customised (80 guests). The 12 adults and 43 youth involved in the project feel now a positive image of themselves, and seize the importance to presence a cared and well-groomed appearance to introduce themselves in society/employment. They have built interpersonal relationships among the participants and outside. Capacity-wise, these youth and adults have acquired new professional and organisational skills. Professionally they have acquired tailoring skills (understand it also as creativity) and have notions on how the fashion industry develops. They have shown to perceive the value of work and commitment and are able to sort out their responsibilities. The public hand clapping at the final event was the cherry on the top for the target group.



Fashion event poster


Participants exhibiting their fashion design

Philippine Duchesne| 6 projects |4 provinces

Philippine Duchesne | ANT, Haiti, Balan
***Book and stationery shop* | Marta Nuñez Ruíz rscj**

Violence is high in Haiti and prevents free movement; it is a danger for parents to travel to the nearby town to purchase stationary and text book for their children's schooling. The project drove to the Dominican Republic to purchase stationery and managed to travel to Port-au-Prince to buy a part of the text books. The project opened a book and stationery shop within the school. Without incurring in risky trips, and at a cheaper price, parents could buy the needed materials for their children to attend school and enjoy a straightforward learning. The photocopier has been a success for all the local population and its income has helped paying the teachers' salary.



School books



Stationery

Philippine Duchesne | ARU, Agentina, Villa Jardín
***Aprendizajes en la post pandemia de una escuela en movimiento* | Silvia González rscj**

Following the Covid pandemic, teaching methods have had to reorganise (online, social distancing and outdoors). This project, set in a deprived neighbourhood in the suburb of the capital, strengthened the school on-site teaching with new IT devices, a technology room and adjustments in their multi-purposes room (better acclimatisation and lightening). Outdoor activities were reinforced with new green spaces and the embellishment and adaptation of the school sport ground. The school community enjoys now outdoor spaces where they feel secure (wire mesh) and where the PE unit can be taught adequately. Embellishing together the common spaces has increased the sense of community among the students across levels. The new outdoor spaces have in addition led to a better caring of our common home and an ethic of caring. The new IT equipment provided the school with a nowadays indispensable tool for a quality education of its students and a door to their future. It promoted knowledge and generated social equity.



Collective murals



Wire mesh for outdoor activities



Technology room for a quality education

Philippine Duchesne | ARU, Uruguay, Paso Carrasco
***Mejora y actualización de la propuesta educativa para todos los niños, niñas y adolescentes del Colegio del Sagrado Corazón* | Silvia González rscj**

As a result of the economic crisis caused by the pandemic, the vulnerable financial situation of the school's family has been further affected. Many have considered withdrawing their children from the school because they could not afford the fees or have asked for further discounts. The school budget was shrinking and affecting the quality education the school is appreciated for. The project covered enrolment fees that could not be paid by families that suffered the economic effects of pandemic. Families that applied for this support went through interviews and home visits and a follow up throughout the year. The project supported the school in purchase of IT equipment (laptop, digital whiteboard) and software (microbits). The school did not suffer any enrolment decrease. With the distribution of technology, the school kept up with the national Ceibal program (one laptop per child), and hence promoted knowledge and new IT skills (micobits) and eventually generated social equity.



Digital whiteboard and laptops



Cross-level activity in microbits coding



Beginning year prayer

Philippine Duchesne | BRASIL, Rio de Janeiro
***De camino a la pantalla: justicia social, paz e integridad de los derechos de los adolescentes vulnerables* | Cléa de Castro Neves rscj**

Safe shelters for teenagers often lack resources to respond to the needs of the boys and girls they host. The hosts live in a safe environment but the safe shelters often lack resources to offer them programmes that tackle their past stories of violence, abandon, drug, alcoholism. *De camino a la pantalla* identified five safe shelters in the area of Rio where it introduced multimedia and cultural activities to its hosts. Activities included workshops on photography and video-making, theatre, talks on human rights, and violence and its different aspects. And outings to cultural spaces (museums and parks). In each safe shelter welcomed the project mentors twice a week per two hours. A final event gather the work of the five shelter where an audience of over 250 persons watched the final works of the teenagers. Teenagers discovered a creative universe and acquired creative multimedia skills (use of camera and video camera). They showed they could engaged in new forms of sociality and gained self-esteem. They openly talked about their past and now look with hope to their future. They learnt to listen and show love; the road to overcome violence and isolation was opened.

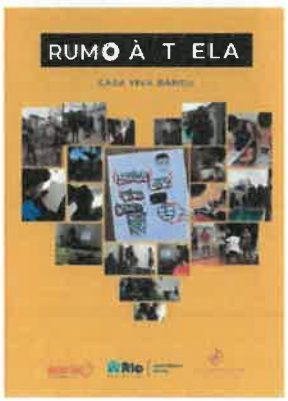

Photography workshop


Video-making workshop


Theatre workshop


Cultural outing


Final event



Poster final event

Philippine Duchesne | MEXICO, Puebla
Mujeres con sueños de colores | Maria del Socorro Martinez Maqueo rscj

Puebla registers among the highest rates of women violence. Women live in a situation of vulnerability as for the macho culture (infidelity, husband dependence, domestic violence) and the high percentage of girl dropout (illiteracy; early pregnancy). *Mujeres con colores* enhanced the participation of women in society as leaders. It carried out workshops, the women circles of knowledge, on self-esteem and inner learning (i.e. reading of a tale and sharing of personal experiences, art-therapy; gender equality experts), celebrated international days of women and girl with side events activities (choir, theatre), and the painting of collective murals. Women showed a change in their attitudes as they recognised and valued their strengths. They switched their self-perception and valued their leadership abilities. Fear of their husband lessened, women sensed freedom.



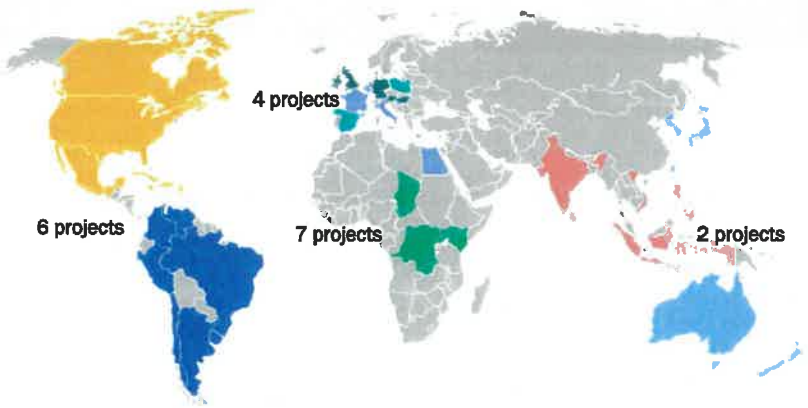
Art therapy



Collective murals



Women's circle



Funds for victims of the Ukrainian-Russian conflict

In March 2022, the General Council launched a new international fund to support the victims of the Ukrainian-Russian conflict. This fund was managed by the Generalate Finance Office and donations could be made from provinces or others connected to the Society. The creation of the fund was in response to the many requests from within the international Society to offer financial support and to coordinate funding.

In 2023 the fund disbursed the last sums allocated for 11 projects approved in the previous year. Specifically, the projects concerned:

- humanitarian aid to women and children at the front line
- creation of social and household conditions for the refugees
- hospitality and psychological support for refugees from Ukraine
- hosting people, women and children, war refugees, victims of human trafficking and gender-based violence
- provide basic means of livelihood such as hygiene products, food, medicine, clothing, trying to improve refugees current quality of life
- support in the process of self-empowering
- create a care centre for orphans and to organise bedrooms, play areas, kitchen, dining room and laundry







Social integration and new language learning



Social and psychological support



At the end of the year, the fund ran out of disbursements and was closed.

Sustainability Fund

Eldercare and Capital Aid

Capital Aid was provided to the Province Congo-Chad, to conclude the works of the care home for elderly and sick women in Kinshasa, specifically in Kimwenza. The purpose of this house is to offer our elderly sisters a space that is suitable, given their age and increasingly vulnerable health conditions. This is a space where they will feel comfortable, fulfilled and safe, in order to respond to their mission of praying and supporting the mission of those who are still active in the whole Society.



Ordinary Life of Communities

During the year to 31 December 2023, the Society provided aid to some Provinces who cannot afford their own costs for formation, international service and to foster the project of creation of new provinces.

Ordinary aid for the administration and living expenses of communities was provided to Philippines, Chad, Congo, Uganda, Indonesia, Vietnam and Venezuela to support their public benefit ministry through their service in education. These funds are used by Provinces to support the daily lives of sisters, their provision of healthcare, support for regional or international meetings and development of a mission area.

Administration of the Society of the Sacred Heart Life and Mission

During the 12 months of 2023, the Duchesne Trust continued its charitable work with the commitment and support of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart in 40 countries around the world.

We will introduce some specific areas within the Society that include the activities of colleagues and friends who are part of our extended group. We will do this through some of the visits made by the General Council throughout the year.

Visits to Provinces

Visit to England-Wales

Barbara Dawson | Anne Corry



Barbara Dawson and Anne Corry visited the province from February 20-26, 2023. The visit was based in London where many of the ENW RSCJs are living. Those from places further afield generously gathered in London in order to make the most of the time we had. There were very lively meetings at every occasion, with the members of the province who gathered with the sisters from Duchesne House and with the lay staff who support the administration and care of the sisters in so many ways. We were very interested in the initiatives that the province is taking to uphold its legacy in England and Wales and we congratulate them as they prepare their celebration of 180 years of the Society's presence in England.

Visit to Peru

Barbara Dawson | Mónica Esquivel | Marie-Jeanne Elonga

Barbara Dawson, Mónica Esquivel, and Marie-Jeanne Elonga traveled to the Province of Peru in May 2023 and observed the strong faith of the Peruvian people, who are inspired to keep moving forward. During their visit, they witnessed the country's reality, including poverty, inequalities, and cultural richness. The sisters, guided by their charism and mission, addressed these challenges by providing education, developing work skills, and implementing entrepreneurship projects. They admired the population's courage and determination in response.

The educational mission in Peru has been particularly impactful, with the sisters proud of their contributions to education in the country. They have been pioneers in adult and professional technical education, focusing on the needs of the most vulnerable. The province is currently undergoing a transition, marked by changes in leadership, increased involvement of the laity, and a redefinition of the sisters' apostolic role. In preparation for the near future, the sisters, along with the entire Society, are engaged in continuous discernment to establish apostolic priorities and address evolving challenges.





Visit to Korea and Taiwan (Korea-China province)

Barbara Dawson | Daphne Sequeira

Barbara and Daphne visited the KOC province from 10th March to 20th March 2023. They were very warmly welcomed at Taipei Airport by Choi and Eun Jeong. The Taipei community and then the Open community in Seoul looked after them with much love throughout their stay.

The provincial council had a full and inclusive plan for their visit. This gave them a chance to interact with many RSCJs individually and visit the ministries and communities to get to know their life and mission as it is lived in Taiwanese and Korean reality. They had interactions and honest conversations in the ministries with the sisters and the collaborators in- Taipei School, schools in Seoul, Barat Café, Mohtungyi Village Café, Saenal community. It was encouraging to see how our mission is lived with passion and zeal. It also helped them understand their challenges and hopes for the future.

Deep and meaningful conversations with the sisters in various age groups, good questions in the province assembly and informal conversations in the communities over the delicious meals gave them a good flavor of the life of the province. They were glad to see several innovative ministries and reorganization of the communities to welcome youth. The province is making a good process to welcome a new life being born in the 'New province'.





Visit to United States

Anne Corry | Daphne Sequeira

Anne Corry and Daphne Sequeira visited the Province of the United States and Canada from May 15-28, 2023, focusing on future directions for the region. Their schedule was packed with exciting activities, including initiatives with young people, developments in eldercare, a revitalized JPIC Commission, programs at the Stuart Center for Mission in Washington DC, and spirituality outreach. They also had meetings with key figures in Sacred Heart Education and the Network of Sacred Heart Schools. Throughout their journey, they observed strong relationships with dedicated lay individuals involved in various aspects of the Society's mission. The visit included interactions with European novices in Chicago, experiencing the hospitality of Encounter Point — a gathering place for spirituality and pastoral action. They learned about existing and new outreach ministries with migrants and made a special visit to the shrine of Philippine Duchesne in St Charles, Missouri. The trip allowed them to witness the province's anticipation of a new relationship with Mexico and the Antilles, and they were impressed by the energy and commitment to future directions within the province. The visit also provided opportunities to explore the beauty of the countries through road and train travel.



Visit to Haiti (Antilles province)

Barbara Dawson | Mónica Esquivel

In June 2023, Barbara Dawson and Mónica Esquivel visited Santo Domingo to meet with the sisters of the Haitian community in the Province of the Antilles. Following the meeting, Valle Adame and Rosa Vásquez, accompanied by Soco Rubio, continued their work in Santo Domingo to prepare for the arrival of Sofia Baranda and Maricruz Trigueros in August. The team explored various locations to support the people of Balan while integrating into the local culture and learning Creole. After careful discernment, they decided to go to Anse-à-Pitres, situated on the southern border between Haiti and Santo Domingo. An inter-congregational community welcomed them, providing a house. Their plan is to move to Balan to sustain the Fe y Alegría school and assess possibilities for the currently closed clinic. As of the latest update, the community comprises Valle, Rosa, and Sofia Baranda, who arrived on August 20, with the anticipation of Maricruz joining them in Haiti soon.







Visit to Japan

Anne Corry | Daphne Sequeira

Daphne and Anne had a wonderful visit to Japan province from 14th Feb to 20th Feb 2023. The province welcomed them warmly into their life. The leadership team had prepared for the visit very well. The Daini community looked after them with great care throughout their stay.

Interacting with the communities over meals with informal conversations gave them a good sense of province life. Our sisters in the eldercare community were very interested in inquiring about their co-probanist all over the world and what new is happening in Society. They had meaningful conversations with our mission partners and sisters in their ministries and the age groups. The Zoom gathering of the province gave them a chance to dialogue about Society issues. The honest and deep sharing of each community on the province Zoom meeting was heartening. Besides listening to individuals, visiting Mikokoro center, Global Plaza of the university, Sapporo, Obayashi, Sankocho schools, and the Casa de Amigo organization, they were especially blessed to attend the solemn graduation ceremony at Susono School. This also gave them a chance to interact with the parents. In the midst of the letting go, they could feel a good preparation to welcome a new life being born in the New province.









Historical and cultural heritage of the Society

Villa Lante

The Villa Lante, located in the heart of Trastevere in Rome, is the historical and cultural heritage of the Society of the Sacred Heart and has been remodeled to house a Formation Center for Religious and Laity, a museum and the archives of the congregation.

In the last three years, Villa Lante has undergone a major renovation, which is now complete. The "Villa Lante Conference Center" vision and mission is to provide a hub for the international Sacred Heart family who share our mission. Local and international religious and lay groups, whose missions align with the Society, have been invited to gather to educate, learn, share, collaborate and form each other in shared visions and goals around spiritual renewal and Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) initiatives.

A section of the complex known as Casa Betania opened formally in late October 2022 to welcome the probanists and two probation mistresses. They were the first group to use part of the newly renovated Villa Lante.







General Archives

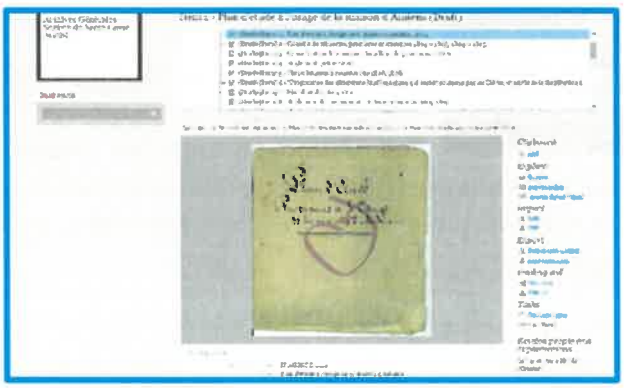




During 2023, the General Archives continued to respond to requests from historians, researchers and scholars, both inside and outside the Society, and continued to ensure the appropriate storage and recording of important documents for the Society.

The following projects were developed in 2023:

- Setting up of the new museum and display area of Villa Lante
- Restoration of Villa Lante's paintings and artifacts and setting up in the renewed spaces
- Updating of "Guidelines for Provincial Archives" for support and information of Provincial Archives
- Definition of strategies for digitisation projects for preservation of original documents and to implement consultation of documents from remote.
- Planning for collections to be made available on-line via AtoM (archival software) to facilitate and stimulate the use and study of archival material, patrimony of the Society of the Sacred Heart.
- Upgrade of archival spaces including new more efficient and sustainable ventilation system and a new room available for archival material



TRUSTEES' BIOGRAPHIES

Sister Barbara Dawson (Chair)



is a native of San Francisco. Educated at the University of San Francisco and Stanford University, her ministries have included service in education, administration and immigration in both the U.S. and Jakarta, Indonesia. Barbara served as Provincial of the United States-Canada Province from 2012 to 2016 and she also held the position of Provincial for the U.S. Province from 1993-1999. In addition to leadership, Barbara has served as a teacher and administrator for schools including St. Martin de Porres in Oakland, California.; Lone Mountain College in San Francisco; and others throughout the U.S. She was in administration for various Catholic Charities and has addressed public policy and immigration issues in the San Francisco Bay area. She is a member of the bar in both California and Missouri, serves on the board of the Hilton Fund for Sisters and has served on the board of trustees for various academic institutions. Since 2016, Barbara has been the Superior General of the Society of the Sacred Heart and Chair of the Duchesne Trust.

Sister Anne Corry



has a professional background in education and mission promotion. Originally from New Zealand, she has lived in Rome since 2014 first as international coordinator for justice, peace and ecology and currently as a General Councillor for the Congregation. Anne has taught in high schools in Australia and New Zealand and has served on Boards of education and healthcare institutions of religious congregations. Anne has Masters degrees in Education and Theology and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies and Ethics. She has travelled widely in countries of Africa, Europe and Asia and lived for a few weeks in Peru. All of this has contributed to her understanding of the mission-related activities of her congregation around the world. Anne's current role gives her an overview of the widespread mission of her international congregation.

Sister Mónica Esquivel Ballesteros



was born in Mexico in 1966. She joined the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1992 and has worked in formal education as well as alternative ("popular") education and pastoral ministry. In formal education she worked as a secondary school mathematics teacher and as a school chaplain. In alternative education her work focused on women and young people, in the areas of communication, educational development, as well as the promotion and coordination of educational projects, teacher training and the creation of educational networks at municipal and regional level.

Mónica served for 8 years in the Society's mission in Nicaragua, working for the charity "Roncalli-Juan XXIII Association" in the areas of housing and education. She also worked for the Conference of Religious of Nicaragua as the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) coordinator.

Upon her return to Mexico in 2011, she worked in teacher training program for public schools in the municipality of Ayutla de los Libres, and was a member of the provincial council. In 2013 she was appointed Provincial of Mexico. During this time she was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Conference of Religious of Mexico. Since December 2016 she has been a member of the General Council of the Society of the Sacred Heart in Rome.

Sister Marie-Jeanne Elonga Abombpi Mokango



is a theologian by training and a graduate in education. She has experience in formal education, working at different times and in different places as a teacher, principal and head teacher. She spent some years in the formation of young RSCJ's in her province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) before serving as provincial and president of the Conference of Religious in the DRC. This last role helped her to interact with other congregations in the areas of initial and ongoing formation, management and self-financing. Currently, she is in her fifth year of international service with the General Council of the Society in Rome.

Sister Georgina Zubiria



studied to be a primary school teacher. For 9 years she was director of the Santa Cecilia School and later she was working with low-income women in popular education and gender perspective. Since she was studying to obtain her degree in Theological Sciences, she has worked in different areas of her province such as formation, treasury, and leadership. Georgina has experience working in non-profit organizations and transferring the management of both the School and the Finance Office to lay people. As a theologian, she has taught at the Universidad Iberoamericana, the Hispanic Pastoral Institute of the University of Santa Clara, other higher education institutions and religious congregations. She was Director of the Center for Theological Studies of the Interreligious Conference of Mexico (CIRM) and advisor to the Board of Directors of the Conference of Religious of Latin America and the Caribbean (CLAR). She participated in the creation and consolidation of the CIRM National Education Network. In recent years, she worked as a Canonical Treasurer in Mexico, and is now the Canonical Treasurer General of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Sister Catherine Lloyd



has a background in formal education and ministry with young people, firstly as a teacher. After further formation in spiritual accompaniment and counselling using the arts, she returned to work as a school chaplain in the Society's high school in London. After final vows, Cath spent some time in the Society's mission in Indonesia where she worked in teacher education, theological formation and in a project with street children. On returning to the UK, Cath served as Novice Mistress in the Society and worked in the Formation department of the Conference of Religious of England and Wales, where with others she developed inter-congregational formation programmes. After further studies in organisational change, Cath worked on a team which facilitated organisations and groups as they developed areas of strategic planning and leadership formation. Between 2008-2016 she served on the General Council of her congregation. Although this ministry was based in Rome, her service took her to many different parts of the world. This experience broadened her mind and opened her heart!! Cath returned to her home province in 2016 and once again took up a ministry of facilitation and spiritual formation in the UK and

abroad. With colleagues she has worked as a co-facilitator on General and Provincial Chapters and a variety of meetings for different religious congregations. In 2019, Cath was asked to serve as Provincial in England -Wales and she remains in that ministry to the present day.

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 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 group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all necessary steps that they ought to have to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by Sister Barbara Dawson,
Chair of Trustees

Barbara Helen Dawson

Approved by the trustees on 16th July 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUCHESNE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Duchesne Trust (the 'parent charity') and its controlling entities (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the group and parent Statement of Financial Activities, group and parent charity Balance Sheet, group and parent charity cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including 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 group's and parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent 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 group and parent charity'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.

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 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
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on page ...], 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 group and parent 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 group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

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:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the Charity itself and the environment in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the directors and other management. The most significant were identified as the Charities Act 2013, Charity SORP FRS 102, UK GAAP (FRS102) and relevant tax legislation.

We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- assessing the design effectiveness of the controls in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing journal entries;
- challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.

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.

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. 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.

Haines Watts

July, 16th 2024

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Haines Watts is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS) AS AT 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

		GROUP			
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Income from:					
Donations	2	804	2.679	3.483	5.493
Investment	3	4.084	0	4.084	2.066
Other income		82	0	82	79
Total income		**4.970**	**2.679**	**7.649**	**7.638**
Expenditure on:					
Investment manager fees		559	590	1.149	1.081
Supporting the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart	4	4.276	1.600	5.876	4.977
Other costs	5	248	0	248	412
Total expenditure		**5.083**	**2.190**	**7.273**	**6.470**
Realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation		4.447	4.701	9.148	-15.003
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		**4.334**	**5.190**	**9.524**	**-13.837**
Balances brought forward at 01 Jan		65.456	67.591	133.047	146.884
Balance carried forward at 31 Dec		69.791	72.780	142.571	133.047

Income and expenditure derive from ongoing activities. The statement of financial activities includes gains and losses recognised during the period.

CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS) AS AT 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

		CHARITY			
	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
Income from:					
Donations	2	804	2.679	3.483	5.493
Investment	3	4.084	0	4.084	2.065
Other income		62	0	62	79
Total income		**4.950**	**2.679**	**7.629**	**7.637**
Expenditure on:					
Investment manager fees		559	590	1.149	1.081
Supporting the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart	4	4.837	1.600	6.437	4.404
Other costs	5	248	0	248	412
Total expenditure		**5.644**	**2.190**	**7.834**	**5.897**
Realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation		4.447	4.701	9.148	-15.003
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		**3.753**	**5.190**	**8.943**	**-13.264**
Balances brought forward at 01 Jan		65.099	67.591	132.690	145.955
Balance carried forward at 31 Dec		68.853	72.780	141.633	132.690

Income and expenditure derive from ongoing activities. The statement of financial activities includes gains and losses recognised during the period.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

	GROUP			
	2023		2022	
FIXED ASSETS				
Fixed assets		329		483
Social Investments		0		0
Investments		177.634		164.080
Total fixed assets		**177.963**		**164.563**
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	158		14	
Cash at bank	4.684		7.473	
	4.842		**7.487**	
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within a year (non-investments)	**6.348**		**8.601**	
Amounts due to provinces (non-investment)	455		1.707	
Accruals	595		658	
Commitments	5.298		6.236	
Amounts falling due within a year (investments)	33.886		30.402	
	40.234		**39.003**	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		-35.392		-31.516
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**142.571**		**133.047**
Represented by				
RESTRICTED FUNDS		**72.780**		**67.591**
Ukraine	0		0	
Solidarity	0		0	
Covid Cor Unum	0		135	
Heritage	836		789	
Future Sustainability	71.944		66.667	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		**69.791**		**65.456**
Designated	**14.054**		**14.855**	
Solidarity	5.903		6.029	
Formation	2.126		2.801	
Future Sustainability	6.025		6.025	
General funds	55.737		50.601	
TOTAL FUNDS		**142.571**		**133.047**

Barbara Helen Dawson

Approved by the trustees on 16th July 2024 and signed on their behalf by
Sister Barbara Dawson
Chair of Trustees

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

	CHARITY			
	2023		2022	
FIXED ASSETS				
Fixed assets		0		0
Social Investments		0		0
Investments		177.634		164.080
Total fixed assets		**177.634**		**164.080**
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	149		0	
Cash at bank	3.785		7.249	
	3.934		**7.249**	
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within a year (non-investments)	**6.049**		**8.237**	
Amounts due to provinces (non-investment)	455		1.707	
Accruals	296		294	
Commitments	5.298		6.236	
Amounts falling due within a year (investments)	33.886		30.402	
	39.935		**38.639**	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		-36.001		-31.390
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**141.633**		**132.690**
Represented by				
RESTRICTED FUNDS		**72.780**		**67.591**
Ukraine	0		0	
Solidarity	0		0	
Covid Cor Unum	0		135	
Heritage	836		789	
Future Sustainability	71.944		66.667	
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		**68.853**		**65.099**
Designated				
Solidarity	5.903		6.029	
Formation	2.126		2.801	
Future Sustainability	6.025		6.025	
General funds	54.799		50.244	
TOTAL FUNDS		**141.633**		**132.690**

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GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

	GROUP	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	9.524	-13.837
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	-2.253	538
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	2.645	77
Depreciation charges	174	222
Investment income	-4.084	-2.066
Net realised and unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation on investments	-6.422	12.548
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	**-416**	**-2.518**
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	4.084	2.066
Net (additions)/withdrawals to investments	-3.648	-116
Purchase of new fixed assets	-20	-39
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets	0	0
Net cash provided by investing activities	**416**	**1.910**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**-2.790**	**-607**
Balances brought forward at 01 Jan	7.473	8.081
Balance carried forward at 31 Dec	4.684	7.473

CHARITY CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

	CHARITY	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	8.942	-13.264
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	-2.187	99
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	-149	218
Depreciation charges	0	0
Investment income	-4.084	-2.065
Net realised and unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation on investments	-6.422	12.548
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	**-3.900**	**-2.464**
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	4.084	2.065
Net (additions)/withdrawals to investments	-3.648	-116
Purchase of new fixed assets	0	0
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets	0	0
Net cash provided by investing activities	**436**	**1.949**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**-3.464**	**-515**
Balances brought forward at 01 Jan	7.249	7.765
Balance carried forward at 31 Dec	3.785	7.249

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The Duchesne Trust is a regulated trust in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the group information on page 3 of these financial statements. The nature of the group's operations and principal activities are to promote charitable work carried out by the Society of the Sacred Heart.

The group constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

These group financial statements consolidate the results of the Trust and the entity it controls being the Society of the Sacred Heart Generalate, both of which make up their financial statements to 31 December.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in euros which is the functional currency of the group and rounded to the nearest €'000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

There are no material uncertainties regarding going concern.

Consolidation

Consolidation takes place with third parties when the charity determines that:

- the third-party entity is financially dependent upon the charity and would not be able to continue without the charity's support, and
- the charity is able to control the actions of the third party either directly or indirectly due to the authority it has via the trustees of the charity.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the group is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Where income is received with specific criteria for its use or future use the income is recorded as restricted.

All income donations received are verified with the recipient at the time of receipt to ensure that the intention of the donations is fully understood and accounted for correctly.

Resources expended and the basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities when incurred and includes any attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Resources expended comprise the following:

- The costs of charitable activities comprise expenditure on the group's primary charitable purpose as described in the trustees' report. Such costs include:
  - Support of the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Specific areas of expenditure are detailed out in the trustees' report.
  - Other donations payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the donation and has satisfied all related conditions.
- Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the group including audit costs and the necessary legal procedures for compliance with statutory requirements.
- All costs are directly attributable to specific activities.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:

- Land & Buildings 3%
- Equipment 15%
- Vehicles 25%

Debtors & Creditors

- Debtors - Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.
- Creditors – Creditors are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Loans to provinces

All loans at the time they are made to a Province are recorded as a debtor. All loans are reviewed at year end to determine their realisability in the future. In the event that of a loan may be impaired a provision is made in the year.

Commitments

All future commitments that are agreed to prior to the year-end that are material are recorded at the time of the commitment rather than at the time of the payment.

2. DONATIONS (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Funds received from the Duchesne Trust:				
- Generalate (donation)	-	-	-	-
- Provinces (donation)	3.483	5.493	3.483	5.493
Total donations	**3.483**	**5.493**	**3.483**	**5.493**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Investment income (dividend & interest)	4.084	2.066	4.084	2.065

4. SUPPORTING THE CHARITABLE WORK OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Donations to the Society of the Sacred Heart:				
- Generalate (donation)	3.497	3.230	4.058	2.657
- Provinces (donation)	2.379	1.747	2.379	1.747
Total donations	**5.876**	**4.977**	**6.437**	**4.404**

5. OTHER COSTS (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Auditors remuneration	14	17	14	17
Other professional fees	234	386	234	386
Other costs	-	9	-	9
Total	**248**	**412**	**248**	**412**

6. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION (IN €'000S)

The group had salary costs of:

	GROUP	
	2023	2022
Salaries	676	931
Social costs	210	215
TOTAL GROUP COSTS	**886**	**1.146**

The charity has no employees (31 December 2022- none) and, therefore, no staff costs were incurred during the year (31 December 2022 - €nil).

During the year the group had an average of 13 employees (31 December 2022: 16).

During the year group employees receiving renumeration in excess of €70,000 were:

	Number
€70,001 - €80,000	1
€80,001 - €90,000	2

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (31 December 2022 - €nil). Expenses incurred by the trustees in the performance of their duties were not reimbursed during the year (31 December 2022 - €nil).

During the year no ex-gratia payments were made (2022 €121k)

7. TAXATION

The Duchesne Trust is a registered charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

8. FIXED ASSETS (GROUP) (IN €'000S)

	Land & Building	Equipment	Vehicles	TOTAL
Opening cost as at 1 january 2023	5.842	495	18	6.355
Additions	-	20	-	20
Closing cost as at 31 december 2023	**5.842**	**515**	**18**	**6.375**
Brought forward acc. depreciation as at 1 January 2022	5.455	399	18	5.872
Charge for the year	148	26	-	174
Total accumulated depreciation as at 31 december 2023	**5.603**	**425**	**18**	**6.046**
Total Net Book Value as at 31 December 2023	239	90	-	329
Total Net Book Value as at 31 December 2022	387	96	-	483

The charity has no fixed assets.

9. INVESTMENTS (IN €'000S)

Movements in investments are summarised below:

	GROUP		CHARITY	
Movements in investments	2023	2022	2023	2022
Market value at 1 January	164.080	178.636	164.080	178.636
Net (withdrawals)/additions from sales & purchases	3.648	116	3.648	116
Net investments transferred to the Duchesne Trust from the Society of the Sacred Heart provinces	758	331	758	331
Net unrealised investment & exchange gains/losses – Provincial investments	2.726	(2.456)	2.726	(2.456)
Net unrealised investment & exchange gains/losses – Generalate investments	6.422	(12.547)	6.422	(12.547)
Market value at 31 December	**177.634**	**164.080**	**177.634**	**164.080**

List investments held at year-ends comprised of the following:

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Equities	85.785	84.658	85.785	84.658
Fixed interest securities	20.152	20.699	20.152	20.699
Alternatives	30.252	26.421	30.252	26.421
Property	14.505	16.363	14.505	16.363
Cash	26.940	15.939	26.940	15.939
Market value at 31 December	**177.634**	**164.080**	**177.634**	**164.080**

10. DEBTORS (IN €'000S)

The other debtors relate to loans made to the Society's provinces as follows:

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Other debtors	158	14	149	-
Market value at 31 December	**158**	**14**	**149**	**-**

The item 'other debtors' includes a loan granted to the Province of Indonesia for the construction of a building for educational activities.

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Amounts due to provinces – Non Investment	455	1.707	455	1.707
Accruals	594	658	296	294
Commitments	5.298	6.236	5.298	6.236
Sub-total	**6.347**	**8.601**	**6.049**	**8.237**
Amounts due to provinces – Investment	33.886	30.402	33.886	30.402
Total	**40.233**	**39.003**	**39.935**	**38.639**

Amounts due to provinces (Non-Investment) are funds awarded to provinces or expenses incurred by the Generalate that have not yet been paid.

Amounts due to provinces (Investment) are those funds invested on behalf of provinces by the Generalate (see Note 9) net of all disbursements and gains or losses on the investment.

12. FUND BALANCES ALLOCATED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES (IN €'000S)

The amount and destination of these funds are determined by the Trustees. Set out below are the balances of the funds as well as its intended use of the funds:

	GROUP				
	1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Investment gains	31 December 2023
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Future Sustainability	66.667	2.500	(1.870)	4.647	71.944
Heritage	789	-	(7)	54	836
Ukraine Russia Support	135	-	(135)	-	-
Solidarity	-	179	(179)	-	-
Total restricted funds	**67.591**	**2.679**	**(2.191)**	**4.701**	**72.780**
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Formation	2.801	125	(800)	-	2.126
Solidarity	6.029	-	(126)	-	5.903
Future Sustainability	6.025	-	-	-	6.025
Generalate	50.601	4.845	(4.156)	4.447	55.737
Total unrestricted funds	**65.456**	**4.970**	**(5.082)**	**4.447**	**69.791**
TOTAL FUNDS as at 31 December 2023	133.047	7.649	(7.273)	9.148	142.571

CHARITY

	1 January 2023	Income	Expenditure	Investment gains	31 December 2023
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Future Sustainability	66.667	2.500	(1.870)	4.647	71.944
Heritage	789	-	(7)	54	836
Ukraine Russia Support	135	-	(135)	-	-
Solidarity	-	179	(179)	-	-
Total restricted funds	**67.591**	**2.679**	**(2.191)**	**4.701**	**72.780**
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
Designated funds					
Formation	2.801	125	(800)	-	2.126
Solidarity	6.029	-	(126)	-	5.903
Future Sustainability	6.025	-	-	-	6.025
Generalate	50.244	4.825	(4.717)	4.447	54.799
Total unrestricted funds	**65.099**	**4.950**	**(5.643)**	**4.447**	**68.853**
TOTAL FUNDS as at 31 December 2023	132.690	7.629	(7.834)	9.148	141.633

GROUP & CHARITY
Restricted

a) Solidarity – Funds that have been donated to fund projects involving members of the Congregation, to support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life.

b) Future Sustainability – Funds that have been donated by provinces in response to the call from General Chapter 2016 to "commit ourselves as one body to live our community of goods by sharing our resources throughout the Society, especially our financial resources, in order to sustain our life and mission for the future." The use of the Sustainability Fund was discussed at the Special Chapter 2021 and decisions will be implemented in 2022. Details of the types of funding are set out in a document titled "Priorities for Future Sustainability".

c) Heritage – The fund was set up to facilitate the maintenance of heritage assets within the Society of the Sacred Heart. Specifically, the heritage properties located in Joigny, France, Grand Coteau in the United States of America, and in Rome, Italy.

d) Ukraine-Russia support – The fund was set up to support the victims of the Ukrainian Russian conflict with assistance and psychological counselling of women and children, language teaching, facilitation of social integration, training for employment.

Designated

a) Generalate – Funds that have been designated to ensure the continuing operation of the General Council in Rome along with the associated costs of operating the Society of the Sacred Heart.
b) Solidarity – Funds have been designated to fund projects involving members of the Congregation, to support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life.
c) Formation – Funds that have been designated to cover the costs associated with initial and on-going education for the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart.
d) Future Sustainability – Funds have been designated in response to the call from General Chapter 2016 to "commit ourselves as one body to live our community of goods by sharing our resources throughout the Society, especially our financial resources, in order to sustain our life and mission for the future."

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No related party transactions took place during the year.

14. ALLOCATION OF RESERVES (IN €'000S)

GROUP

	Unrestricted reserves	Designated reserves	Restricted reserves	TOTAL
Fixed assets	35.392	69.791	72.780	177.963
Current assets	4.842	-	-	4.842
Current liabilities - non-investment	(6.348)	-	-	(6.348)
Current liabilities - Province investments	(33.886)	-	-	(33.886)
Total reserves	**-**	**69.791**	**72.780**	**142.571**

CHARITY

	Unrestricted reserves	Designated reserves	Restricted reserves	TOTAL
Fixed assets	36.001	68.853	72.780	177.634
Current assets	3.934	-	-	3.934
Current liabilities - non-investment	(6.049)	-	-	(6.049)
Current liabilities - Province investments	(33.886)	-	-	(33.886)
Total reserves	**-**	**68.853**	**72.780**	**141.633**

DUCHESNE TRUST

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Although we have to own goods, we hold them only as stewards, never forgetting that God destined the world and all that it contains for the use of everyone and for all peoples. Consequently, in a world full of ambiguities, justice and charity impel us to direct our administration towards the realization of this global destiny and to live our special responsibility through community of goods.

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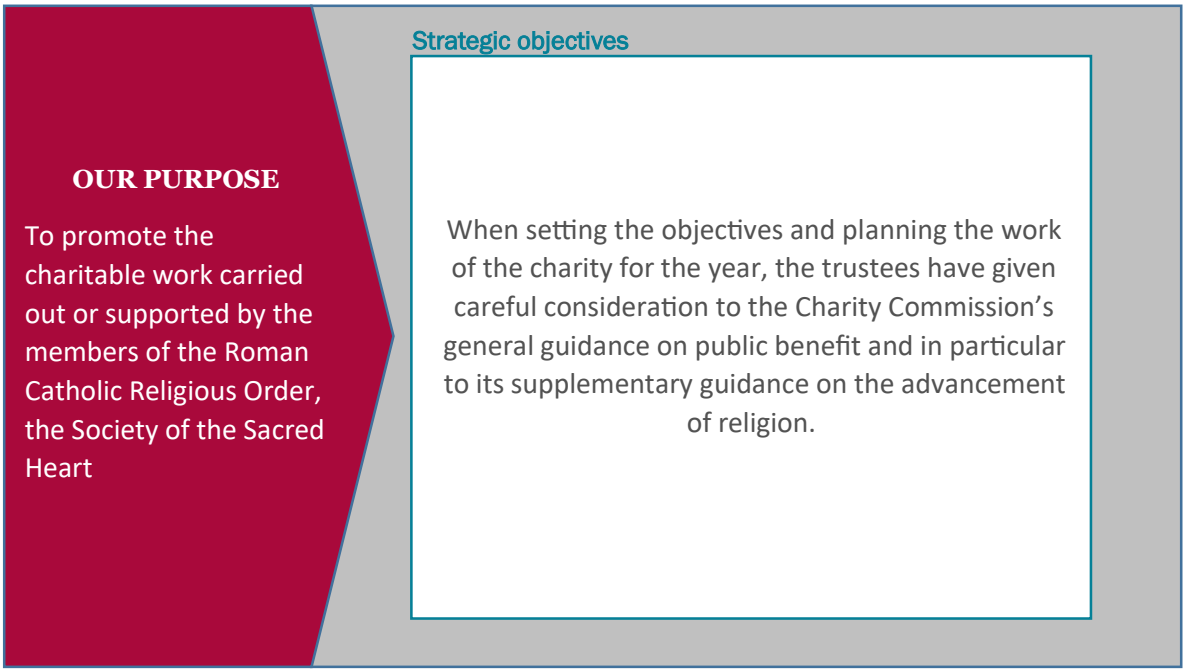
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The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the group for the period ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the **Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities"** (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the group.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting **policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing** document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.



AIM (OBJECTS) AND PURPOSE

GOVERNANCE

The Duchesne Trust (the Trust) is regulated by a Trust Deed dated 14 December 1983. The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales - Charity Registration No: 288467.

PRINCIPAL AIMS

The trustees of the Duchesne Trust aim to promote the charitable work carried out or supported by the members of the Roman Catholic Religious Order, the Society of the Sacred Heart. When setting the objectives and planning the work of the charity for the **year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's**

general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion.

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVE

The Trust exists to promote any of the charitable works carried out, or supported by, the Roman Catholic Religious Congregation known as the Society of the Sacred Heart (the Society). Specifically, it funds activities associated with:

- The worldwide administration of the Society, through members of the Generalate supporting provinces and communities of the Congregation, in order to provide leadership and to strengthen the charism and ethos of the group;
- The administration of a fund for solidarity, where projects involving members of the Congregation support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty; This is often directed towards health (special needs and HIV/AIDS), youth and education, people on the move and women in vulnerable situations;
- Administration of funds approved by the trustees to respond to situations of suffering and need, such as the Cor Unum-Covid 19 Fund and the Ukraine-Russia Conflict Victims Support Fund;
- The administration of a fund which will ensure the sustainability of the life and mission of the Society into the future and which, for some provinces, is already a necessity to support their own costs for formation, international activities, eldercare or capital projects.

SHORT TERM STRATEGIES

During 2022 the Duchesne Trust, while continuing to support the charitable activities of the members in a worldwide context, began a complex process of internal reorganisation that will involve the creation of eight new territorial entities grouping the Provinces. The governance of the new entities will be defined as soon as the functions assigned to each one are established, both as individual entities and for their cooperation.

The trustees, with the collaboration of the International Planning Commission, have established that the Trust's activities must be oriented towards strengthening four Apostolic Priorities:

- Education
- JPIC (Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation)
- Spirituality
- Formation

LONG TERM STRATEGIES

In the long term, the Duchesne Trust will continue to support the charitable activities of the members of the Society. Until the end of their mandate in 2024, the current leadership team will continue to work on implementing the decisions of the General Chapter 2016, and those of the Special General Chapter in 2021, as developed by the International Planning Commission and the Assembly of Provincials. In detail:

- Revitalize our sense of mission in the world today
- Generate a process of reflection and systematization of each of the apostolic priorities
- Work on the definition of each apostolic priority
- Explore how to implement these apostolic priorities and their functioning with the new organisation
- See how to coordinate these apostolic priorities at an international level
- in the context of potential entities and/or with other entities, plan meetings, work-team meetings, and meetings regarding the articulation of apostolic priorities
- Implementing training in leadership, change management, financial, and intercultural competency
- Look into the financial and legal management and implications

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

ORGANISATION

The trustees have the final responsibility for the policies, activities and assets of the Trust. They meet at least annually to review developments with regard to the Trust and to make significant decisions. The day-to-**day management of the Trust's activities and** the implementation of policies are delegated to:

- the trustees who are nominated by the Superior General,
- the appropriate senior staff.

TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the year are shown on page 3. New trustees are appointed by the Superior General under Clause 14 of the Trust Deed. There shall at no time be fewer than four trustees who shall be members of the International Congregation. All new trustees are taken through a process of making them aware of their responsibilities as trustees of a UK Charity as well as what it means to be a trustee by fellow trustees that are on the Board of Trustees.

VOLUNTEERS

The administration of the Trust is done on a voluntary basis by members of the Society of the Sacred Heart. The trustees wish to record their appreciation of this work.

RELEVANT POLICIES

DONATIONS AND GRANT MAKING POLICY

During the 12 months to 31 December 2022 funds have been used to further support the charitable works that are particularly relevant to the work of education and social justice. The criteria for the use of these funds are that the work undertaken or supported must demonstrate a commitment to:

- promote justice in faith and the welfare of the deprived and marginalised;
- promote the welfare of young people;
- enable the disadvantaged to become self-reliant;
- education in both formal and informal contexts.
- support vulnerable people in emergency context (wars, pandemics, natural disasters)

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees are assessing the major risks to which the group is exposed during 2022, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the group, its investments and its finances. The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the group, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The trustees consider that given the nature **of the group's work and its ability to satisfy future liabilities as they fall due that there** is no need for free reserves and at present there are none. At the year-end over **€**65 million are held in designated funds. Further details of these are set out in note 12.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The group has total fixed asset investments of €164 million as at 31 December 2022 (2021: **€1**79 million). During 2020 the investment policy and investment managers were reviewed and the Trust maintained the strategy inline with its current and future requirements and adopted the investment objectives as stated:

- **To preserve capital in real terms based on the Society's annual inflation rate** determined by the inflation rate proportionally by the expenditure rate in the countries it operates in.
- **To draw down €2.3 million in cash per annum.**
- To grow the capital over a period of 5 years by 1% or more.

The above investment policy came into place on the 1 July 2011 and revised in 2016 and 2020. The results for the past 12 months to 31 December 2022, despite the fact that the financial year was the most negative in ten years, indicate that the objectives have been met and since inception all objectives have been achieved.

In early 2021 the Trust reviewed the investment strategy to ensure that post Covid it was still appropriate. The review indicated that the Trust would require a real return in excess of 6.5% per annum to meet the cash flow requirements as well as preserving the capital. As a result the asset allocation was changed to facilitate higher returns with less volatility and a minor reduction in liquidity. Over the next 5 years the approved asset allocation will be implemented.

A designated representative of the trustees meets formally with the investment advisor and the fund managers twice a year. This designated representative and the investment advisor meets regularly and communicates as and when required throughout the year. In keeping with charity law, the investment strategy is to maximise total returns, income and capital, within acceptable levels of risk.

The investments have restrictions placed upon them as to the type of investments that the Trust would or would not want to invest in. The ethical investment policy was reviewed during the year and appropriate changes were made which also took into account the changing investment environment.

Specifically the Trust seeks to invest in companies which:

- Make a positive contribution to society
- Conserve energy and natural resources
- Have high employee welfare and equal opportunities records
- Provide high quality products and services of long term benefit to the community

The Society would not wish to invest in companies which:

- Produce and distribute arms, landmines and other products which destroy life
- Produce and distribute pornographic material
- Engage in irresponsible environmental practices
- Actively support governmental regimes with oppressive human rights policies

The Trust has also developed additional ethical policies where it felt further guidance and understanding is required due to the complex nature of the type of companies or global investments it invests in. No ethical restrictions apply other than those set out above, although the Trustees reserves the right to exclude any investments in companies whose representation might prove damaging, directly or indirectly, to the purposes or reputation of the group.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

A summary of the year's results for the group can be found on page 47 of the attached accounts. For the period of 12 months ending 31 December 2022:

- the economic result **was €**-14 million (2021 - **€**28 million) comprising mainly donations and investment income;
- **total expenditure amounted to €**6 million (2021 - **€**9 **million) of which €**5 million (2020 - **€6 million) comprised** donations to the Society of the Sacred Heart internationally.

FINANCIAL POSITION

The balance sheet shows total reserves as at 31 December 2022 **of €1**33 million (2021 - **€1**46 million).

THE GROUP'S ASSETS

Acquisitions and disposals of fixed assets during the year are recorded in the note to the accounts.

Administration of the Society of the Sacred Heart Life and Mission

During the 12 months of 2022, the Duchesne Trust continued its charitable work with the commitment and support of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart in 41 countries around the world. The Trustees and members of the General Council appointed by the Superior General, carried out different activities in a context still affected by the pandemic and the effects of the outbreak of the Ukraine-Russia conflict.

We will introduce some specific areas within the Society that include the activities of colleagues, volunteers, and friends who are part of our extended group.

Reorganization of the General Council as a new Team

Thanks to the easing of travel restrictions in some countries, the General Council was able to resume travelling and visiting the different communities and missions around the world. Daphne Sequeira and Marie-Jeanne Elonga visited Uganda-Kenya Province on February 2022. After two years of the pandemic, this was the first visit to the Provinces from the General Council.



Further significant visits to the provinces were those to the Province of Central Europe (CEU - Austria, Hungary and Germany), deeply hit by the Pandemic; to Brazil, where they met the new leadership team and found elder sisters very well cared; to Egypt, where the Councilors were invited to share the feast of Eid el-fitr (end of Ramadan) with the school of Heliopolis and with their Muslim brothers.



Anne Corry and Daphne Sequeira visited Warsaw, Poland, in June 2022, which has been receiving thousands of refugees during the war in Ukraine. The General Council wanted to express the **Society's solidarity with our** sisters in Poland who have been supporting this humanitarian effort. They met refugee families and children and visited the provincial house where the community and other friends have hosted Ukrainian refugees.



The two councilors then moved to Vietnam, where they visited the community and the reality of Ho Chi Minh City, trying to figure out the mission of the Society in those places.



International Planning Commission



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At the end of a participative consultation, the General Council named the members who are making up the International Planning Commission (IPC). The members of the Commission are Ananda Amritmahal (India), Claire Castaing (Belgium-France-Nederlands), Imma De Stefanis (United States-Canada), Elizabeth Nakayiza (Uganda-Kenya), Paqui Rodríguez (Spain) and Jacquelin Jiménez (Venezuela).

The IPC along 2022 designed a plan for restructuring the Socie that has been studied, discussed, modified, and accepted in the Assembly of Provincials.

Assemblyof Provincials – Malaga, December 2022

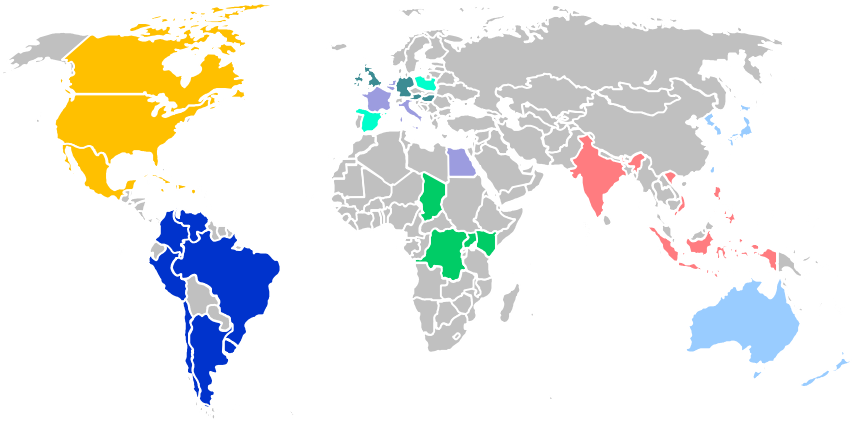


The Assembly of Provincials of the Society of the Sacred Heart was held at the Diocesan House in Malaga, Spain, from December 1 to 15. Provinces and District Representatives, the General Treasurer, the Superior General and the four General Councilors participated. It was a discernment meeting organized in two interconnected parts: the reorganization of the Society and the preparation for the General Chapter 2024.

The International Planning Commission was present. Together with the facilitators, they led the discernment process, inviting the group to engage in generative listening and to look at the whole and not only at each of the parts. The Superior General, with the consent of her Council, confirmed the decision that will be definitively decided in the Chapter of 2024:

The Society of the Sacred Heart will be organized in eight provinces:

I. Democratic Republic of Congo-Chad and Uganda-Kenya
II. India, Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam
III. Australia-New Zealand, Japan, and Korea-Chinese
IV. Antilles (Puerto Rico, Haití and Cuba), Mexico and United States-Canada
V. Argentina-Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela
VI. Austria-Germany-Hungary, England-Wales, Ireland-Scotland, and Malta
VII. Belgium-France-Netherlands, Egypt, and Italy
VIII. Poland and Spain



The Assembly of Provincials with the General Council made some additional important decisions. They agreed to maintain four apostolic priorities: Education, Spirituality, Formation and Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC), including in each of them explicitly our preferential option for young people.

They have agreed that the process of preparation for the General Chapter 2024 will be integrated with this process of reorganization.

EDUCATION

SPIRITUALITY

FORMATION

JPIC

Preparation towards the General Chapter 2024

During 2022 the General Council continued to work on their mandate, including the implementation of the preparation for the Chapter 2024, to be held in Nemi (Rome-Italy) in August 2024. The Council worked to the appointment of four new commissions, in order to assist to the preparation of the General Chapter 2024:

1. The Spiritual Itinerary Committee: Committee of RSCJ responsible to create a spiritual process based on the Constitutions to involve all members in the process towards the General Chapter 2024.
2. The Synthesis subcommittee: Subcommittee of RSCJ responsible for reading the contributions of the Provincial Chapters, synthetize them and submit to the General Council in view of the final report to the General Chapter 2024.
3. The Discernment Communities subcommittee: Committee of RSCJ responsible to organise pre-Chapter discernment communities to prepare delegates and reflect on future leadership needs.
4. Preparatory Committee: Committee of the RSCJ in charge of collaborating with the facilitators, coordinating with the above-mentioned Committees in the elaboration of their tasks and involving the members in the preparation of the General Chapter 2024.

Restructuring of the Generalate Finance Office

The Finance Office supports the General Council with the stewardship and administration of the financial resources of the Society. On September 1, 2021, Georgina Zubiría rscj from the province of Mexico started her role as Canonical Treasurer General of the Society.

The Generalate Finance Office has been working on the operational reorganization of the staff, considering the decisions of the Special Chapter: How can the Generalate Finance Office support the structural changes that will occur within the Society to **"enable and support the putting in common of our resources".**

This review included the development of new policies and procedures for the Generalate to facilitate the continuing support of the General Council and Trustees, international services, and the Society's mission, especially in countries most vulnerable due to migration, poverty, and war. The new policies and procedures also seek to ensure that the Duchesne Trust remains in compliance with established regulations.

The Generalate Finance Office currently hosts the Mother House Solidarity Fund Coordinator, who ensures the management of the Fund under the direction of the Treasurer General and the General Council.



Finance Office Team

The Generalate Finance Office is advised by the International Investment Committee (IIC), which met in May 2022 at the Generalate in Rome. The purpose of the committee is to work with the Canonical Treasurer, as the designated representative of the Trustees, and the investment advisor of the Generalate to ensure the proper administration of the investments of the Duchesne Trust.



After two years of not being able to meet in person, they were finally able to do so. Present at the meeting were Robert Rae from Australia, Jeroen Kwist from Holland, Peter Keane from Ireland, Jane Maltby RSCJ from England, Georgina Zubiria RSCJ, Helen Harrington and Mark Freeman.

The IIC met again in the first week of October of this year. This time it was joined by Mieko Shinjo RSCJ from Japan, who will replace Jane Maltby RSCJ; Rachel Keane Griffiths, who will replace Peter Keane in this service, and Simone Mazza as Financial Accountant of the Generalate.





Communication

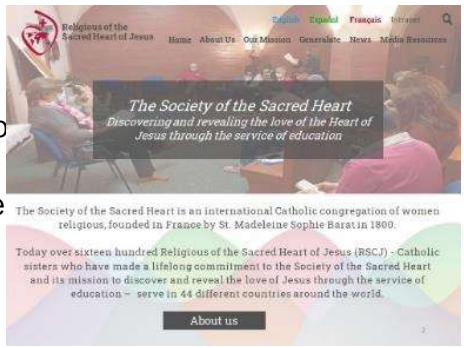
Throughout 2022, the Communications Manager met regularly with the General Council and the International Communications Team to discuss the progress of ongoing initiatives and to review future plans. She also worked closely with the General Council and the Secretariat on the Communications Bulletins, along with the Flash News.



Training with photo expert Poncho Alarcon

To help facilitate communications efforts throughout the Society, two training series were held on key communications skills, such as taking and editing photos. In the fall, the Communications Manager conducted three trainings on the use of Word, PowerPoint and the Society templates. All training sessions were attended by some members of the Society, collaborators, colleagues, volunteers and/or beneficiaries of the different mission projects. These sessions were also recorded and published on the website in the different languages, which doubled their reach.

Planning for the updated RSCJ International website began in earnest in January 2022.



As part of this process, surveys were sent out to the entire Society regarding formal education initiatives and spiritual direction. These will make it possible for RSCJ and other users to search for these resources on RSCJ International website.

Coverage of events and activities from around the Society continued throughout 2022. Of particular interest are feast celebrations and special occasions, such as the taking of vows. Probation 2022 was covered in-depth on the website, with photos and videos of the opening, the closing conference, the final vows ceremony, and an interview series with the probanists.

For the Christmas season, the Communications Office produced a video message from the General Council for Advent, as well as a Christmas card and video slideshow featuring greetings from around the Society.



Secretariat

The Secretariat continue to support the work of the General Council and the administration of the international Society. During 2022 they updated the catalogues of the Society, detailing the members, provinces and communities; worked on the development of a new web-based database for the international Society to securely store details of each member, community and Province; supported the General Council with administration and translation services; worked with the Provinces opening assemblies through Zoom, supporting assistants, facilitating technical support and translation of documents; assisted all international commissions in their work around the world and guaranteed daily correspondence and communication between the Generalate and the Provinces.





Committees

During 2018 a series of Committees were established within the Society to address the recommendations of General Chapter 2016. During 2022, after the COVID-19 global pandemic, some of the committees had the opportunity to meet again in person, to discuss progress in their work.

The International Vocation Committee continued throughout 2022 to promote the networking of vocation ministry teams in the regions of the Society and have taken some initiatives in working with young people. On Saturday June 25, 2022, to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the Committee organized an event for all RSCJ, collaborators, young people and young adults to better understand the reality of young people, focused on the creation of a culture of belonging through relationships.

The International Education Committee continues to focus on three major areas:

- Contemporary philosophy of Sacred Heart education with an emphasis on humanization.
- International Formation to Mission Program for Educators of the Family of the Sacred Heart.
- Analysis of structures of relationship and accountability of educational institutions (formal and non-formal) to the Society

During 2022, the Committee continued to work on drafting a profile of a Sacred Heart educator and a framework for the philosophy of education. Due to the pandemic, the Committee met via Zoom and focused on the preparation of their in-person meeting happening in July 2023.

The International Volunteers Commission has temporarily suspended its activities due to the pandemic. In 2023, the commission expects to reasume its work in planning volunteer initiatives throughout the Congregation, both on a local and international level.

The Ongoing Formation Commission suspended the renewal programs in 2022 because of the global pandemic and travel restrictions. The members met virtually to prepare for the next in-person meeting to be held in the renovated premises of the Villa Iante in May 2023.

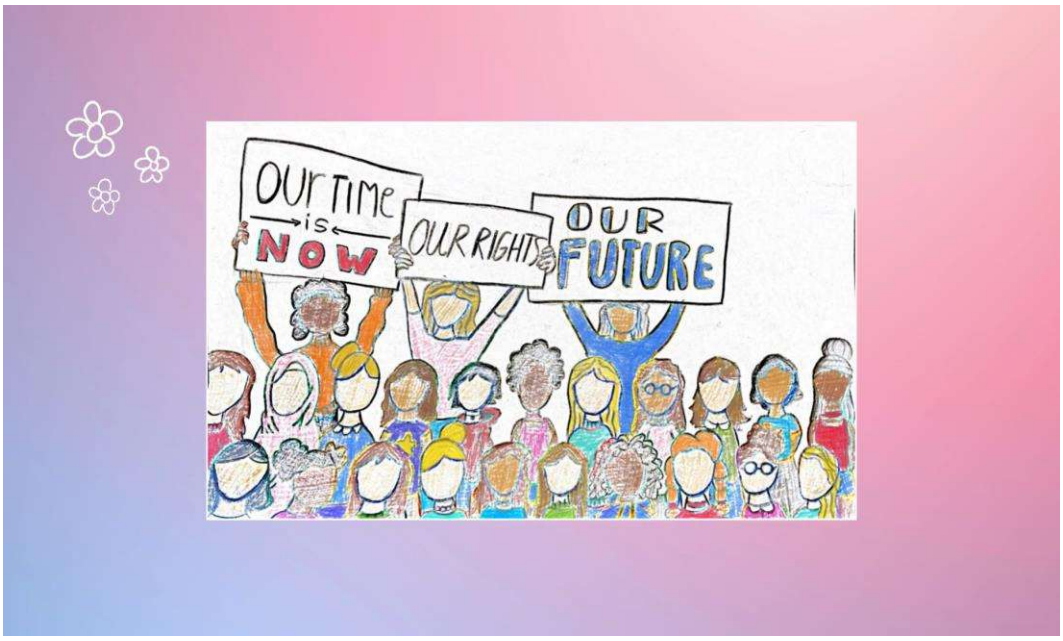
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation – UN-NGO

2022 was a year of transition for the three JPIC offices: JPIC International, UN-NGO,

and JPIC Learning Hub. All mebers of the three offices were involved in other tasks. Nevertheless, the team remained active and participative.

Some highlights of the work this year included:

- Responding to critical moments in the world and offering concrete acts of hope and solidarity through the First Friday Prayer for Peace: every First Friday of the month, people from different parts of the world come together for a global online prayer for peace in Ukraine and all places in the world that cry for peace.
- Strengthening advocacy and Education in the service of JPIC, through the activities of the UN-NGO.



- Integrating JPIC and Spirituality through activities like: participating to religious retreats, giving sessions for educators about Madeleine Sophie, preparing prayer reflection guides.
- Supporting the Transformative Community of Practice (TCoP) on Indigenous Peoples: a small group of RSCJ and partners who serve in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, India, Paraguay, and Peru.
- Inviting the participation of young people in JPIC and UN-NGO activities.

- Sustaining the connection between JPIC and Formation by being resource persons for different levels of RSCJ formation and province-wide meetings.

A significant moment for the JPIC International Team was the meeting in Manila on 15-21 October 2022 -- our first face-to-face meeting since the pandemic began. Together, we were able to build the new JPIC International Team, plan the way forward for 2023-2024 for each of our offices and for the JPIC and integrate the 2021 Special Chapter's **decision on "apostolic priorities" into our** plan of action.



The JPIC International Team *(L-R: Joy Luz, Yolanda Jimenéz, Rachel Guillien, Rena Bersola, Margaret Mwarili)* met in Manila on 15th-21st October to plan the way forward for each of our offices and for the JPIC International Team.

We also had a whole-day meeting with Daphne Sequeira (our GC Link) and Anne Corry, with hearty lunch in-between.



One of the key instruments by which the Society of the Sacred Heart carries out its charitable work in favor of the most vulnerable communities and peoples is the "Mother House Solidarity Fund".

Through this fund, the Society provides funding to projects around the world, following the calls of both Chapter 2008 and Chapter 2016 to live justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in our world today.

The fund is stewarded from the Generalate according to published criteria. Following the recommendations of the Chapters, the Finance Office presented a proposal outlining the work done over the past five years and the need to create a Solidarity Fund Commission. We are grateful that five experienced RSCJ have agreed to share their time and expertise to serve on this commission for an initial three-year term: Yuka Arita (Philippines District), Pratibha Pinto (India), Sofia Baranda (Chile), Resty Nalubega (Uganda-Kenya) and Fatima Santaló-Ossorio (Spain).



In 2022, the Mother House Solidarity Fund (MHSF) allocated 20 grants. The Region of Africa received seven grants, Asianz three, Europe four and the Region of Philippine Duchesne six grants. The MHSF was glad to allocate a grant to the province of Egypt that had not applied for over 20 years. The projects, which are currently ongoing, focus on the spheres of health (special needs and HIV/AIDS), youth and education, people on the move and women in vulnerable situations.

In September 2022, projects submitted and financed in 2021 were evaluated. The Mother House Solidarity Fund (MHSF) supported 25 projects in the regions of Africa (10), Asianz (2), Philippine Duchesne (10) and Europe (3). Here are the results from seven of these projects.

Dental care, St. Charles Lwanga Health Centre, Chekalini, UGK



Chekalini had no dental service, and its population, which tends towards a high sugar diet and low dental hygiene, had to walk far for dental care and often could not afford the high costs. The St. Charles Lwanga Health Centre has set up a dental care unit where a newly hired dentist technologist visits patients on a new dental chair. The dental unit also carries out awareness campaigns in local markets and in local public schools, where the dental technologist teaches dental hygiene, freely examines patients (which now number 150), and distributes toothpaste and toothbrushes.



Food support for people living with HIV AIDS, Kimwenza, Kinshasa, RDC

The project aimed to better the life of 40 adults and children living with HIV. Its activities focused on a materially, medically and spiritually follow up (a whole morning). Group encounters happened twice a month, one for children and one for adults encounters. In its encounters, it increased and varied food supplies, reviewed the miss-knowledge patients had about their HIV/AIDS medical conditions, and supervised the correct intake of pills. It also organized support to two HIV orphans (school and medical). To guarantee food supplies, the project increased support to the poultry breeding. Beneficiaries gained proper knowledge on their own medical conditions, increased their weight, and overall blossomed. As for children, they enrolled and kept a stable presence at school.

Going organic, moving away from the margins. A training series on natural farming in Samar, PHI



The objective of the project was to empower rural farmers with knowledge and skills, and to make them advocates of sustainable agriculture. Beneficiaries included practicing farmers, women, students, NEET, and people with disabilities. Activities focused on training on organic agricultural skills, with 14 workshops on crop rotation, organic fertilizing, pest control, disease protection, vermiculture, composting, waste management, and upcycling. Thanks to the partnership they developed with local authorities, participants acquired a national certification. Eighty percent of participants took up agricultural initiatives in their own contexts, and local municipalities are planning to reproduce the training.

ECO-Taller VERDE AROMA. Centro Penitenciario Madrid I Mujeres (ACOPE) – ESP



The Taller Verde Aroma (Green Aroma **Workshop) took place in the women's** jail of Alcala de Henares, Madrid. The goal of the project was to enhance the technical, professional, and social skills in green growing of 17 jailed adult women (70% Spanish). The project ran workshops on aromatic and medicinal plants, floral decorations, and waste management. Some benefits included teamwork and solidarity, an increase in creativity and aesthetic sense, and improvements in punctuality,

responsibility, independence, motivation, interest, and proactiveness. By the end, 2,500 aromatic, medicinal plants and 840 litres of composting had been produced, a shed for tools had been built, and a blog was created for the plant nursery.

Tu médico en casa ahora con ambulancia – Cumaná, VEN



The economic crisis in Venezuela has considerably reduced public health services. Faced with this situation, a team of doctors designed a home care service for patients, your GP at Home, with accessible costs for the vulnerable population of Cumaná who cannot afford private care. The Con ambulancia extended the medical care to include transport of patients within the municipality and the state. A regular van was turned into an ambulance, and its addition to the medical service enabled more rapid responses to medical emergencies, which reduced medical complications. The ambulance brought light and hope to the vulnerable population, equality in access to medical care, and more lives were saved.

Equipo Bandera Blanca: Creadores de Paz – Zapopapan, Jalisco, MEX



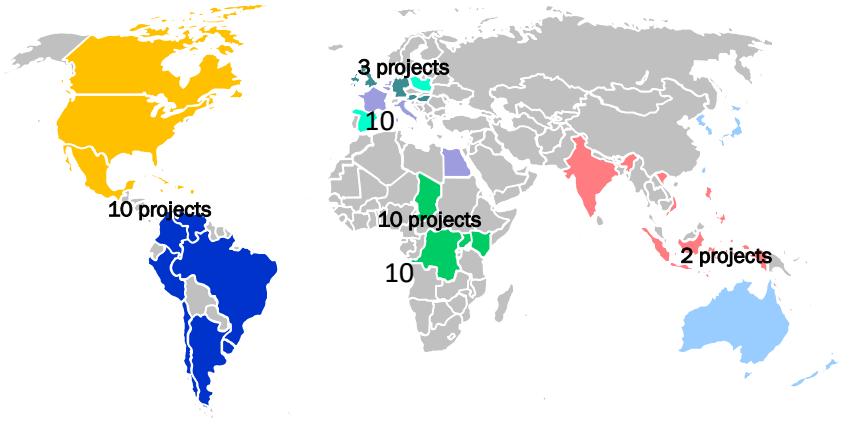
The Oblatos neighborhood in Guadalajara has a high rate of violence. Violence is also to be found in schools. Following a selection of secondary schools in the area, the Bandera Blanca run a series of workshops on active participation towards peace building where attention is paid on self-awareness, group identity, positive expression of feelings, and self-control. Workshops used the example of peaceful activities in different camps (environmental protection, girl education). The young beneficiaries of Bandera Blanca have demonstrated autonomy and responsibility and to be bearers of civic values that allow them to move away from the violence to which adolescents and young people in

the Oblatos neighborhood are exposed to. They were able to construct conclusions and apply their intake in their daily lives for peaceful resolutions of conflicts (mediation).

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative (DEI) – Chicago, USC



Following the death of George Floyd and the birth of the Black Life Matters movement, the Josephinum Academy, whose school community is predominantly of colour origins (Latin, AfricanAmerican, Asian), perceived a challenge in their (non) teaching on racism and diversity and recognized the need to develop a module on the issue. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has created an academic environment and community culture that is not only accepting and welcoming of a diverse student body but is recognized for taking a leadership position in DEI implementation, schoolwide. In the classroom, curricula proactively addressed the history and impact of systemic racism and inherent bias to better inform the students about the societal issues that affect their lives. The Josephine Academy has incorporated a way of teaching that helps students learn to be proud of themselves and their families; respect a range of human differences; recognize unfairness and bias; speak up for the rights of others; and to develop the will, skill, and capacity to have courageous conversations. Activities included: racial and equity workshops for students, staff and board members; diversifying authors in **students'** library; monthly/weekly events and round tabletalks on DEI topics. Concrete example: the school has hired Asian American and Latin teachers, increased its multicultural staff.



For their second meeting, the Commission will review project evaluations of the previous year and discuss the overall operation of the Solidarity Fund, e.g., criteria, application, process, evaluations.

Funds for victims of the Ukranian-Russian conflict

In March 2022, the General Council launched a new international fund to support the victims of the Ukrainian-Russian conflict. This fund was managed by the Generalate Finance Office and donations could be made from provinces or others connected to the Society. The creation of the fund is in response to the many requests from within the international Society to offer financial support and to coordinate funding.

As of April 2022, the Generalate has financed 10 projects in Poland where the RSCJ sisters will continue to support Ukrainian refugees in 2023.

Below some projects:

Poland: Nuestra casa, es tu casa.





The project, in collaboration with the Open-Heart Foundation founded by **Urszula Głowacka rscj**, provided support to refugee families (mothers with children) in adapting to a new country, organizing workshops for mothers and children, promoting integration with the local community of families fleeing from war.

Poland: Solidarity in Action. HELP POINT Project





The project run in collaboration with Dominican sisters and local parish, **supervised by Bożena Kunicka rscj,** provided food and hygiene items for Ukrainian Refugees. A space also was created to welcome refugees and support them with basic items.

Poland: Welcome to Kindergarten



This project aimed to provide support of five Ukrainian children to attend the kindergarten in Tarnow. This will include cost of full board, planned outings, stationary and as necessary clothing and footwear. The five children are aged between 3 and 6 years old and live in Tarnow with their mothers.

Poland: Polish course for Ukrainians

This project provided an intensive Polish language course during the summer holidays in July and August 2022 for 40-50 refugees. The classes took **place at the "Fundación Corazón Abierto" and the** funding supported **teacher's** salary, teaching materials and other running costs for the classes.



Poland: Person Development Centre

The focus of the "Person Development Center", run by the Open-Heart Foundation, was supporting Ukrainian Refugees in acquiring new professional skills and helping them in finding a job in Poland. Participants took part in a Polish language course, a tailoring and handicraft course.



Cor Unum Covid-19 Fund

The Cor Unum Covid-19 Fund was established within the Society to support Provinces and their ministries who have been profoundly affected by this pandemic. Over the last three years (2020, 2021 and 2022), this fund distributed support to 81 projects in 12 provinces. The projects were in areas related to the re-opening of schools or ministries, the provision of immediate needs of food and medical protection, projects related to JPIC or climate change, alternative income or retraining, mental health support and vaccinations.

The Generalate in January 2022 allocated a fourth round of funding to the Cor Unum Covid-19 Fund and financed 12 projects in those Regions deeply hit by the Covid Pandemic: Africa (4), Asianz (3), and Philippine Duchesne (5).

Africa: School in N'Djamena, Chad.

Chad received financial support to provide materials for the provision of water for the community and the school, especially during the hot weather. The project also included support for students whose parents cannot pay tuition fees, support for supervisors for online courses and support for cleaning for the school.



South America: Ponce: Mental Health, Antilles

Funding for the services of a psychologist and consultant who will provide various workshops to members of the school community to support those impacted by the pandemic. The project includes a cycle of three (3) interactive and reflective personal and academic development workshops focused on enhancing the abilities of teachers, students, parents and the school community to become resilient to life's setbacks.

Asianz: Sadhna School, Sophia Campus, Mumbai, India.

Sisters in India received funding to support students with special needs, as they return to ordinary, person to person – interaction, which is very challenging given their disabilities. **Teachers' main task was to bring students back** to their daily routine, managing their behavioral issues using various strategies to calm their thoughts, worries and anxieties about staying away from home.



Asianz: Sacred Heart Institute for Transformative Education Foundation (SHIFT), Samar, Philippines.

SHIFT is located at Sophie's Farm in Northern Samar, one of the poorest provinces of the Philippines. SHIFT has different ministries where its personnel were assigned. During the pandemic, only the organic farm could be kept going, while other ministries **went on and off due to lockdowns. A "Pandemic Exit Plan" for recovery of the** Ministries has been done, but financial resources are needed for implementation. Included in this plan is preparation **for Sophie's** Farm to offer ecological exposure programs and eventually for eco-tourism for schools and other educational programs. Funding was for salaries, mission operations and communications.

Philippine Duchesne: Comunidad de Michaihue, San Pedro de la Paz, Chile.

The aim is to collaborate with training initiatives that help to remedy the damage caused by the pandemic in the whole development of children and adolescents through a comprehensive plan: recovery and levelling of learning and socio-emotional well-being.



The Covid Fund completed its funding and is currently closed.

Sustainability Fund

In January 2020, after extensive consultation, the General Council approved the priorities that guide decisions on the projects that the Sustainability Fund finances. Its central focus is the sustainable future of the Society's life and mission.

The Congregation's policy is to break down these financial resources into eldercare, formation aid, capital aid and aid for the ordinary life of communities in fragile economic conditions.

Formation and Capital Aid

One of the projects being supported by the sustainability fund, in relation to planning for initial formation for the Society internationally, is the construction of the international novitiate for the Asia and Australia-New Zealand region.

The District of the Philippines generously donated land for this new property and construction of the building began in late 2021, with a donation from the Duchesne Trust. Along 2022, the construction of the novitiate in the District of the Philippines has considerably progressed. By October 2022 all the architectural on Building A was finished, together with the 95% of plumbing and electrical fixtures, while works on Building B are still ongoing but abut to completion.

The Asia and Australia-New Zealand formation community will move into the new building in January 2023.

Aid for formation of was furthermore provided to the Provinces of Uganda-Kenya, Indonesia, Congo-Chad and to the Vietnam Community. Part of this budget has been respectively assigned to UGK and RDC for the new African Common Formation project.

The region of Africa has decided to have one bilingual novitiate in Kimwenza RDC. To prepare the young women for this new venture, the provinces of the African region have reflected on their initial formation program before and after the novitiate. After reviewing the previous program and looking at the need to prepare young women for the regional novitiate, the province has decided to have a two-year postulancy program. The first year is a residential



postulancy program with the accompaniment of a postulant mistress and with one more professed sister living with them.



This program started in January 2022, and has helped the young women build a community among themselves, get peer group accompaniment, and facilitate the organization of inputs. It has also supported mutual discernment. After one year of residential postulancy, the women from UGK will go to RDC-TCH Province and pursue their language study in Congo, while the RDC-TCH postulants will go to Kenya for their language study, living in a postulant community for one year.

Capital Aid was provided to the Provinces of Uganda-Kenya, Congo-Chad, Poland, Venezuela, India, Philippines, Mexico and Antilles. This included support of Provinces for capital projects, such as renovations and capital expenses for vehicles and equipment.

Ordinary Life of Communities

During the year to 31 December 2022, the Society provided aid to some Provinces who cannot afford their own costs for formation, international service and eldercare or capital projects.

Ordinary aid for the administration and living expenses of communities was provided to Philippines, Chad, Congo, Uganda, Indonesia, Vietnam and Venezuela to support their ministry. These funds are used by Provinces to support the daily lives of sisters, their provision of healthcare, support for regional or international meetings and development of a mission area. In particular, the Province of Congo-Chad has received funding over the last two years from the Mother House for the construction of new living accommodations for elderly sisters in one of our communities in Kinshasa,



specifically in Kimwenza. The purpose of this house is to offer our elderly sisters a space that is suitable, given their age and increasingly vulnerable health conditions. This is a space where they will feel comfortable, fulfilled and safe, in order to respond to their mission of praying and supporting the mission of those who are still active in the whole Society.

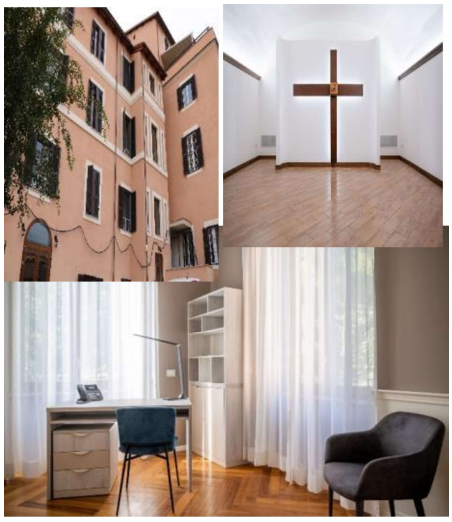
It is a house with 48 rooms, of which 13 are on the ground floor and 35 on the first floor, with other facilities such as a chapel on the ground floor, an oratory on the first floor, two community rooms, two refectories, a treatment room, a gym. This is a multi-use building. The first level will be used as student housing and will offer space for retreat and prayer.

Historical and cultural heritage of the Society

The Villa Lante, located in the heart of Trastevere in Rome, is the historical and cultural heritage of the Society of the Sacred Heart and has been remodeled to house a Formation Center for Religious and Laity, a museum and the archives of the congregation.

Villa Lante



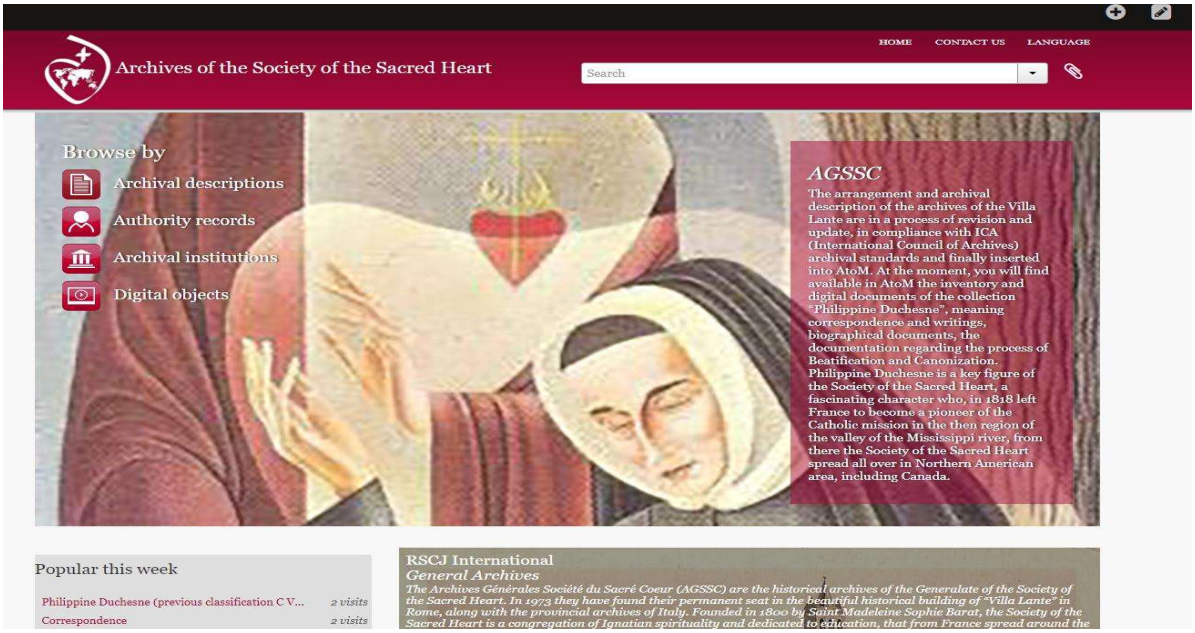


Over the past three years, the Villa Lante has undergone significant renovation, which is still ongoing and nearing completion. The "Villa Lante Conference Center" vision and mission is to provide a hub for the international Sacred Heart family who share our mission. Local and international religious and lay groups, whose missions align with the Society, will also be invited to gather to educate, learn, share, collaborate and form each other in shared visions and goals around spiritual renewal and Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) initiatives.

A section of the complex known as Casa Betania opened formally in late October 2022 to welcome the probanists and two probation mistresses. They were the first group to use part of the newly renovated Villa Lante.

The other buildings are expected to open in late March 2023

General Archives







During the last year,the General Archives continued to respond to requests from historians, researchers and scholars, both inside and outside the Society, and continued to ensure the appropriate storage and recording of important documents for the Society.

Special projects carried out in 2022 are:

- Setting up of the new museum and display area of Villa Lante
- **Restoration of Villa Lante's paintings and artifacts and setting up in the renewed** spaces
- **Updating of "Guidelines for Provincial Archives" for** support and information of Provincial Archives
- Definition of strategies for digitisation projects for preservation of original documents and to implement consultation of documents from remote.

- Planning for collections to be made available on-line via AtoM (archival software) to facilitate and stimulate the use and study of archival material, patrimony of the Society of the Sacred Heart.
- Upgrade of archival spaces including new more efficient and sustainable ventilation system and a new room available for archival material



TRUSTEE BIOGRAPHIES

Sister Barbara Dawson (Chair)



is a native of San Francisco. Educated at the University of San Francisco and Stanford University, her ministries have included service in education, administration and immigration in both the U.S. and Jakarta, Indonesia. Barbara served as Provincial of the United States-Canada Province from 2012 to 2016 and she also held the position of Provincial for the U.S. Province from 1993-1999. In addition to leadership, Barbara has served as a teacher and administrator for schools including St. Martin de Porres in Oakland, California.; Lone Mountain College in San Francisco; and others throughout the U.S. She was in administration for various Catholic Charities and has addressed public policy and immigration issues in the San Francisco Bay area. She is a member of the bar in both California and Missouri, serves on the board of the Hilton Fund for Sisters and has served on the board of trustees for various academic institutions. Since 2016, Barbara has been the Superior General of the Society of the Sacred Heart and Chair of the Duchesne Trust.

Sister Anne Corry



has a professional background in education and mission promotion. Originally from New Zealand, she has lived in Rome since 2014 first as international coordinator for justice, peace and ecology and currently as a General Councillor for the Congregation. Anne has taught in high schools in Australia and New Zealand and has served on Boards of education and healthcare institutions of religious congregations. Anne has Masters degrees in Education and Theology and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies and Ethics. She has travelled widely in countries of Africa, Europe and Asia and lived for a few weeks in Peru. All of this has contributed to her understanding of the mission-related activities **of her congregation around the world. Anne's current role gives her an overview of the** widespread mission of her international congregation.

Sister Mónica Esquivel Ballesteros



was born in Mexico in 1966. She joined the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1992 and has worked in formal education as well as alternative (**"popular") education and pastoral ministry. In** formal education she worked as a secondary school mathematics teacher and as a school chaplain. In alternative education her work focused on women and young people, in the areas of communication, educational development, as well as the promotion and coordination of educational projects, teacher training and the creation of educational networks at municipal and regional level.

Mónica served for 8 years in the Society's mission in Nicaragua, working for the charity **"Roncalli-Juan XXIII Association" in the areas of housing and education. She also** worked for the Conference of Religious of Nicaragua as the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) coordinator.

Upon her return to Mexico in 2011, she worked in teacher training program for public schools in the municipality of Ayutla de los Libres, and was a member of the provincial council. In 2013 she was appointed Provincial of Mexico. During this time she was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Conference of Religious of Mexico. Since December 2016 she has been a member of the General Council of the Society of the Sacred Heart in Rome.

Sister Marie-Jeanne Elonga Abombpi Mokango



is a theologian by training and a graduate in education. She has experience in formal education, working at different times and in different places as a teacher, principal and head teacher. She **spent some years in the formation of young RSCJ's** in her province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) before serving as provincial and president of the Conference of Religious in the DRC. This last role helped her to interact with other congregations in the areas of initial and ongoing formation, management and self-financing. Currently, she is in her fifth year of international service with the General Council of the Society in Rome.

Sister Georgina Zubiria



studied to be a primary school teacher. For 9 years she was director of the Santa Cecilia School and later she was working with low-income women in popular education and gender perspective. Since she was studying to obtain her degree in Theological Sciences, she has worked in different areas of her province such as formation, treasury, and leadership. Georgina has experience working in non-profit organizations and transferring the management of both the School and the Finance Office to lay people. As a theologian, she has taught at the Universidad Iberoamericana, the Hispanic Pastoral Institute of the University of Santa Clara, other higher education institutions and religious congregations. She was Director of the Center for Theological Studies of the Interreligious Conference of Mexico (CIRM) and advisor to the Board of Directors of the Conference of Religious of Latin America and the Caribbean (CLAR). She participated in the creation and consolidation of the CIRM National Education Network. In recent years, she worked as a Canonical Treasurer in Mexico, and is now the Canonical Treasurer General of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Sister Catherine Lloyd



has a background in formal education and ministry with young people, firstly as a teacher. After further formation in spiritual accompaniment and counselling using the arts, she returned to work as a **school chaplain in the Society's high school in** London. After final vows, Cath spent some time in the **Society's mission in Indonesia where she worked in** teacher education, theological formation and in a project with street children. On returning to the UK, Cath served as Novice Mistress in the Society and worked in the Formation department of the Conference of Religious of England and Wales, where with others she developed inter-congregational formation programmes. After further studies in organisational change, Cath worked on a team which facilitated organisations and groups as they developed areas of strategic planning and leadership formation. Between 2008-2016 she served on the General Council of her congregation. Although this ministry was based in Rome, her service took her to many different parts of the world. This experience broadened her mind and opened her

heart!! Cath returned to her home province in 2016 and once again took up a ministry of facilitation and spiritual formation in the UK and abroad. With colleagues she has worked as a co-facilitator on General and Provincial Chapters and a variety of meetings for different religious congregations. In 2019, Cath was asked to serve as Provincial in England -Wales and she remains in that ministry to the present day.

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 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 group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- **there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are** unaware; and
- they have taken all necessary steps that they ought to have to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.



Signed on behalf of the trustees by Sister Barbara Dawson,
Chair of Trustees
Approved by the trustees on 6th July 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DUCHESNE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Duchesne Trust (the 'parent charity') and its controlling entities (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the group and parent Statement of Financial Activities, group and parent charity Balance Sheet, group and parent charity cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including 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 group's and parent charity's affairs as** at 31 December 2022, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further **described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements** section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent 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 group and parent charity'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.

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 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**
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or

- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on page ...], 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 **group and parent 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 group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

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:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the Charity itself and the environment in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the

directors and other management. The most significant were identified as the Charities Act 2013, Charity SORP FRS 102, UK GAAP (FRS102) and relevant tax legislation.

We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included:

- making enquires of trustees and management as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- assessing the design effectiveness of the controls in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing journal entries;
- challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.

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.

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.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.

Haines Watts

Haines Watts, Statutory Auditor
Old Station House
Station Approach
Newport Street
Swindon
SN1 3DU

Date 14 Aug 2023

Haines Watts is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS) AS AT 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

GROUP

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021 RESTATED
Income from:					
Donations	2	549	4.944	5.493	15.509
Investment	3	2.066	0	2.066	1.805
Other income		79	0	79	37
Total income		**2.694**	**4.944**	**7.638**	**17.351**
Expenditure on:					
Investment manager fees		550	531	1.081	943
Supporting the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart	4	3.777	1.200	4.977	7.697
Other costs	5	412	0	412	415
Total expenditure		**4.739**	**1.731**	**6.470**	**9.055**
Realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation		-7.627	-7.376	-15.003	19.687
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		**-9.673**	**-4.164**	**-13.837**	**27.983**
Balances brought forward at 01 Jan		78.338	71.755	150.093	120.718
Prior year adjustment	15	-3.209	0	-3.209	-1.818
Revised balance brough forward		75.129	71.755	146.884	118.900
Balance carried forward at 31 Dec		65.456	67.591	133.047	146.884

Income and expenditure derive from ongoing activities. The statement of financial activities includes gains and losses recognised during the period.

CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS) AS AT 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

CHARITY

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021 RESTATED
Income from:					
Donations	2	549	4.944	5.493	15.508
Investment	3	2.065	0	2.065	1.805
Other income		79	0	79	54
Total income		**2.693**	**4.944**	**7.637**	**17.367**
Expenditure on:					
Investment manager fees		550	531	1.081	943
Supporting the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart	4	3.204	1.200	4.404	7.655
Other costs	5	412	0	412	415
Total expenditure		**4.166**	**1.732**	**5.897**	**9.013**
Realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation		-7.627	-7.376	-15.003	19.686
Transfers		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		**-9.100**	**-4.164**	**-13.264**	**28.040**
Balances brought forward at 01 Jan		77.411	71.755	149.166	119.733
Prior year adjustment	15	-3.209	0	-3.209	-1.818
Revised balance brough forward		74.200	71.755	145.955	117.915
Balance carried forward at 31 Dec		65.099	67.591	132.690	145.955

Income and expenditure derive from ongoing activities. The statement of financial activities includes gains and losses recognised during the period.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

GROUP

	Notes	2022	2021 RESTATED
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed assets	8	483	665
Social Investments		0	750
Investments	9	164.080	177.886
Total fixed assets		**164.563**	**179.301**
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	14	251
Cash at bank		7.473	8.081
		7.487	**8.332**
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within a year (non-investments)	11	**8.601**	**8.223**
Amounts due to provinces (non-investment)		1.707	1.524
Accruals		658	571
Commitments		6.236	6.128
Amounts falling due within a year (investments)	11	30.402	32.526
		39.003	**40.749**
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**-31.516**	**-32.417**
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**133.047**	**146.884**
RESTRICTED FUNDS	12,14	**67.591**	**71.755**
Ukraine		0	0
Solidarity		0	0
Covid Cor Unum		135	305
Heritage		789	900
Future Sustainability		66.667	70.550
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	12,14	**65.456**	**75.129**
Designated		**14.855**	**15.428**
Solidarity		6.029	6.086
Formation		2.801	3.317
Future Sustainability		6.025	6.025
General funds		50.601	59.701
TOTAL FUNDS		**133.047**	**146.884**

Approved by the trustees on 6th July 2023 and signed on their behalf by
Sister Barbara Dawson
Chair of Trustees

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

	Notes	CHARITY 2022	CHARITY 2021 RESTATED
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed assets	8	0	0
Social Investments		0	750
Investments	9	164.080	177.886
Total fixed assets		**164.080**	**178.636**
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	0	218
Cash at bank		7.249	7.764
		7.249	**7.982**
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within a year (non-investments)	11	**8.237**	**8.137**
Amounts due to provinces (non-investment)		1.707	1.524
Accruals		294	205
Commitments		6.236	6.408
Amounts falling due within a year (investments)	11	30.402	32.526
		38.639	**40.663**
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**-31.390**	**-32.681**
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**132.690**	**145.955**
RESTRICTED FUNDS	12,14	**67.591**	**71.755**
Ukraine		0	0
Solidarity		0	0
Covid Cor Unum		135	305
Heritage		789	900
Future Sustainability		66.667	70.550
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	12,14	**65.099**	**74.200**
Designated			
Solidarity		6.029	6.086
Formation		2.801	3.317
Future Sustainability		6.025	6.025
General funds		50.244	58.772
TOTAL FUNDS		**132.690**	**145.955**

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GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

	GROUP	
	2022	2021 RESTATED
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	-13.837	27.984
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	538	9.242
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	77	1.007
Depreciation charges	222	231
Investment income	-2.066	-1.805
Net realised and unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation on investments	12.548	-19.686
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	**-2.464**	**-21.260**
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	2.066	943
Net (additions)/withdrawals to investments	-116	7.697
Purchase of new fixed assets	-39	21.079
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets	0	0
	0	415
Net cash provided by investing activities	**1.910**	**415**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**-607**	**-596**
Balances brought forward at 01 Jan	8.081	8.177
Balance carried forward at 31 Dec	7.473	8.081

CHARITY CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER (IN €'000S)

	CHARITY	
	2022	2021 RESTATED
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	-13.264	28.039
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	99	9.426
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	218	1.036
Depreciation charges	0	0
Investment income	-2.065	-1.805
Net realised and unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation on investments	12.548	-19.686
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	**-2.464**	**17.010**
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	2.065	943
Net (additions)/withdrawals to investments	-116	7.655
Purchase of new fixed assets	0	21.079
Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets	0	0
	0	415
Net cash provided by investing activities	**1.949**	**415**
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	**-515**	**37.674**
Balances brought forward at 01 Jan	7.765	7.789
Balance carried forward at 31 Dec	7.249	7.765

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The Duchesne Trust is a regulated trust in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the group information on page 3 of these financial **statements. The nature of the group's operations and principal activities are to promote** charitable work carried out by the Society of the Sacred Heart.

The group constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These group financial statements consolidate the results of the Trust and the entity it controls being the Society of the Sacred Heart Generalate, both of which make up their financial statements to 31 December.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in euros which is the functional currency of the group and **rounded to the nearest €**'000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

There are no material uncertainties regarding going concern.

Consolidation

Consolidation takes place with third parties when the charity determines that:

- the third-party entity is financially dependent upon the charity and would not be **able to continue without the charity's support, and**
- the charity is able to control the actions of the third party either directly or indirectly due to the authority it has via the trustees of the charity.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the group is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Where income is received with specific criteria for its use or future use the income is recorded as restricted.

All income donations received are verified with the recipient at the time of receipt to ensure that the intention of the donations is fully understood and accounted for correctly.

Resources expended and the basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities when incurred and includes any attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Resources expended comprise the following:

- **The costs of charitable activities comprise expenditure on the group's primary charitable purpose as described in the trustees' report.** Such costs include:
  - Support of the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred **Heart. Specific areas of expenditure are detailed out in the trustees'** report.
  - Other donations payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the donation and has satisfied all related conditions.
- Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the group including audit costs and the necessary legal procedures for compliance with statutory requirements.
- All costs are directly attributable to specific activities.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:

- Land & Buildings 3%
- Equipment 15%
- Vehicles 25%

Debtors & Creditors

- Debtors - Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

- Creditors – Creditors are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Loans to provinces

All loans at the time they are made to a Province are recorded as a debtor. All loans are reviewed at year end to determine their realisability in the future. In the event that of a loan may be impaired a provision is made in the year.

Commitments

All future commitments that are agreed to prior to the year end that are material are recorded at the time of the commitment rather than at the time of the payment.

2. DONATIONS (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2022	2021 RESTATED	2022	2021 RESTATED
Funds received from the Duchesne Trust:				
- Generalate (donation)	-	-	-	-
- Provinces (donation)	5.493	15.509	5.493	15.508
Total donations	**5.493**	**15.509**	**5.493**	**15.508**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Investment income (dividend & interest)	2.066	1.805	2.065	1.805

4. SUPPORTING THE CHARITABLE WORK OF MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2022	2021 RESTATED	2022	2021 RESTATED
Donations to the Society of the Sacred Heart:				
- Generalate (donation)	3.230	4.649	2.657	4.846
- Provinces (donation)	1.747	3.048	1.747	3.048
Total donations	**4.977**	**7.697**	**4.404**	**7.894**

5. OTHER COSTS (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Auditors remuneration	17	12	17	12
Other professional fees	386	403	386	403
Other costs	9	-	9	-
Total	**412**	**415**	**412**	**415**

6. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION (IN €'000S)

The group had salary costs of:

	GROUP	
	2022	2021
Salaries	931	752
Social costs	215	197
TOTAL GROUP COSTS	1,146	949

The charity has no employees (31 December 2021- none) and, therefore, no staff costs were incurred during the year (31 December 2021 - **€nil).**

During the year the group had an average of 16 employees (31 December 2021: 16).

During the year group employees receiving renumeration in excess of €70,000 were:

	Number
€70,001 - €80,000	1
€80,001 - €90,000	2
€160,001 - €170,000	1

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (31 December 2021 - **€nil). Expenses incurred by the trustees in the performance** of their duties were not reimbursed during the year (31 December 2021 - **€nil).**

During the year ex-**gratia payments totalled €121k were made (2021 €nil)**

7. TAXATION

The Duchesne Trust is a registered charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

8. FIXED ASSETS (GROUP) (IN €'000S)

	Land & Building	Equipment	Vehicles	TOTAL
Opening cost as at 1 january 2022	5,842	455	18	6,315
Additions	-	40	-	40
Closing cost as at 31 december 2022	**5,842**	**495**	**18**	**6,355**
Brought forward acc. depreciation as at 1 January 2022	5,258	374	18	5,650
Charge for the year	197	25	-	222
Total accumulated depreciation as at 31 december 2022	**5,455**	**399**	**18**	**5,872**
Total Net Book Value as at 31 December 2022	**387**	**96**	**-**	**483**
Total Net Book Value as at 31 December 2021	584	81	-	665

The charity has no fixed assets.

9. INVESTMENTS (IN €'000S)

Movements in investments are summarised below:

	GROUP		CHARITY	
Movements in investments	2022	2021 RESTATED	2022	2021 RESTATED
Market value at 1 January	178.636	138.014	178.636	138.014
Net (withdrawals)/additions from sales & purchases	116	16.872	116	16.872
Net investments transferred to the Duchesne Trust from the Society of the Sacred Heart provinces	331	1.969	331	1.969
Net unrealised investment & exchange **gains/losses – Provincial investments**	(2.456)	4.609	(2.456)	4.609
Net unrealised investment & exchange **gains/losses – Generalate investments**	(12.547)	16.422	(12.547)	16.422
Market value at 31 December	**164.080**	**177.886**	**164.080**	**177.886**

List investments held at year-ends comprised of the following:

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Equities	84.658	107.443	84.658	107.443
Fixed interest securities	20.699	24.076	20.699	24.076
Alternatives	26.421	24.548	26.421	24.548
Property	16.363	12.274	16.363	12.274
Cash	15.939	9.545	15.939	9.545
Market value at 31 December	**164.080**	**177.886**	**164.080**	**177.886**

10. DEBTORS (IN €'000S)

The other debtors relate to **loans made to the Society's provinces as follows:**

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Democratic Republic of Congo Province	-	218	-	218
Other debtors	14	33	-	-
Market value at 31 December	**14**	**251**	**-**	**218**

The loan to the Democratic Republic of Congo Province was fully repaid during the year

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR (IN €'000S)

	GROUP		CHARITY	
	2022	2021 RESTATED	2022	2021 RESTATED
Amounts due to provinces – Non Investment	1.707	1.524	1.707	1.524
Accruals	658	571	294	205
Commitments	6.236	6.128	6.236	6.408
Sub -total	**8.601**	**8.223**	**8.237**	**8.137**
Amounts due to provinces – Investment	30.402	32.526	30.402	32.526
Total	**39.003**	**40.749**	**38.639**	**40.663**

Amounts due to provinces (Non-Investment) are funds awarded to provinces or expenses incurred by the Generalate that have not yet been paid.

Amounts due to provinces (Investment) are those funds invested on behalf of provinces by the Generalate (see Note 9) net of all disbursements and gains or losses on the investment.

12. FUND BALANCES ALLOCATED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES(IN €'000S)

The amount and destination of these funds are determined by the Trustees. Set out below are the balances of the funds as well as its intended use of the funds:

	GROUP				
	1 January 2022 RESTATED	Income	Expenditure	Investment gains (net of fees)	31 December 2022
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Future Sustainability	70.550	4.576	(1.233)	(7.226)	66.667
Cor Unum Covid	305	-	(258)	(47)	-
Heritage	900	-	(7)	(104)	789
Ukraine Russia Support	-	188	(54)	-	134
Solidarity	-	180	(180)	-	-
Total restricted funds	**71.755**	**4.944**	**(1.732)**	**(7.377)**	**67.590**
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Formation	3.317	-	(516)	-	2.801
Solidarity	6.086	-	(57)	-	6.029
Future Sustainability	6.025	-	-	-	6.025
Generalate	59.701	2.694	(4.166)	(7.627)	50.601
Total unrestricted funds	**75.129**	**2.694**	**(4.739)**	**(7.627)**	**65.457**
TOTAL FUNDS as at 31 December 2022	146.884	7.638	(6.471)	(15.004)	133.047

CHARITY

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Formation	3.317	-	(516)	-	2.801
Solidarity	6.086	-	(57)	-	6.029
Future Sustainability	6.025	-	-	-	6.025
Generalate	58.772	2.694	(3.594)	(7.627)	50.244
Total unrestricted funds	**74.200**	**2.694**	**(4.167)**	**(7.627)**	**65.100**
TOTAL FUNDS as at 31 December 2022	145.955	7.638	(5.899)	(15.004)	132.690

GROUP & CHARITY

Restricted

a) Solidarity – Funds that have been donated to fund projects involving members of the Congregation, to support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life.

b) Covid - Funds that have been donated by provinces to fund projects and activities specifically related to the impact of COVID-19, as defined by specific criteria.

c) Future Sustainability – Funds that have been donated by provinces in response to the call from General Chapter 2016 to "commit ourselves as one body to live our community of goods by sharing our resources throughout the Society, especially our financial resources, in order to sustain our life and mission for the future." The use of the Sustainability Fund was discussed at the Special Chapter 2021 and decisions will be implemented in 2022. Details of the types of **funding are set out in a document titled "Priorities for Future Sustainability".**

d) Heritage – The fund was set up to facilitate the maintenance of heritage assets within the Society of the Sacred Heart. Specifically, the heritage property located in Joigny, France.
e) Ukraine-Russia support – The fund was set up to support the victims of the Ukrainian Russian conflict with assistance and psychological counselling of women and children, language teaching, facilitation of social integration, training for employment.

Designated

a) Generalate – Funds that have been designated to ensure the continuing operation of the General Council in Rome along with the associated costs of operating the Society of the Sacred Heart.
b) Solidarity – Funds have been designated to fund projects involving members of the Congregation, to support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life.
c) Formation – Funds that have been designated to cover the costs associated with initial and on-going education for the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart.
d) Future Sustainability – Funds have been designated in response to the call from General Chapter 2016 to "commit ourselves as one body to live our community of goods by sharing our resources throughout the Society, especially our financial resources, in order to sustain our life and mission for the future."

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No related party transactions took place during the year.

14. ALLOCATION OF RESERVES (IN €'000S)

GROUP

	Unrestricted reserves	Designated reserves	Restricted reserves	TOTAL
Fixed assets	31.516	65.456	67.591	164.563
Current assets	7.487	-	-	7.487
Current liabilities - non-investment	(8.601)	-	-	(8.601)
Current liabilities - Province investments	(30.402)	-	-	(30.402)
Total reserves	**-**	**65.456**	**67.591**	**133.047**

CHARITY

	Unrestricted reserves	Designated reserves	Restricted reserves	TOTAL
Fixed assets	31.390	65.099	67.591	164.080
Current assets	7.249	-	-	7.249
Current liabilities - non-investment	(8.237)	-	-	(8.237)
Current liabilities - Province investments	(30.402)	-	-	(30.402)
Total reserves	**-**	**65.099**	**67.591**	**132.690**

15. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During the course of the year two error were discovered relating to the following items:

- Liability due to a Province related to their investment being understated resulting **in the liability increasing by €2.2 million, and**
- A commitment that should have recorded at the time of the receipt of funding for **a project of €1.8 million**

The impact to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year ending 31 December **2021 was an increase in expenditure of €1.8 million and a reduction in the unrealised gains and losses of €2.2 million resulting in the reserves decreasing in the year by €4.0** million.

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Trustees' Report including Strategic Report

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the group for the period ended 31 December 2021 The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the group.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

Aim (Objects) and Purpose

Governance

The Duchesne Trust (the Trust) is regulated by a Trust Deed dated 14 December 1983. The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales - Charity Registration No: 288467.

Principal Aims

The trustees of the Duchesne Trust aim to promote the charitable work carried out or supported by the members of the Roman Catholic Religious Order, the Society of the Sacred Heart. When setting the objectives and planning the work of the charity for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion.

Objectives and Strategies

Charitable Objective

The Trust exists to promote any of the charitable works carried out, or supported by, the Roman Catholic Religious Congregation known as the Society of the Sacred Heart (the Society). Specifically, it funds activities associated with:

- The worldwide administration of the Society, through members of the Generalate supporting provinces and communities of the Congregation, in order to provide leadership and to strengthen the charism and ethos of the group
- The administration of a fund for solidarity, where projects involving members of the Congregation support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life. The administration of a fund which will ensure the sustainability of the life and mission of the Society into the future.
- Aid to some provinces of the Society to support their own costs for formation, international service, eldercare or capital projects.

Short Term Strategies

During 2022, the Duchesne Trust will continue to support the charitable activities of the members in a worldwide context. In November 2021, the Society held an online Special General Chapter, to discuss decisions taken at the General Chapter in 2016 in relation to the sharing of the Society's resources and the reconfiguration of its structures. During the Special Chapter two decisions were taken:

1. The Special Chapter agrees that the new organization of the Society will include the following aspects:
    - The new organization will be made up of new entities smaller than the regions and larger than the provinces.
    - The apostolic axes will be incorporated into this new organization according to rhythms and modalities that will be defined.
    - The new organization will have new governance structures. These structures will enable and support the putting in common of our resources.
2. The General Council will create an International Planning Commission, after consultation with the membership, the mandate of which will include development of a plan for reorganization of the Society. This Commission will work in collaboration with the General Council and the Provincials and will be accountable to the General Council.

During 2022, the General Council will appoint the International Planning Commission. Together they will begin to work on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Special Chapter. The International Planning Commission will hold their first in -person meeting with the General Council in the second half of April 2022.

Within 2022, as travel restrictions ease around the world, the international Society will also hold two in person meetings for Provincial leaders. The first, a workshop for newly appointed Provincials will be held in late June. In December, the General Council will host an Assembly of Provincials, attended by all Provincials within the Society. This meeting will discuss the upcoming General Chapter to be held in August 2024. The General Council will also start to travel again, visiting provinces around the world to support the mission.

Long Term Strategies

In the long term, the Duchesne Trust will continue to support the charitable activities of the members of the Society. Over the next three years to the end of their mandate in 2024, the current leadership team will continue to work on implementing the decisions of the General Chapter 2016, and those of the Special General Chapter in 2021, (outlined above). They will also focus on the recommendations from the Special Chapter:

1. That the following aspects be taken into consideration when planning the creation of NEW ENTITIES:
    - Demographics
    - Balance between the needs of sisters and the actual capacity of the sisters
    - Language
    - Collaboration with Mission Partners
    - Sustainability

- Geography
- Support for interculturality, Cor Unum and unity
- Common or emotional history

2. To use as a resource the material generated regarding the Apostolic Axes.

3. That the General Council find new ways to address the URGENCY OF CERTAIN SITUATIONS that exist among the provinces, districts and areas of the Society, taking into consideration the materials generated by the Special Chapter.

4. That the following TOPICS BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION when forming the new organizational structures
   - Training
   - Communities
   - Leadership and authority
   - Laity-Mission
   - Ongoing experience as a source of learning

5. That the General Council and the International Planning Commission take into consideration the POTENTIAL SCENARIOS OF NEW ENTITIES described in the planning process.

6. That the General Council and the International Planning Commission take into account the scenarios of possible STRUCTURES OF GOVERNMENT (attached as an appendix) in the planning process.

7. That the General Council, in collaboration with the International Planning Commission and the International Finance Commission, take into account the elements developed for THE SHARING OF OUR COMMUNITY OF GOODS (attached as an appendix) in all planning for the future.

8. That the General Council and the International Planning Commission use the materials generated by the Special Chapter on implementation as a resource when developing their plan towards creation of new entities and a sharing of our resources. We recommend that the plan include at least the following: work with Provincials and Provincial Councils, engagement with the Assembly of Provincials, participation of the membership and the family of the Sacred Heart, ongoing education of the membership and the leadership, and a proposed method of ad experimentum that reflects the various realities of the current provinces/district/areas.

Structure and Management

Organisation

The trustees have the final responsibility for the policies, activities and assets of the Trust. They meet annually to review developments with regard to the Trust and to make significant decisions. The day-to-day management of the Trust's activities and the implementation of policies are delegated to:

- the trustees who are nominated by the Superior General,

- the appropriate senior staff.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are shown on page 3. New trustees are appointed by the Superior General under Clause 14 of the Trust Deed. There shall at no time be fewer than four trustees who shall be members of the International Congregation. All new trustees are taken through a process of making them aware of their responsibilities as trustees of a UK Charity as well as what it means to be a trustee by fellow trustees that are on the Board of Trustees.

Volunteers

The administration of the Trust is done on a voluntary basis by members of the Society of the Sacred Heart. The trustees wish to record their appreciation of this work.

Relevant Policies

Donations and grant making policy

During the 12 months to 31 December 2021, funds have been used to further the charitable works that are particularly relevant to the work of education and social justice. The criteria for the use of these funds are that the work undertaken or supported must demonstrate a commitment to:

- promote justice in faith and the welfare of the deprived and marginalised;
- promote the welfare of young people;
- enable the disadvantaged to become self-reliant;
- education in both formal and informal contexts.

Risk management

The trustees are assessing the major risks to which the group is exposed during 2021, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the group, its investments and its finances. The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the group, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The trustees consider that given the nature of the group's work and its ability to satisfy future liabilities as they fall due that there is no need for free reserves and at present there are none. At the year-end €82 million are held in designated funds. Further details of these are set out in note 14.

Investment Policy

The group has total fixed asset investments, including social investments, of €179 million as at 31 December 2021 (2020: €139 million). During 2020 the investment policy and investment managers were reviewed and the Trust maintained the strategy inline with its current and future requirements and adopted the investment objectives as stated:

a) To preserve capital in real terms based on the Society's annual inflation rate determined by the inflation rate proportionally by the expenditure rate in the countries it operates in.

b) To draw down €2.3 million in cash per annum.

c) To grow the capital over a period of 5 years by 1% or more.

The above investment policy came into place on the 1 July 2011 and revised in 2016 and 2020. The results for the past 12 months to 31 December 2021 indicate that the objectives have been met and since inception all objectives have been achieved. The overall real return since the implementation of the new investment policy has been a cumulative increase of 116% (2020:106%) in the investments after accounting for inflation as defined by the Society.

In early 2021 the Trust reviewed the investment strategy to ensure that post Covid it was still appropriate. During this review the impact of Covid and the volatility of the markets were considered, as well as the growing cash flow requirements for funding within the Society. The review indicated that the Trust would require a real return in excess of 6.5% per annum to meet the cash flow requirements as well as preserving the capital. As a result the asset allocation was changed to facilitate higher returns with less volatility and a minor reduction in liquidity. Over the next 5 years the approved asset allocation will be implemented. Expected returns are anticipated to be approximately 5.5% resulting in a short fall of 1.0% per annum. The short fall of returns will be taken in the from the excess returns since 2011.

A designated representative of the trustees meets formally with the investment advisor and the fund managers twice a year. This designated representative and the investment advisor meets regularly and communicates as and when required throughout the year. In keeping with charity law, the investment strategy is to maximise total returns, income and capital, within acceptable levels of risk.

The investments have restrictions placed upon them as to the type of investments that the Trust would or would not want to invest in. The ethical investment policy was reviewed during the year and appropriate changes were made which also took into account the changing investment environment.

Specifically the Trust seeks to invest in companies which:

- Make a positive contribution to society
- Conserve energy and natural resources
- Have high employee welfare and equal opportunities records
- Provide high quality products and services of long term benefit to the community

The Society would not wish to invest in companies which:

- Produce and distribute arms, landmines and other products which destroy life

- Produce and distribute pornographic material
- Engage in irresponsible environmental practices
- Actively support governmental regimes with oppressive human rights policies

The Trust has also developed additional ethical policies where it felt further guidance and understanding is required due to the complex nature of the type of companies or global investments it invests in. No ethical restrictions apply other than those set out above, although the Trustees reserves the right to exclude any investments in companies whose representation might prove damaging, directly or indirectly, to the purposes or reputation of the group.

The Trust has Social Investment amounting to €750,000 (2020: €701,700). The increase in value was due to foreign currency not a result on any gains on the investments.

Financial Review

A summary of the year's results for the group can be found on page 37 of the attached accounts. For the period of 12 months ending 31 December 2021:

- the total income was €17 million (2020 - €12 million) comprising mainly donations and investment income;
- total expenditure amounted to €9 million (2020 - €7 million) of which €8 million (2020 - €6 million) comprised donations to the Society of the Sacred Heart internationally.

Financial position

The balance sheet shows total reserves as at 31 December 2021 of €150 million (2020 - €120 million).

The group's assets

Acquisitions and disposals of fixed assets during the year are recorded in the note to the accounts.

Current Year Activities and Future Trends

Review of Charitable Activities 2021 and Summary of Achievements

During the 12 months to 31st December 2021, the group continued to assist the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart with their charitable work, with a particular focus on education. Details for specific areas within the Society are outlined below:

Work of the General Council and Generalate

The Duchesne Trust provides donations to the Motherhouse to support the work of the Generalate, which includes the work of the leadership team (General Council), as well as international services of the Society of the Sacred Heart. In 2021 transfers of €4,636,000 were made from the Duchesne Trust as "Donations to the Motherhouse"

During 2021, the General Council continued to work on their mandate, including the implementation of the General Chapter 2021 and preparation for the Special Chapter 2021, held online in November 2021. The Council worked during the year with a facilitator, Piluca Benavente MSOLA, planning consultant, Erick Odmark, and the canonical advisor, Mary Wright IBVM to plan for the Special Chapter. In order to assist with the preparation, the General Council also appointed six committees:

1. The Preparatory Committee: The primary work of this Committee of RSCJ and laywas to read and synthesize the materials received from the provinces in preparation for the Chapter;

2. The Design Committee; This Committee of RSCJ planned the different stages of discernment that the capitulants will go through during the Special Chapter;

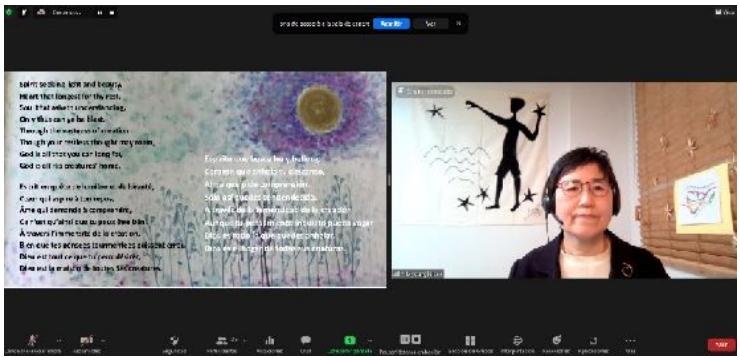
3. The Models Committee: This committee of RSCJ and lay, reviewed all of the preparation documents for the Special Chapter and created three-four possible future "models" of the Society to stimulate the thinking of those participating in the Special Chapter.

4. The Liturgy Commission: The Committee of RSCJ, helped to prepare the ambiance during the Special Chapter. The team organised retreats and celebrations for special moments of the Chapter and feast days, daily prayer and spaces for silent prayer. They worked closely with the Design Committee.

5. The Technology Commission: The commission ensured appropriate the technical and practical conditions for all participants to enable access to the virtual meetings of the Special Chapter, assisting with the use of Zoom and ensuring security and privacy. They also conducted technical training with participants before the Chapter.

The General Council were also supported in their preparation by the International Investment Committee and the International Finance Commission. Both groups prepared "thought papers" for the Special Chapter, on new ways of sharing financial resources, the current sharing of financial resources with provinces and the different funds established internationally in the Society. During the Chapter the Communications Team was responsible for collecting and publishing materials for the Special Chapter on the website and intranet, for creating and publishing videos, and for maintenance of the Special Chapter website.







During the year, the General Council continued to communicate to the Society about the Special Chapter through a series of regular communications. These communications engaged with the whole membership as well as specific groups, e.g. members professed in the last 10 years, who





would contribute to the Special Chapter. The General Council also prepared a report to the Society for the Special Chapter, which was accompanied by a video. They also engaged with staff at the Generalate with a staff development day held in October 2021. The General Council and RSCJ met with lay staff to talk about the Special Chapter, what it means, how it will affect our work, how it will benefit the Society, and how we can be part of the family of the Sacred Heart.

Those participating in the Special Chapter (Capitulants), also prepared for the meeting with "discerning communities". Between the months of April and September, each Capitulant participated in three group meetings by Zoom, each time with a different group, to build the foundations for the discernment process of the Chapter.

As a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic the General Council were restricted from travelling for most of the year. As a result, the General Council completed their first ever

provincial visits via Zoom with the Provinces of Argentina-Uruguay, Chile and Peru during April and May 2021. Each Province welcomed the General Council to their communities and their ministries via videos, PowerPoints, music and live visits with our sisters and colleagues in mission.

At the start of December 2021, the membership of the General Council changed. Sr. Isabelle Lagneau returned to France and Sr. Anne Corry was welcomed as a new member. During December, the General Council worked on the formation of the new team and its reorganization.





Specific Tasks Undertaken During 2021:

- Coordination with Provinces for Provincial / District Assemblies in preparation for the Special General Chapter
- Appointment of local leaders (Provincials) within Ireland-Scotland, United States – Canada, Argentina-Uruguay and Brazil.
- Appointment of a new JPIC International Coordinator and JPIC Learning Hub Coordinator for the international JPIC team.
- Reorganisation of the General Archives following the retirement of the General Archivist. Two lay staff were appointed as co-archivists ad experimentum.
- Appointment of Treasurers and lay finance staff in the Provinces of Mexico, the Antilles, the Philippines, Venezuela, Poland, England-Wales and Ireland-Scotland.
- Revision of a policy for the protection of vulnerable persons;
- Appointment of a new international publications committee. This committee works as an advisory group to the General Council on Society international publications.
- Planning for work of international / regional novitiates within the Society including discernment on the Common Plan of Novitiate Formation, developed by the eight Directors of Novices within the Society.
- Approval of the establishment of establishment of a common novitiate for the ASIANZ countries in the greater Manila area beginning in June 2021.
- Organisation of a Staff Development Day, to discuss the Special Chapter, what it means, how it will affect the work of the Generalate, how it will benefit the Society, and how we can be part of the family of the Sacred Heart.
- Continuing to support Provinces dealing with the impact of Covid-19 through the distribution of the Cor Unum Covid-19 Fund, as well as personal support to Provincials.
- Meeting of new Provincials via Zoom in June 2021.
- Ongoing work on the structures within the Generalate and organisation of lay staff

The Generalate Finance Office supports the General Council with the stewardship and administration of the financial resources of the Society. In September 2021, a new Canonical Treasurer General (CTG) was appointed following the retirement of her predecessor. The CTG works with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the international Society and other staff in the Generalate Finance Office. Specific tasks during the year included support to provinces with issues related to resources, management of the Cor Unum Covid-19 Fund and Solidarity Fund and online meetings with new provincials.

During 2021, the Generalate Finance Office assisted the General Council in preparation for the Special Chapter in 2021. The Generalate Finance Office worked with the International Finance Commission (IFC) and International Investment Committee (IIC) to prepare documents to present to those attending the Special Chapter. In early 2021, the CFO was appointed co-ordinator of the Special Chapter Models Committee. This committee worked during 2021 to prepare models for presentation to the Special Chapter.

Following changes within the Generalate Finance Office, the Canonical Treasurer General, with the support of the CFO and other advisors, have been reviewing the structure of the Generalate Finance Office and the roles of personnel, both lay and RSCJ. The review is also considering the decisions of the Special Chapter, to determine how the Generalate Finance Office can support the structural changes that will occur within the Society to "enable and support the putting in common of our resources", and to understand the short- and long-term plans that are required. This review also includes the development of new policies and procedures for the Generalate, to allow the continued support of both the General Council, international services and Provinces/Regions, as well as to ensure that the Society continues to follow the necessary regulations for our international finances.

The International Investment Committee, of whom the CTG and CFO are both members, continued to monitor and review the investments held in the Duchesne Trust. The Committee met regularly online with the CTG and CFO to discuss market changes and performance of investment managers. Due to the Special Chapter, the annual meeting of the Committee was held online in February 2021 for a shorter period than normal. In addition, individual meetings with each investment manager were held online during the year. The Committee also prepared a document to be presented to those attending the Special Chapter in November. In 2022 the Committee plan to hold two in-person meetings. The first meeting, due to be held in May 2022 will include discussion on the outcome of the Special Chapter, as well as meetings with each investment manager. The second meeting is planned for October 2022.

During 2021, the Canonical Treasurer General and CFO continued to provide support to the Province of Italy, managing the financial resources with the CFO of the Province of Italy. Part of this role includes representing the Society in the project to develop the Villa Lante, a historical property owned by the Province of Italy, into a Centre for Religious and Lay Formation. Construction work began on the property in early 2021 with significant structural work throughout the year on foundations, the installation of new elevators and the roof. Internal systems are also being replaced to make the building more energy efficient and comfortable for those who use it. Structural work also began on the historical gothic church, located within the Villa Lante. During 2022, the project will focus on the restoration of the interior of this church.

In September 2021, the Villa Lante Coordinating Committee was created to plan for the future use of the Villa Lante property and to ensure that the changes and furnishings of the building will be appropriate for future needs. Other RSCJ also assisted with the technological requirements of the conference center and the building as well as planning for the Villa Lante garden.

The vision and mission of the Villa Lante Conference Center and Garden is to provide a hub for the international Sacred Heart family who share our mission. Local and international religious and lay groups, whose missions align with the Society, will also be invited to gather to educate, learn, share, collaborate and form each other in shared visions and goals around spiritual renewal and Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) initiatives. For this phase of the work, a coordinating committee for the development of sustainable programs for the conference center, started to meet in late 2021 with various committees and groups within the Sacred Heart family to get input on how they foresee using the center and the garden and on how the Society might develop programs at the center to meet their needs for gatherings, both virtual and in person. It is hoped that the ideas for many of the programs will be generated at the grass roots level.






Development of the Villa Lante, Rome, Italy

The Finance and Development Officer (FDO) is responsible for the administration of the Solidarity Fund. In the past, she has visited a significant number of solidarity projects throughout the regions of the Society in order to develop an understanding and critique of

the Solidarity Fund. During 2021, as a result of the Covid-19 global pandemic, travel was limited and visits to projects were not possible. However, the FDO, in conjunction with the CFO, worked on the recommendations from the General Chapter 2016 and the Special Chapter 2021 in relation to a review of the Solidarity Fund. This work was presented to the General Council in early 2022 and is outlined in more detail within this report. The FDO also organised online development training for 21 people, both RSCJ and lay staff, from 7 provinces during 2021. The training will assist Provinces to manage projects and to apply for funding both internally within the Society and from external funding agencies.

The General Archives was reorganised in 2021 following the retirement of the General Archivist. The General Council appointed two lay staff as Co-Archivists, ad experimentum. This structure will continue to be reviewed during 2022. During 2021, the General Archives continued to respond to request from both within and outside the Society during 2021, as well as continuing to ensure the appropriate storage and recording of important documents for the Society. During the year, a special project to scan the letters from the founder of the Society, Sr. Madeleine Sophie, continued. This significant piece of history for the Society will be made accessible online in the future. In late 2021, a new section of the Society's website was created to showcase the historic postcards kept in the General Archives. This is regularly updated.





Postcards from Poitiers and Grenoble, France

The General Archives also updated access policies, in compliance with the GDPR (in collaboration with Communication office and Data Protection officer) and submitted these to the General Council for final approval.

2021 was a year marked by the initial stages of implementing the new Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) International Structure, creating the JPIC Learning Hub, and piloting Transformative Communities of Practice in the four regions of the Society. All this was done while navigating the unchartered waters of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Some highlights of the work during 2021 included:

1. Building relationship and fostering connection through meetings with JPIC links in the different provinces, as well as the networks and international commissions of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

2. Creating and sustaining platforms to raise JPIC awareness, generate hope, and inspire to action, especially as "One Body."

3. Reflecting on and learning from the results generated by the initial efforts to build and support Transformative Communities of Practice.

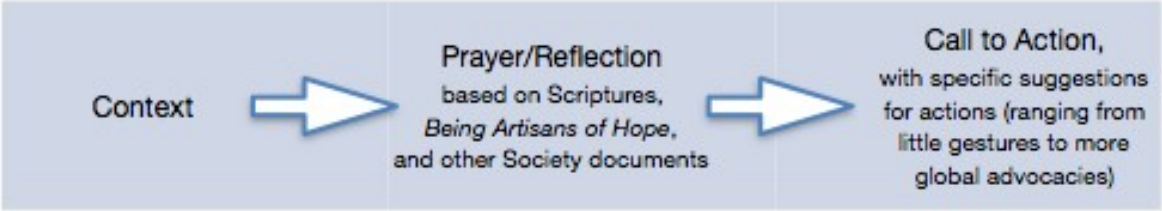
4. Being a resource for JPIC:
    a. making presentations on JPIC topics, like the connection between JPIC and education or JPIC and our spirituality and mission, on Laudato Si' or Fratelli Tutti, on Sacred Heart at the UN or the Sustainable Development Goals, and on Being Artisans of Hope and the JPIC Imperatives;

    b. giving JPIC-related retreat and recollections;

    c. organizing and hosting webinars and zoom gatherings; and,

    d. publishing resources for information, prayer, reflection, and action.

5. Integrating in the life and mission of the Family of the Sacred Heart the JPIC Prayer-Reflection Guides which are available during the different seasons of the Church



Calendar and which follow this general scheme:

6. Launching JPIC Voices, which has become the JPIC International Team's regular report to the Family of the Sacred Heart.



7. Strengthening advocacy and education in service of JPIC, through the activities of the UN-NGO:

    a. participation in UN-NGO activities, like the High Level Political Forum, and the Women and Gender Conference;

    b. side-events and statements at UN Commissions and Forums;

    c. UN International Days, like International Day of the Girl, International Day of Education; and,

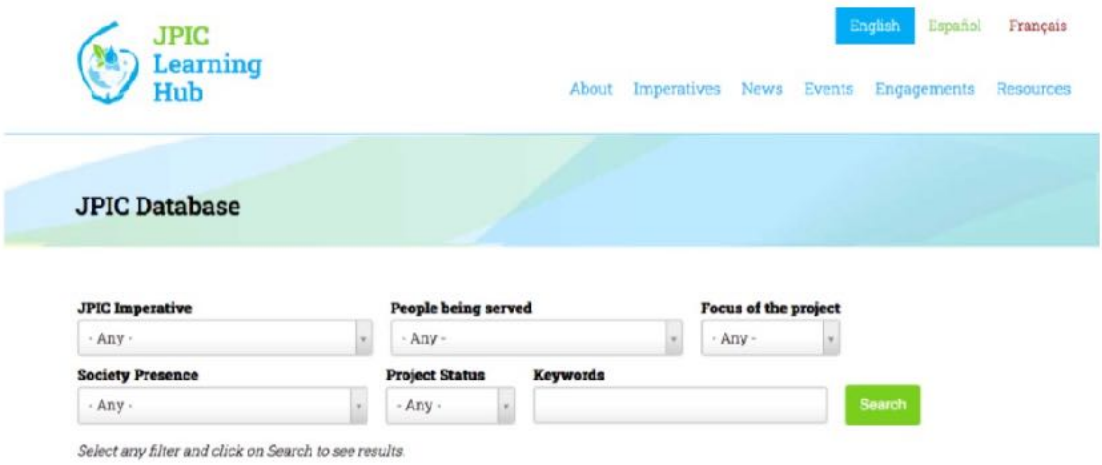
    d. capacity building and advocacy training at the UN and at the grassroots.

8. Sharing JPIC resources (including technological support and interpretation services) through conferences given by members of the JPIC Team, virtual meetings, and materials published on the JPIC Learning Hub. For example: the collaboration with the European Network of Sacred Heart Schools *(see image below)*

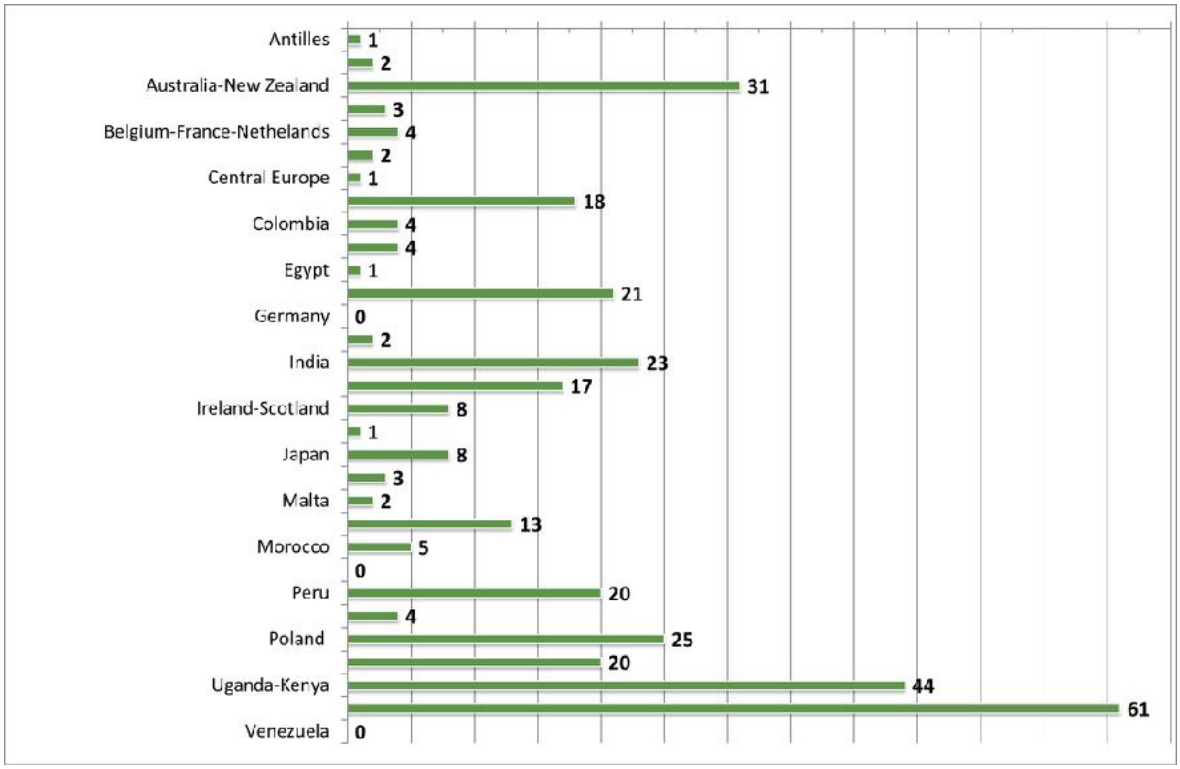


9. Creating the three-language website of the JPIC Learning Hub: https://rscj-jpic.org/, which serves JPIC International, the UN-NGO Office, and the JPIC Learning Hub and provides updated information in the following categories: News, Events, and Resources.

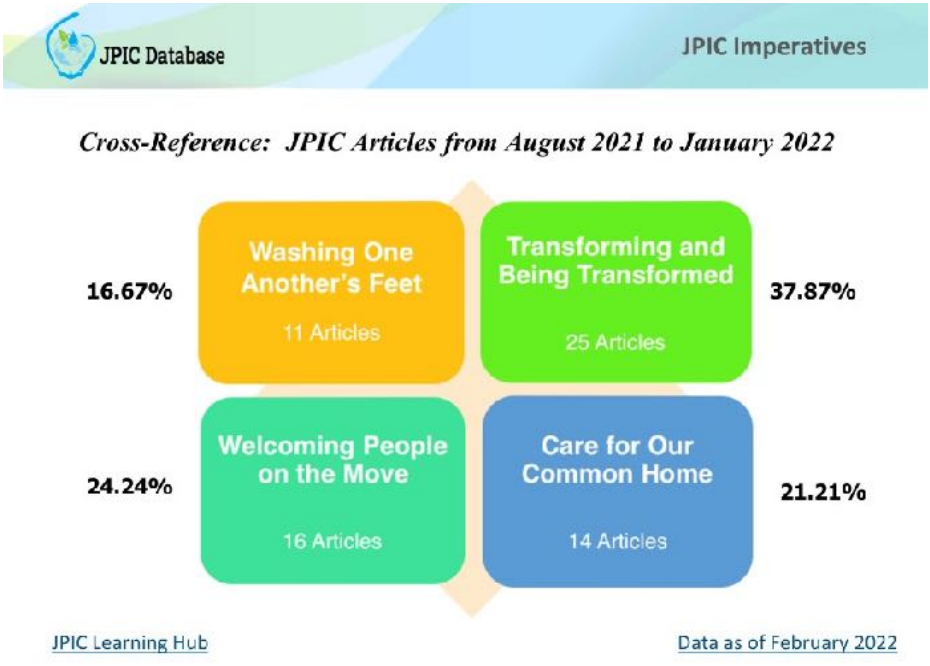
10. Migrating the JPIC Database, which is a living resource that serves as a reservoir of concrete JPIC commitments of the Society of the Sacred Heart, from the Intranet of RSCJINTERNATIONAL to the JPIC Learning Hub: https://rscj-jpic.org/database



The following charts, on the next page, illustrate how the JPIC Database can be used as a tool for analysis and discernment within the Society. It provides information about our JPIC engagements, and invites reflection and insight, as well as generating questions and surfaces concerns.

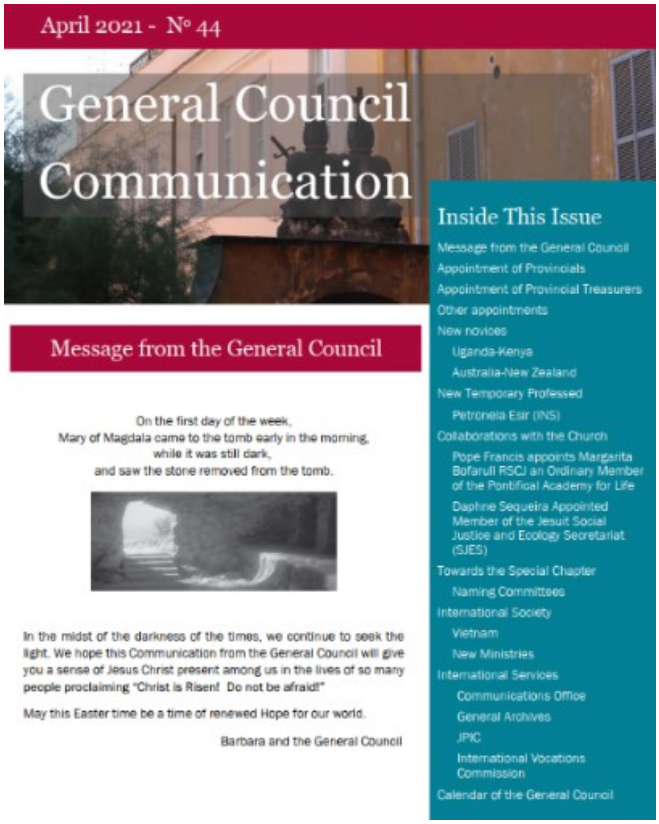


Society Presence – JPIC Commitment



JPIC Learning Hub Articles 2021, by JPIC Imperatives

The Communications Manager, appointed in the second half of 2020, has taken over the duties from the previous Webweaver. She formed a new International Communication Team (ICT) at the beginning of 2021, including a videographer, a French Webweaver (to facilitate translation of website content into French), a Spanish Webweaver (to facilitate translation into Spanish), and an English web support person. The new ICT meets regularly to discuss current efforts, possible new initiatives, and how to improve existing processes and relationships with the local technical/ communications links.



General Council Communications Bulletin

The Communications Manager meets regularly with the General Council to discuss the progress of ongoing initiatives and to review future plans. The Communications Manager has updated the format of the Communications Bulletin (General Council and Society news for all RSCJ) and works closely with the General Council and the Secretariat on these regular updates, along with the new Flash News (one-page communication to provincials regarding decisions made by the General Council).

Over the course of late 2020 and 2021, the Communications Manager continued to build relationships with provincial technical and communications links and, with the help of the ICT's videographer, held trainings on video creation and editing. Three additional trainings on photography for RSCJ and lay staff are scheduled for Spring 2022.

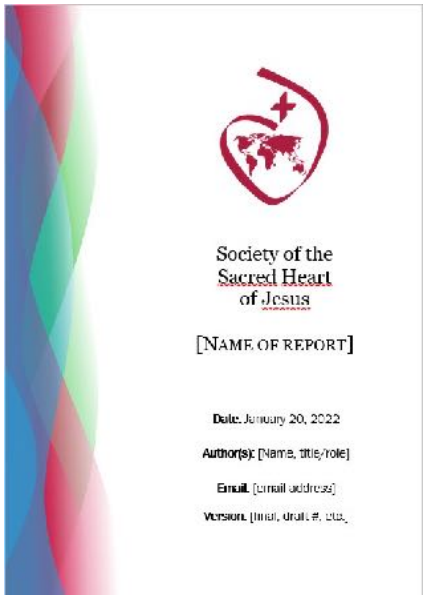


A new website for the Special Chapter was launched in July 2021 using a structure and content management system that will be replicated when the RSCJ International website is updated in 2022.

The Special Chapter website included specific content, with daily updates to ensure that sisters (both those attending the Chapter and others) could collaborate online and access current, reference and background materials at any time. Specific Content of the website included:

- A series of videos, created with the help of the ICT videographer, for the lead-up to the Special Chapter, in which RSCJ from around the world talked about changes in their provinces and their dreams for the future of the Society.
- A video version of the report from the General Council, describing the "state of the Society" and some of the reasons for the Special Chapter. This video was created and distributed among RSCJ prior to the Special Chapter.
- Presentation and report templates, created with a graphic designer, to provide a unique look and feel for the documents and presentations coming out of the Special Chapter.
- A profiles book of the capitulants and teams, created with the help of the Secretariat.
- Prayers and other resources, published daily;
- Information, materials, photo galleries, and streaming links for the three online masses of the Special Chapter.

During the Chapter, RSCJ within the Society were kept apprised of the developments through a series of interviews with the capitulants, as well as regular summaries drafted by the capitulants, all of which were published on the Special Chapter intranet. Post-Special Chapter, the Communications Manager worked with the General Council, the Secretariat, and a graphic designer to design and format the Chapter document.



New Society report template in English

As part of the effort to become One Body and to make communications across the Society more consistent, the Communications Manager created a visual identity toolkit, including templates and guidelines, which was circulated to the provinces and commissions in early 2022. In the interest of including more local news, perspectives, and reflections on the website, the Communications Manager regularly solicits contributions from the local tech/comm links for the website and sends them updates on what has been published. To ensure more consistency in the articles solicited from around the Society, the Communications Manager has created an article template, which is sent out to the links when soliciting contributions. Because many contributions contain photos and videos from schools, a photo/video/personal information release form has been created and must be filled out whenever minors appear in photos or videos, or whenever personal data is divulged online.

The Secretariat continue to support the work of the General Council and the administration of the international Society. During 2021 they:

- Updated the catalogues of the Society, detailing the members and communities in each country
- Worked on the development of a new web-based database for the international Society to securely store details of each member, community and Province.
- Supported the General Council with administration and translation services
- Working with provinces who are having their Chapters or open assemblies via Zoom, especially with regard to electronic voting for delegates.
- Supported the work of the Special Chapter through administration, support of

those attending, technical support and translation of documents.

During 2018 a series of Committees were established within the Society to address the recommendations of General Chapter 2016. During 2021, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic, committees met using online facilities, to discuss progress in their work.

The International Education Committee continues to focus on three major areas:

- Contemporary philosophy of Sacred Heart education with an emphasis on humanization.
- International Formation to Mission Program for Educators of the Family of the Sacred Heart.
- Analysis of structures of relationship and accountability of educational institutions (formal and non-formal) to the Society

During 2021, the Committee continued work to draft a profile of a Sacred Heart educator and a framework for the philosophy of education. Due to the pandemic, the Committee met via Zoom. The Committee prepared a list of educational institutions (formal and non-formal) within the Society for the Special Chapter, 2021.

The International Vocation Committee continued to work during 2021, collaborating with rscj that form sub-committees, created after two international meetings of the vocation ministry teams. The lines or areas that the committee see as important to promote are:

1. Our vocation ministry mission in the International Society. The whole Society has been motivated to pray for vocations on the 25th of each month. Add in photo of the online meeting - “Visibility as One Body” Sub-Committee
2. Discussing vocation ministries in non-Catholic or non-Christian countries, and to organize a round table discussion on this topic.

The committee have promoted the networking of vocation ministry teams in the regions of the Society and have taken some initiatives in working with young people. For example, in December 2020 they had an online Advent retreat in the Philippine Duchesne region, with a large participation of young people from all over the continent. The committee has seen interest and commitment from many sisters in vocation work in the different regions.

During 2021, the global pandemic created unexpected realities for sending and receiving volunteers between countries and there was a need to be realistic about the possibilities given the restrictions in travel. The International Volunteers Commission encouraged provinces to arrange for volunteers to remain within their own countries, as there are always needs.

The Commission assisted several provinces within the Society to articulate and create volunteer programs, in line with established criteria, i.e. programs in Italy, Japan, the Philippines, Poland and Spain. Commission members also supported existing volunteer programs where there was a transition of the link person for volunteers at a local level, renewing contact and facilitating communication. At a regional level, commission members coordinated meetings of Provinces involved with volunteer programs. The Commission members also shared experiences of the International Volunteer Programs

at Regional society meetings, e.g. ASIANZ Regional Meeting in June 2021.

The Commission continued to collaborate with JPIC international, creating a dedicated section within the JPIC database to record the activities within ministries of international volunteers.

The Ongoing Formation Commission suspended the renewal programs planned in 2021 as a result of the global pandemic and travel restrictions. The members of the commission met virtually during 2021 to explore other ongoing formation needs and possibilities and to plan for programs in 2022.

Solidarity Fund, 2021

The Solidarity Fund is a designated fund used within the Society to provide funding to projects around the world. It provides the Society with an opportunity to foster its co-responsibility for the educative dimension of its mission and share it with the people they are close to. It follows the calls of both Chapter 2008 and Chapter 2016 and the desire to live justice, peace, and the integration of creation in our world today. The fund is administered from the Generalate annually according to published criteria. Following the recommendations from the General Chapter 2016 and the Special Chapter 2021, the Generalate Finance Office prepared a proposal for the Central Team during 2021 regarding the Solidarity Fund *(presented in early 2022*). The proposal outlined the work that has been done on developing the Solidarity Fund over the last five years, identified some of the current challenges related to the fund and proposed some short-term (next two years) and longer term plans for the development of the Solidarity Fund. The short-term actions will include formation for provinces/regions in relation to seeking outside funds; providing information to Provinces about the Solidarity Fund in relation to the criteria and the types of projects that can be funded; an update of the application form and guidelines; and the creation of a Solidarity Fund Commission. This Commission will be made up of four RSCJ with different levels of experience in managing projects. They will join personnel from the Generalate in the areas of Finance and JPIC to review applications to the Solidarity Fund and present recommendations to the General Council.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, many projects that received Solidarity Funds during 2019 and 2020 had to change their project's purpose and sought permission from the General Council to change the use of the funds or to extend the time period in which the funds can be used. In 2021, funding of € 284,000 was provided to 25 projects around the world. The projects included the following:

- Uganda: Support of the Choose Life Home Based care program, which offers care and support to orphans and vulnerable children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS whose parents are living with HIV/AIDS in Karamoja, through skills training, counselling, and support of parents.

- Philippines: Empowerment of rural farmers with knowledge and skills to harness their potential to raise their living standards and to make them advocates of sustainable agriculture in Northern Samar. Specific objectives are to bring awareness about the benefits of organic agriculture and natural farming, to train rural farmers on basic organic agriculture practices, to help rural farmers acquire basic managerial skills and to monitor trained individuals and their farms/gardens to ensure compliance with Philippine National Standards on Organic Agriculture Production.

- Haiti: Second phase of the project "Escuela para todos y todas" approved in 2019, to improve the quality of education of 203 children of the Simon Bolivar Educational Center of Balan through the implementation of the Institutional Educational Project and the provision of the resources for learning and formation in innovative pedagogical strategies.
- India: A program to create environment consciousness and energy conservation in a school in Haregaon, through the installation of solar energy in order to save electricity and cut down expenses, to save water in order to use it for most urgent and important needs and to create greater environment awareness/consciousness among students and staff.
- Uruguay: provision of scholarships to students in Pasa Carrasco, been impacted by the global pandemic, to allow them to continue their schooling.
- United States: Creation of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program - The program will outline the learning opportunities and experiences to educate students, faculty, staff and board members of the Josephinum school, Chicago on the issue of racism and implicit bias. This will serve as an umbrella for initiatives and projects for self-education for the school in the areas of diversity and inclusion; what it means, and how to increase awareness in the broader community.
- Morocco (Province of Spain): provision of a space for the reception, protection and accompaniment of migrants in vulnerable situations in the city of Oujda.

Aid to Provinces

During the year to 31 December 2021 the Society provided aid to some Provinces who cannot afford their own costs for formation, international service, eldercare or capital projects.

Total “Ordinary Help” of €725,000 was provided to Philippines, Poland, Chad, Uganda / Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia, Venezuela and Vietnam to support their mission. These funds are used by Provinces to support the daily lives of sisters, the provision of healthcare for sisters, support for regional or international meetings and development of a mission area.

For example, in 2021 additional funding was provided to the District of Indonesia to support the daily lives of sisters as well as formation costs. The District is the youngest within the Society and is also one of the areas of the Society that is growing in size, with a large number of postulants and novices, who are supported by professed RSCJ from Indonesia, India, England, the United States and Japan. This District was previously supported financially from the earned income of sisters from other countries. As these sisters have returned to their own countries, the income of the District has decreased and it now needs support centrally from the international Society.



Members of the District of Indonesia

Total "Extraordinary Aid" of € 1,438,000 during 2021. This included support of Provinces for capital projects, including renovations and capital expenses for vehicles and equipment. It also included expenses for the Cor Unum Covid Fund.

Construction of ASIANZ Novitiate in the Philippines

In line with the work of the General Council in relation to planning for initial formation for the Society internationally, a new Novitiate is being developed in the Philippines for the ASIANZ Region. The District of the Philippines generously donated land for this new property and construction of the building began in late 2021, with a donation from the Duchesne Trust. The following is an account from the District in early 2022:

"The construction of the ASIANZ Novitiate in Montalban, Rizal (Philippines) is well underway. All the targets for Phase I (September 2021 – January 2022) have been met: approval of permits, demolition of the old house, filling of the land, laying of foundations, and completion of concrete works — 80% for Building A and 40% for the ground floor of Building B. The hope is to have Building A ready for occupancy by August 2022; and Building B by November 2022.

In the meantime, the formation community (two novices and one candidate, with the novice director and two other professed RSCJ) are in Sophia House in Quezon City. They wait for both the completion of the formation house and the arrival of the pre-novices and candidates from ASIANZ countries, and of the candidacy director from New York. COVID-19 continues to be a major challenge, but with the help of technology both formators and those in formation are able to creatively connect and sustain the formation process."




Construction of the ASIANZ Novitiate, District of the Philippines

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, work began in late 2020 on the construction of a care home for aged and infirm sisters. The property to be developed will also provide accommodation for students from a local university, thereby generating income to support the expenditure for the whole property. During 2021 the project progressed on time and on budget, despite the challenges caused by the global pandemic. The project is due to be completed in early 2022.






Construction of the Care Home, Kimwenza, Democratic Republic of Congo

Total expenditure on "Training" of Sisters of €110,000, which supported the education of Sisters from Uganda, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia and Chad. The expenses include tertianship studies, formation programmes, inter-congregational courses, ministry experience and other related costs for those in initial formation (those who have not yet made vows).

During the year support was also provided to for 21 people, both RSCJ and lay staff, from 7 provinces, primarily in the Philippine Duchesne Region, to attend an online course "Project Management and Fundraising", provided online by PRISMA, the Claretian Project Training Platform. This course aims to support those who work directly in projects or those in leadership to address the issues related to the decrease of traditional sources of funding and emergence of new mission territories demanding financial resources.

"Other Charitable Donations" of €252,000 were made during the year in addition to the above, to support the work in Uganda / Kenya, Brazil, Egypt, Poland and the Democratic Republic of Congo. These donations include external donations from those connected to the Society to provide support for ministries and schools, as well as donations responding to natural disasters. This also includes donations to other religious congregations who are providing temporary accommodation to sisters as a result of construction work within the international Society.

Covid-19 Global Pandemic

The COVID-19 global pandemic continued to have a significant effect on life within the Society during 2021. The Superior General wrote in a letter to the Society on 23rd March 2020 *"The world has changed in the last week; it has mobilized all of us and the daily life of everyone is deeply shaken. We have heard from many provinces and each one is taking the necessary steps to deal with this unprecedented situation, particularly in the care of our elder sisters."*

As the pandemic continued throughout 2021, with waves of infections affecting different parts of the world, the charitable activities and daily lives of the members were affected in each province. Ministries and projects continued to operate in new ways, and meetings continued on Zoom rather than face to face as travel became impossible. The Special Chapter of the international Society, which was due to be held in person, was held via Zoom in November 2021. This was the first virtual Chapter of the international Society in its history.

While provinces and communities in the Society adapted to a new reality, there was a continuing impact in relation to managing the finances within the Society, including a decrease in income from loss of salaries and decreasing interest rates.

Cor Unum Covid Fund

During the second year of the global pandemic, there were continuing needs around the world for those impacted by COVID-19. The Cor Unum Covid-19 Fund was established within the Society in early 2020 to support provinces and their ministries who have been profoundly affected by this pandemic. Over the last two years (2020 & 2021), this fund distributed US$ $1,100,000 supporting 71 projects in 12 provinces.

During 2021, the fund supported projects in areas related to alternative income or retraining; mental health support, the provision of vaccinations (or other related medical costs) and other educational needs. Within the Society there were also many provinces who were supported by funds locally from governments or other organizations.

There was a wonderful response to this call for solidarity within the Society. During this third round of funding eight provinces received funds totalling €259,000 which supported more than 20 projects across 9 countries. Examples of the projects included:

- Chile: Supporting 30 family gardens that emerged last year during the quarantine and which were created and are worked on by women in the local neighbourhood. By improving the gardens, it is likely that some families will be able to sell or exchange their produce in the future.
- Colombia: Funding to “Taller Sofía” (Sofia Workshop), a community building project that supports the elderly, children, and families who are impacted by violence, mental illness, loneliness, malnutrition, and the danger of drug addiction and prostitution.
- Egypt: Engagement of a senior Child Psychotherapist to provide training to teachers in the three schools in Egypt to allow them to support the pupils’ mental health at this difficult time of anxiety, loneliness, loss and depression resulting from the pandemic.
- India: Provision of scholarships for Sadhana School, which supports children with additional needs.. Within the Sadhana School the fees are higher to provide for a higher staff -student ratio to support the students who have various disabilities.
- Mexico: Development of a programme to promote a solidarity economy for 54 young women who have lost their jobs due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The project will support the women to create small businesses in the sale of food, providing income for the women as well as expanding the range of food available to local communities.
- Philippines: Providing essential food to households in Ormoc, severely impacted by the pandemic.
- Uganda: Funding for vaccines and other Covid-19 healthcare needs for sisters and those in ministries within Uganda and Kenya.
- Venzuela: Provision of bakery equipment to a small community to expand and improve the working conditions. Supporting the bakery will benefit those who own the bakery, but will also reduce the prices of basic food for the local community.

Attached to this report is a copy of a report from a community project in Torpa, India that benefited from the Cor Unum Covid Fund during 2020 and 2021.



Future Trends

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, which has affected the world during since late 2019, the last two years have created a new "normality". A significant impact of the pandemic for the Society was the reduction in international travel and the use of technology for online meetings. This was reflected in the Society holding its first every Chapter meeting online in November 2021. As international travel starts to open up, it is likely that certain meetings will be held in person in the future. However, the pandemic has shown that there are new ways that we can work together and more meetings will be online.

The pandemic has also impacted the ministries of the Society, including schools. During 2022, it is expected that most of the schools around the world will reopen fully. However, continuing financial support may be required and it is expected that there will be another round of funding from the Cor Unum Covid-19 fund in early 2022.

Trustee Biographies

Sister Barbara Dawson (Chair) is a native of San Francisco. Educated at the University of San Francisco and Stanford University, her ministries have included service in education, administration and immigration in both the U.S. and Jakarta, Indonesia. Barbara served as Provincial of the United States-Canada Province from 2012 to 2016 and she also held the position of Provincial for the U.S. Province from 1993-1999. In addition to leadership, Barbara has served as a teacher and administrator for schools including St. Martin de Porres in Oakland, California.; Lone Mountain College in San Francisco; and others throughout the U.S. She was in administration for various Catholic Charities and has addressed public policy and immigration issues in the San Francisco Bay area. She is a member of the bar in both California and Missouri, serves on the board of the Hilton Fund for Sisters and has served on the board of trustees for various academic institutions. Since 2016, Barbara has been the Superior General of the Society of the Sacred Heart and Chair of the Duchesne Trust.



Sister Anne Corry has a professional background in education and mission promotion. Originally from New Zealand, she has lived in Rome since 2014 first as international coordinator for justice, peace and ecology and currently as a General Councillor for the Congregation. Anne has taught in high schools in Australia and New Zealand and has served on Boards of education and healthcare institutions of religious congregations. Anne has Masters degrees in Education and Theology and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies and Ethics. She has travelled widely in countries of Africa, Europe and Asia and lived for a few weeks in Peru. All of this has contributed to her understanding of the mission-related activities of her congregation around the world. Anne's current role gives her an overview of the widespread mission of her international congregation.





Sister Mónica Esquivel Ballesteros was born in Mexico in 1966. She joined the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1992 and has worked in formal education as well as alternative ("popular") education and pastoral ministry. In formal education she worked as a secondary school mathematics teacher and as a school chaplain. In alternative education her work focused on women and young people, in the areas of communication, educational development, as well as the promotion and coordination of educational projects, teacher training and the creation of educational networks at municipal and regional level.

Mónica served for 8 years in the Society's mission in Nicaragua, working for the charity "Roncalli-Juan XXIII Association" in the areas of housing and education. She also worked for the Conference of Religious of Nicaragua as the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) coordinator.

Upon her return to Mexico in 2011, she worked in teacher training program for public schools in the municipality of Ayutla de los Libres, and was a member of the provincial council. In 2013 she was appointed Provincial of Mexico. During this time she was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Conference of Religious of Mexico. Since December 2016 she has been a member of the General Council of the Society of the Sacred Heart in Rome.



Sister Marie-Jeanne ELONGA ABOMBPI MOKANGO is a theologian by training and a graduate in education. She has experience in formal education, working at different times and in different places as a teacher, principal and head teacher. She spent some years in the formation of young RSCJ's in her province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) before serving as provincial and president of the Conference of Religious in the DRC. This last role helped her to interact with other congregations in the areas of initial and ongoing formation, management and self-financing. Currently, she is in her fifth year of international service with the General Council of the Society in Rome.



Sister Georgina Zubiria studied to be a primary school teacher. For 9 years she was director of the Santa Cecilia School and later she was working with low-income women in popular education and gender perspective. Since she was studying to obtain her degree in Theological Sciences, she has worked in different areas of her province such as formation, treasury, and leadership. Georgina has experience working in non-profit organizations and transferring the management of both the School and the Finance Office to lay people. As a theologian, she has taught at the Universidad Iberoamericana, the Hispanic Pastoral Institute of the University of Santa Clara, other higher education institutions and religious congregations. She was Director of the Center for Theological Studies of the Interreligious Conference of Mexico (CIRM) and advisor to the Board of Directors of the Conference of Religious of Latin America and the Caribbean (CLAR). She participated in the creation and consolidation of the CIRM National Education Network. In recent years, she worked as a Canonical Treasurer in Mexico, and is now the Canonical Treasurer General of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

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 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 group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by

Barbara Dawson mj

Sister Barbara Dawson,
Chair of Trustees
Approved by the trustees on 23 September 2022

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Duchesne Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Duchesne Trust (the 'parent charity') and controlled entities (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the group Statement of Financial Activities, group and parent charity Balance Sheet, group and parent charity cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is 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 group's and parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2021, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the group's or parent charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity's 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 set out on page 18, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which 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 group's and parent 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 group or the parent 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 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

The objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud and error; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error; and to respond appropriately to those risks. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Group and the parent and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: The Charities Act and UK GAAP.
- We obtained an understanding of how the Group and the parent are complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks and made enquiries to the management of known or suspected instances of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes, other relevant meeting minutes and review of correspondence with regulatory bodies.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Group's and the parent Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit team included:
  - Identifying and assessing the controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
  - Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
  - Challenging assumptions and judgments made by management in its significant accounting estimates and judgments, particularly in relation to Province commitments.
  - Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular journal entries posted with unusual account combinations; and
  - Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations are from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

Use of our report

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

Haines Watts

Haines Watts, Statutory Auditor
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Date 26 September 2022

Haines Watts is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Group Statement of Financial Activity (including income and expenditure accounts) as at 31 December (in €'000s)

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
Income from:					
Donations	2	559	14,950	15,509	10,800
Investment	3	1,109	696	1,805	1,167
Other income		37	0	37	23
Total income		1,705	15,646	17,351	11,990
Expenditure on:					
Investment manager fees		579	364	943	899
Supporting the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart	4	7,669	28	7,697	5,632
Other costs	5	415	0	415	340
Total expenditure		8,663	392	9,055	6,871
Realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation		11,637	9,442	21,079	5,135
Net movement in funds		4,679	24,696	29,375	10,254
Transfers		(900)	900	0	0
Balances brought forward at 1 January		74,559	46,159	120,718	110,464
Balance carried forward at 31 December		**78,338**	**71,755**	**150,093**	**120,718**

Income and expenditure derive from ongoing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes gains and losses recognised during the period.

Charity Statement of Financial Activity (including income and expenditure accounts) as at 31 December (in €'000s)

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
Income from:					
Donations	2	558	14,950	15,508	10,822
Investment	3	1,109	696	1,805	1,167
Other income		54	0	54	14
Total income		1,721	15,646	17,367	12,003
Expenditure on:					
Investment manager fees		579	364	943	899
Supporting the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart	4	7,627	28	7,655	5,597
Other costs	5	415	0	415	340
Total expenditure		8,621	392	9,013	6,836
Realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation		11,637	9,442	21,079	5,137
Net movement in funds		4,737	24,696	29,433	10,304
Transfers		(900)	900	0	0
Balances brought forward at 1 January		73,574	46,159	119,733	109,429
Balance carried forward at 31 December		**77,411**	**71,755**	**149,166**	**119,733**

Income and expenditure derive from ongoing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes gains and losses recognised during the period.

Group Balance Sheet as at 31 December (in €'000s)

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
Fixed assets					
Fixed Assets	9	665	0	665	862
Social Investments	10	750	0	750	702
Investments	11	106,131	71,755	177,886	138,014
		106,881	71,755	178,636	138,716
		107,546	71,755	179,301	139,578
Current assets					
Debtors	12	251	0	251	1,258
Cash at bank		8,077	0	8,077	8,176
		8,328	0	8,328	9,434
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year (non-investment)	13	6,403	0	6,403	3,455
Amounts falling due within one year (investment)	13	31,133	0	31,133	24,839
		37,536	0	37,536	28,294
Net current assets		(29,208)	0	(29,208)	(18,860)
Total net assets		**78,338**	**71,755**	**150,093**	**120,718**
Represented by:	14, 15				
Restricted		0	71,755	71,755	46,159
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds		78,338	0	78,338	74,559
General funds		0	0	0	0
Total funds		**78,338**	**71,755**	**150,093**	**120,718**

Approved by the trustees on 23 September 2022 and signed
On their behalf by:

Barbara Dawson RSJ

Sister Barbara Dawson
Chair of Trustees

Charity Balance Sheet as at 31 December (in €'000s)

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
Fixed assets					
Fixed Assets	9	0	0	0	0
Social Investments	10	750	0	750	702
Investments	11	106,131	71,755	177,886	138,014
		106,881	71,755	178,636	138,716
		106,881	71,755	178,636	138,716
Current assets					
Debtors	12	218	0	218	1,254
Cash at bank		7,764	0	7,764	7,789
		7,982	0	7,982	9,043
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year (non-investment)	13	6,319	0	6,319	3,187
Amounts falling due within one year (investment)	13	31,133	0	31,133	24,839
		37,452	0	37,452	28,026
Net current assets		(29,470)	0	(29,470)	(18,983)
Total net assets		**77,411**	**71,755**	**149,166**	**119,733**
Represented by:	14, 15				
Restricted		0	71,755	71,755	46,159
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds		77,411	0	77,411	73,574
General funds		0	0	0	0
Total funds		**77,411**	**71,755**	**149,166**	**119,733**

Approved by the trustees on 23 September 2022 and signed
On their behalf by:

Barbara Dawson osj
Sister Barbara Dawson
Chart of Trustees

Group Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December (in €'000s)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
Net inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	4,679	24,696	29,375	10,254
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	9,242	0	9,242	2,449
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1,007	0	1,007	5,079
Investment income	(1,109)	(696)	(1,805)	(1,167)
Net realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation on investments	(11,637)	(9,442)	(21,079)	(5,135)
Net Operating Surplus	2,182	14,558	16,740	11,480
Cash flow from investing activities				
Investment income	1,109	696	1,805	1,167
Net additions/(withdrawals) to social investments	48	0	48	(63)
Net (additions)/withdrawals to investments	(6,025)	(12,864)	(18,889)	(11,086)
Net cash flow from investing activities	(4,868)	(12,168)	(17,036)	(9,982)
Cash flow from fixed assets				
Purchase of new assets	(34)	0	(34)	(103)
Depreciation during the year	231	0	231	240
Net Assets (additions)/ reduction	197	0	197	137
Increase/(decrease) in cash	(2,489)	2,390	(99)	1,635
Cash as at 1 January	8,176	0	8,176	6,541
Cash as at 31 December	5,687	2,390	8,077	8,176

Charity Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December (in €'000s)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
Net inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	4,737	24,696	29,433	10,304
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	9,426	0	9,426	2,402
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1,036	0	1,036	5,077
Investment income	(1,109)	(696)	(1,805)	(1,167)
Net realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation on investments	(11,637)	(9,442)	(21,079)	(5,137)
Net Operating Surplus	2,453	14,558	17,011	11,479
Cash flow from investing activities				
Investment income	1,109	696	1,805	1,167
Net additions/(withdrawals) to social investments	48	0	48	(63)
Net additions/(withdrawals) to investments	(6,025)	(12,864)	(18,889)	(11,084)
Net cash flow from investing activities	(4,868)	(12,168)	(17,036)	(9,980)
Cash flow from fixed assets				
Purchase of new assets	0	0	0	0
Depreciation during the year	0	0	0	0
Net Assets (additions)/ reduction	0	0	0	0
Increase/(decrease) in cash	(2,415)	2,390	(25)	1,499
Cash as at 1 January	7,789	0	7,789	6,290
Cash as at 31 December	5,374	2,390	7,764	7,789

Notes to the Financial Statements (in €'000s)

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The Duchesne Trust is a regulated trust in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the group information on page 3 of these financial statements. The nature of the group's operations and principal activities are to promote charitable work carried out by the Society of the Sacred Heart.

The group constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These group financial statements consolidate the results of the Trust and the entity it controls being the Society of the Sacred Heart Generalate, both of which make up their financial statements to 31 December.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. ***The financial statements are prepared in euros which is the functional currency of the group and rounded to the nearest €000***.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

There are no material uncertainties regarding going concern.

b) Consolidation

Consolidation takes place with third parties when the charity determines that:

i) the third party entity is financially dependent upon the charity and would not be able to continue without the charity's support, and

ii) the charity is able to control the actions of the third party either directly or indirectly due to the authority it has via the trustees of the charity.

c) Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the group is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Where income is received with specific criteria for its use or future use the income is recorded as restricted.

d) Resources expended and the basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities when incurred and includes any attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Resources expended comprise the following:

i) The costs of charitable activities comprise expenditure on the group's primary charitable purpose as described in the trustees' report. Such costs include:

- Support of the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Specific areas of expenditure are detailed out in the trustees report.
- Other donations payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the donation and has satisfied all related conditions.

ii) Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the group including audit costs and the necessary legal procedures for compliance with statutory requirements.

iii) All costs are directly attributable to specific activities.

d) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed asset are stated at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:-

i) Land & Buildings 3%

ii) Equipment 15%

iii) Vehicles 25%

e) Debtors & Creditors

i) Debtors - Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

ii) Creditors – Creditors are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

f) Loans to provinces

All loans at the time they are made to a Province are recorded as a debtor. All loans are reviewed at year end to determine their realisability in the future. In the event that of a loan may be impaired a provision is made in the year.

g) Commitments

All future commitments that are agreed to prior to the year end that are material are recorded at the time of the commitment rather than at the time of the payment.

2. Donations (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Funds received from Society of the Sacred Heart:				
- Generalate (donation)	0	0	0	22
- provinces (donation)	15,509	10,800	15,508	10,800
	15,509	10,800	15,508	10,822

3. Investment (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Investment income (dividend & interest)	1,805	1,167	1,805	1,167

4. Supporting the Charitable Work of Members of the Society of the Sacred Heart (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Donations to the Society of the Sacred Heart:				
- Generalate	5,248	2,788	5,194	2,798
- provinces	2,449	2,844	2,461	2,799
	7,697	5,632	7,655	5,597

5. Other Costs (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Auditors remuneration	12	9	12	9
Other professional fees	403	331	403	331
	415	340	415	340

6. Net Outgoing Resources for the Year (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Auditors remuneration	12	9	12	9

7. Staff Costs and Trustees' Remuneration (in €'000s)

The group had salary costs c	Salary	Social Costs	Total Staff Costs	Average Number of Group Employees
2021	752	197	949	16
2020	516	152	668	14

The charity has no employees (31 December 2020 - none) and, therefore, no staff costs were incurred during the year (31 December 2020 - €nil). During the year the group had an average of 14 employees (31 December 2020: 12).

During the year group employees receiving renumeration in excess of €70,000 were:

	Number
€80,001 - €90,000	2
€160,001 - €170,000	1

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (31 December 2020 - €nil). Expenses incurred by the trustees in the performance of their duties were not reimbursed during the year (31 December 2020 - €nil).

8. Taxation

The Duchesne Trust is a registered charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

9. Fixed Assets (Group) (in €'000s)

	Land & Building	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
Opening Cost as at 1 January 2021	5,818	445	18	6,281
Additions	24	10	0	34
Closing Cost as at 31 December 2021	5,842	455	18	6,315
Brought Forward Accumulated Depreciation as at 1 January 2021	5,048	353	18	5,419
Charge for the Year	210	21	0	231
Total Accumulated Depreciation as at 31 December 2021	5,258	374	18	5,650
Total Net Book Value as at 31 December 2021	584	81	0	665
Total Net Book Value as at 31 December 2020	770	92	0	862

The charity has no fixed assets.

10. Social Investments (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Market value at 1 January	702	765	702	765
Net (withdrawals)/additions from sales & purchases	0	0	0	0
Net unrealised foreign currency exchange gains/(losses)	48	(63)	48	(63)
Market value at 31 December	750	702	750	702

All social investments are held through 3rd party social investment funds.

11. Investments (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Listed investments and cash held for re-investment	177,886	138,014	177,886	138,014

Movements in investments are summarised below:

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Market value at 1 January	138,014	121,667	138,014	121,667
Net (withdrawals)/additions from sales & purchases	16,872	11,149	16,872	11,147
Net investments transferred to the Duchesne Trust from the Society of the Sacred Heart provinces	1,969	0	1,969	0
Net unrealised investment & exchange gains/losses – Provincial investments	4,609	1,249	4,609	1,249
Net unrealised investment & exchange gains/losses – Generalate investments	16,422	3,949	16,422	3,951
Market value at 31 December	177,886	138,014	177,886	138,014

List investments held at year-ends comprised of the following:

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Equities	107,443	83,774	107,443	83,774
Fixed interest securities	24,076	24,152	24,076	24,152
Alternatives	24,548	16,838	24,548	16,838
Property	12,274	3,726	12,274	3,726
Cash	9,544	9,523	9,544	9,523
	177,886	138,014	177,886	138,014

12. Debtors (in €'000s)

The other debtors relate to loans made to the Society's provinces as follows:

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Other debtors	33	4	0	0
Province debtors	218	1,254	218	1,254
	251	1,258	218	1,254

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Democratic Republic of Congo Province	218	252	218	252
Peru Province	0	94	0	94
Poland Province	0	640	0	640
Uganda Kenya Province	0	268	0	268
	218	1,254	218	1,254

The loan to the Democratic Republic of Congo Province was to assist with the development of an 800 hectare farm outside of Kinshasa that will assist the Province in becoming sustainable in the future. The loans to provinces are secured by a promissory note from the Generalate in Rome that is held against the Generalates Villa at Via Tarquinio Vipera, 16 Rome, Italy.

In the next 12 months the Group expects to receive (€'000s) as follows:

Democratic Republic of Congo Province	60

This leaves in the region of 150,000 receivable after one year.

13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Amounts due to provinces – Non Investment	1,524	1,390	1,524	1,390
Accruals	570	461	205	193
Commitments	4,309	1,604	4,590	1,604
	6,403	3,455	6,319	3,187
Amounts due to provinces – Investment	31,133	24,839	31,133	24,839
Total	37,536	28,294	37,452	28,026

Amounts due to provinces (Non-Investment) are funds awarded to provinces or expenses incurred by the Generalate that have not yet been paid.

Amounts due to provinces (Investment) are those funds invested on behalf of provinces by the Generalate (see Note 11) net of all disbursements and gains or losses on the investment.

	Group		Charity	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
As at 1 January	24,839	23,961	24,839	23,961
Amounts Received In the Year	1,969	0	1,969	0
Disbursements	(284)	(371)	(284)	(371)
Investment Gains/(Losses)	4,609	1,249	4,609	1,249
Amounts due to provinces – Investment	31,133	24,839	31,133	24,839

14. Unrestricted fund balances allocated for specific purposes (in €'000s)

Group

Funds	1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains	Transfers	31 December 2021
Restricted						
Solidarity	0	133	(133)	0	0	0
Covid	0	564	(259)	0	0	305
Heritage	0	0	0	0	900	900
Future Sustainability	46,159	14,949	0	9,442	0	70,550
	46,159	**15,646**	**(392)**	**9,442**	**900**	**71,755**
Unrestricted						
General	**0**	0	0	0	0	0
Designated						
Generalate	55,673	1,705	(6,105)	11,637	0	62,910
Solidarity	6,239	0	(153)	0	0	6,086
Formation	3,332	0	(15)	0	0	3,317
Future Sustainability	8,415	0	(2,390)	0	0	6,025
Heritage	900	0	0	0	(900)	0
	74,559	**1,705**	**(8,663)**	**11,637**	**(900)**	**78,338**
Total Funds	**120,718**	**17,351**	**(9,055)**	**21,079**	**0**	**150,093**

During the year the charity undertook a review of the funding received to date for Heritage. This resulted in the charity reclassifying as restricted due to the specific location and nature that the funds could be used for.

14. Unrestricted fund balances allocated for specific purposes (in €'000s) (continued)

The amount and destination of these funds are determined by the Trustees. Set out below are the balances of the funds as well as its intended use of the funds:

Charity

Funds	1 January 2021	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains	Transfers	31 December 2021
Restricted						
Solidarity	0	**133**	**(133)**	0	0	0
Covid	0	**564**	**(259)**	0	0	305
Heritage	0	**0**	**0**	0	900	900
Future Sustainability	46,159	**14,949**	**0**	9,442	0	70,550
	46,159	**15,646**	**(392)**	**9,442**	**900**	**71,755**
Unrestricted						
General	0	0	0	0	0	0
Designated						
Generalate	54,688	1,721	(6,063)	11,637	0	61,983
Solidarity	6,239	0	(153)	0	0	6,086
Formation	3,332	0	(15)	0	0	3,317
Future Sustainability	8,415	0	(2,390)	0	0	6,025
Heritage	900	0	0	0	(900)	0
	73,574	**1,721**	**(8,621)**	**11,637**	**(900)**	**77,411**
Total Funds	**119,733**	**17,367**	**(9,013)**	**21,079**	**0**	**149,166**
	119,733	**17,367**	**(9,013)**	**21,079**	**0**	**149,166**

Group & Charity

Restricted

i) Solidarity – Funds that have been donated to fund projects involving members of the Congregation, to support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life.

ii) Covid - Funds that have been donated by provinces to fund projects and activities specifically related to the impact of COVID-19, as defined by specific criteria.

iii) Future Sustainability – Funds that have been donated by provinces in response to the call from General Chapter 2016 to "commit ourselves as one body to live our community of goods by sharing our resources throughout the Society, especially our financial resources, in order to sustain our life and mission for the future." The use of the Sustainability Fund was discussed at the Special Chapter 2021 and decisions will be implemented in 2022.. Details of the types of funding are set out in a document titled “Priorities for Future Sustainability”.

iv) Heritage – The fund was set up to facilitate the maintenance of heritage assets within the Society of the Sacred Heart. Specifically, the heritage property located in Joigny, France.

Designated

i) Generalate – Funds that have been designated to ensure the continuing operation of the General Council in Rome along with the associated costs of operating the Society of the Sacred Heart.

ii) Solidarity – Funds have been designated to fund projects involving members of the Congregation, to support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life.

iii) Formation – Funds that have been designated to cover the costs associated with initial and on-going education for the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

iv) Future Sustainability – Funds have been designated in response to the call from General Chapter 2016 to "commit ourselves as one body to live our community of goods by sharing our resources throughout the Society, especially our financial resources, in order to sustain our life and mission for the future."

15. Allocation of Reserves (in €’000s)

Group

	Unrestricted Reserves	Designated Reserves	Restricted Reserves	Total Reserves
Fixed Assets	29,208	78,338	71,755	179,301
Current Assets	8,328	0	0	8,328
Current Liabilities - Non-Investment	(6,403)	0	0	(6,403)
Current Liabilities - Province Investments	(31,133)	0	0	(31,133)
Total Reserve	0	78,338	71,755	150,093

15. Allocation of Reserves (in €'000s) (continued)

Charity

	Unrestricted Reserves	Designated Reserves	Restricted Reserves	Total Reserves
Fixed Assets	29,470	77,411	71,755	178,636
Current Assets	7,982	0		7,982
Current Liabilities - Non-Investment	(6,319)	0		(6,319)
Current Liabilities - Province Investments	(31,133)	0		(31,133)
Total Reserve	0	77,411	0	149,166

16. Related Party Transactions

No related party transactions took place during the year.

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Trustees' Report including Strategic Report

The trustees present their report and the audited financial statements of the group for the period ended 31 December 2020 The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the group.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

Aim (Objects) and Purpose

Governance

The Duchesne Trust (the Trust) is regulated by a Trust Deed dated 14 December 1983. The Trust is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales - Charity Registration No: 288467.

Principal Aims

The trustees of the Duchesne Trust aim to promote the charitable work carried out or supported by the members of the Roman Catholic Religious Order, the Society of the Sacred Heart. When setting the objectives and planning the work of the charity for the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion.

Objectives and Strategies

Charitable Objective

The Trust exists to promote any of the charitable works carried out, or supported by, the Roman Catholic Religious Congregation known as the Society of the Sacred Heart (the Society). Specifically, it funds activities associated with:

- The worldwide administration of the Society, through members of the Generalate supporting provinces and communities of the Congregation, in order to provide leadership and to strengthen the charism and ethos of the group
- The administration of a fund for solidarity, where projects involving members of the Congregation support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life. The administration of a fund which will ensure the sustainability of the life and mission of the Society into the future.
- Aid to some provinces of the Society to support their own costs for formation, international service, eldercare or capital projects.

Short Term Strategies

During 2021, the Duchesne Trust will continue to support the charitable activities of the members in a worldwide context. Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, which has affected the world since late 2019 and throughout 2020, the future is currently uncertain. One of the

implications of the global pandemic was the postponement of a Special General Chapter which was expected to be held in February 2021, to November 2021. During 2020 and into 2021, the Society continues to prepare for this Special Chapter.

This Chapter will address two decisions, taken at the General Chapter in 2016:

1. Sharing Resources: To study, develop and implement a fund, or other new and effective ways, to allow the sharing of the Society's resources, especially financial resources, in order to sustain the life and mission for the future (of the Society).

2. Ways of Organising Ourselves: To facilitate an urgent discernment in the whole Society so that we may reconfigure our structures, so that it be more agile and dynamic and for the sake of life and Mission.

Long Term Strategies

In the long term, the Duchesne Trust will continue to support the charitable activities of the members of the Society. The current leadership team, who are halfway through their mandated term from 2016 – 2024, continue to work on implementing the decisions of the General Chapter 2016, two of which are the focus of the Special General Chapter in 2021 (and which are outlined above), and the third which is:

- All members of the Society will learn English during the early stages of initial formation, and native English speakers will learn another language of the Congregation

The 2016 Chapter also made the following recommendations, which are also the focus of the current leadership team:

- To review the Solidarity Fund and explore other funds for apostolic development.
- To study and encourage the exchange of personnel according to the needs of our life and mission.
- To update our philosophy of education, with an emphasis on humanisation.
- To develop, articulate and disseminate an international formation to mission programme.
- Form an international commission for vocation ministry.
- To develop an international service of volunteers as part of our common mission.
- To develop significant justice, peace and integrity of creation actions at personal, provincial and international levels.

Structure and Management

Organisation

The trustees have the final responsibility for the policies, activities and assets of the Trust. They meet annually to review developments with regard to the Trust and to make significant decisions. The day-to-day management of the Trust's activities and the implementation of policies are delegated to:

- the trustees who are nominated by the Superior General,
- the appropriate senior staff.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year are shown on page 3. New trustees are appointed by the Superior General under Clause 14 of the Trust Deed. There shall at no time be fewer than four trustees who shall be members of the International Congregation. All new trustees are taken through a process of making them aware of their responsibilities as trustees of a UK Charity as well as what it means to be a trustee by fellow trustees that are on the Board of Trustees.

Volunteers

The administration of the Trust is done on a voluntary basis by members of the Society of the Sacred Heart. The trustees wish to record their appreciation of this work.

Relevant Policies

Donations and grant making policy

During the 12 months to 31 December 2020, funds have been used to further the charitable works that are particularly relevant to the work of education and social justice. The criteria for the use of these funds are that the work undertaken or supported must demonstrate a commitment to:

- promote justice in faith and the welfare of the deprived and marginalised;
- promote the welfare of young people;
- enable the disadvantaged to become self-reliant;
- education in both formal and informal contexts.

Risk management

The trustees are assessing the major risks to which the group is exposed during 2020, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the group, its investments and its finances. The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring controls exist over key financial systems, and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the group, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

Reserves policy

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves, i.e. those unrestricted funds not invested in tangible fixed assets. The trustees consider that given the nature of the group's work and its ability to satisfy future liabilities as they fall due that there is no need for free reserves and at present there are none. At the year-end €74.5 million are held in designated funds. Further details of these are set out in note 14.

Investment Policy

The group has total fixed asset investments, including social investments, of €138.7 million as at 31 December 2020 (2019: €122.4 million). During 2020 the investment policy and investment managers were reviewed and the Trust maintained the strategy inline with its current and future requirements and adopted the investment objectives as stated:

a) To preserve capital in real terms based on the Society's annual inflation rate determined by the inflation rate proportionally by the expenditure rate in the countries it operates in.

b) To draw down €2.3 million in cash per annum.

c) To grow the capital over a period of 5 years by 1% or more.

The above investment policy came into place on the 1 July 2011 and revised in 2016. The results for the past 12 months to 31 December 2020 indicate that the objectives have been met and since inception all objectives have been achieved. The overall real return since the implementation of the new investment policy has been a cumulative increase of 59% (2019:47%) in the investments after accounting for inflation as defined by the Society.

In early 2021 the Trust reviewed the investment strategy to ensure that post Covid it was still appropriate. During this review the impact of Covid and the volatility of the markets were considered, as well as the growing cash flow requirements for funding within the Society. The review indicated that the Trust would require a real return in excess of 6.5% per annum to meet the cash flow requirements as well as preserving the capital. As a result the asset allocation was changed to facilitate higher returns with less volatility and a minor reduction in liquidity. Over the next 5 years the approved asset allocation will be implemented. Expected returns are anticipated to be approximately 5.5% resulting in a short fall of 1.0% per annum. The short fall of returns will be taken in the from the excess returns since 2011.

A designated representative of the trustees meets formally with the investment advisor and the fund managers twice a year. This designated representative and the investment advisor meets regularly and communicates as and when required throughout the year. In keeping with charity law, the investment strategy is to maximise total returns, income and capital, within acceptable levels of risk.

The investments have restrictions placed upon them as to the type of investments that the Trust would or would not want to invest in. The ethical investment policy was reviewed during the year and appropriate changes were made which also took into account the changing investment environment.

Specifically the Trust seeks to invest in companies which:

- Make a positive contribution to society
- Conserve energy and natural resources
- Have high employee welfare and equal opportunities records
- Provide high quality products and services of long term benefit to the community

The Society would not wish to invest in companies which:

- Produce and distribute arms, landmines and other products which destroy life
- Produce and distribute pornographic material

- Engage in irresponsible environmental practices
- Actively support governmental regimes with oppressive human rights policies

The Trust has also developed additional ethical policies where it felt further guidance and understanding is required due to the complex nature of the type of companies or global investments it invests in. No ethical restrictions apply other than those set out above, although the Trustees reserves the right to exclude any investments in companies whose representation might prove damaging, directly or indirectly, to the purposes or reputation of the group.

The Trust has Social Investment amounting to €701,700 (2019: €764,642). The decline in value was due to foreign currency not a result on any loss on the investments.

Financial Review

A summary of the year's results for the group can be found on page 26 of the attached accounts. For the period of 12 months ending 31 December 2020:

- the total income was €12 million (2019 - €12.7 million) comprising mainly donations and investment income;
- total expenditure amounted to €6.9 million (2019 - €5.4 million) of which €5.6 million (2019 - €4.4 million) comprised donations to the Society of the Sacred Heart internationally.

Financial position

The balance sheet shows total reserves as at 31 December 2020 of €120 million (2019 - €110 million).

The group's assets

Acquisitions and disposals of fixed assets during the year are recorded in the note to the accounts.

Current Year Activities and Future Trends

Review of Charitable Activities 2020 and Summary of Achievements

During the 12 months to 31 December 2020, the group continued to assist the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart with their charitable work, with a particular focus on education. Details for specific areas within the Society are outlined below:

Work of the General Council

The Duchesne Trust provides donations to the Motherhouse to support the work of the Generalate, which includes the work of the leadership team (General Council), as well as international services of the Society of the Sacred Heart. In 2020 funding of €1.5 million was provided from the Duchesne Trust as "Donations to the Mother House". An additional €1 million was provided within the year for future commitments.

During 2020, the General Council continued to work on their mandate, including the implementation of the General Chapter 2016. The General Council spent the first two months of 2020 on formal visits to provincess in the Philippine Duchesne (North and Latin America) Region. The Council visited Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela before cutting short their visit as a result of the global Covid-19 pandemic.



Central Team with the Province of Brazil



Central Team with Sisters from the Province of Colombia

On their return to Rome, the General Council continued to work from Rome but with a different rhythm with more time to deepen certain subjects and more time for contacts with the provincess through virtual sharing, e-mails or telephone. Technology has allowed the members of the leadership to be in union with the whole Society, joining celebrations or meetings organized by Zoom or other online technology.

In May, the General Council made the decision to postpone the date of the Special Chapter which was expected to be held in February 2021, to November 2021.

Specific Tasks Undertaken During 2020:

- Formal visits to Philippine Duchesne Region: January – March 2020;
- Completion of a Mental Models Workshop;
- Review of the administration function of the Mother House working with a specialist in human

resources and organisation;

- Appointment of a new probation team supporting sisters in the probation process to prepare for final profession;
- Reconfiguration of the novitiates within the different regions of the Society;
- Supporting provinces dealing with the impact of Covid-19 through the implementation of the Cor Unum Covid Fund, organisation of those involved in education in the Philippine Duchesne Region, as well as personal support to Provincials;
- Reflection and approval of a new canon law structure (District) within Indonesia;
- Appointment of new local leaders (Provincials) within Korea, Australia - New Zealand, Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Belgium-France-Netherlands, Spain, Malta, Poland, Democratic Republic of Congo – Chad and Brazil.
- Planning for the Assembly of Provincials, December 2021.

The Treasurer General assists the General Council with the stewardship of the financial resources of the Society. During 2020, the Treasurer General organised online meetings with the Treasurers from each Region, as planned meetings in person were not possible as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic. These meetings provided support to local finance personnel, as well as an opportunity to discuss the financial impact of the pandemic on daily life within the Society. The International Finance Commission and International Investment Committee both met online as part of their roles in supporting the finances of the international Society.



Some Meetings of Regional Treasurers via Zoom

The Treasurer General also continued to provide support to the Province of Italy as part of her responsibility as Canonical Treasurer of Italy. Part of this role included representation of the

Society in the project to develop the Villa Lante, a historical property owned by the Province of Italy, into a Centre for Religious and Lay Formation. This centre will become a resource for the international Society providing a location for annual formation courses (e.g. probation and renewal) as well as providing a programme of formation for those connected to the family of the Sacred Heart.





Development of the Villa Lante, Rome, Italy

In 2020, the General Council created a new position within the administrative structure of the Congregation of Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The CFO was appointed in September 2020 to support the work of the Treasurer General in the stewardship and administration of the financial resources of the Society.

The Assistant to the Treasurer General has visited a significant number of solidarity projects throughout the regions of the Society in order to develop an understanding and critique of the Solidarity Fund which she administers. Visits to Solidarity Projects were not possible in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, which limited travel. However, in early 2020 she travelled to France to meet with groups connected with volunteers within Europe as part of her role as chair of the Volunteers Commission.

The General Archives continued to respond to request from both within and outside the Society during 2020, as well as continuing to ensure the appropriate storage and recording of important documents for the Society. During the year, a special project to scan the letters from the founder of the Society, St. Madeleine Sophie, continued. This significant piece of history for the Society will be made available online in the future.



Meeting of General Archivist and Novices via Zoom

In her role as General Archivist, Margaret Phelan RSCJ gave a presentation on the history of the Mater Admirabilis (the 1844 fresco of the Mater inside the monastery of Trinità dei Monti) to the novices and novices-to-be within the Society in October 2020. This important formation gave the opportunity for possible future members to understand a valuable part of the history of the Society.

During 2020, there was a focus within the Society to translate the four imperatives of the Society's Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) document 'Artisans of Hope in our Blessed and Broken World' into practice. A JPIC International Strategic Plan was implemented in July 2020, developing the JPIC structure into a new format,

with three core bodies: JPIC Coordination (connecting JPIC within the Society), the JPIC Learning Hub (provision of information) and the UN-NGO (Advocacy). There was also extensive work undertaken on the JPIC database, with Society members uploading their local JPIC activities from around the world as well as expanding the database to a wider audience, including work on translation into a Spanish version.

In 2021, the JPIC international team will continue to build three transformative communities of practice (TCoPs), which are the expression of the work of the Society on the ground, designed around the imperatives of the JPIC document (power, people on the move, and popular education). These TCoPs require regular online meetings to explore, share, embody and reach a transformation in the consciousness of the TCoP members.

The International Communication Team (ICT) had its annual face to face meeting in Rome in January 2020. They met with the General Council to discuss their progress as well as to review future plans. During 2020, the ICT continued to focus on building the network of links within the Society and the communications training program. In September 2020, a Communications Manager was appointed by the General Council to continue the work of the ICT, to support the communications of the international Society. In October 2020, the outgoing Webweaver, held a meeting with the weblinks from all of the provincess around the world to discuss the international website as part of an initial phase of a project to develop and improve the website.

During 2018 a series of Committees were established within the Society to address the recommendations of General Chapter 2016. During 2020, there were only two meetings in person of these committees as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic. The International Education Committee met in January in Rome and the International Vocation Committee in New York during the same month. The other committees met during the year using online facilities, to discuss progress in their work.

The International Education Committee focuses on three major areas:

- Contemporary philosophy of Sacred Heart education with an emphasis on humanisation.
- International Formation to Mission Program for Educators of the Family of the Sacred Heart.
- Analysis of structures of relationships and accountability of educational institutions (formal and non-formal) to the Society

As part of this work, the Committee has written an initial draft of a profile of a Sacred Heart educator and have outlined a framework for the philosophy of education. To enrich both of these they are engaged in two different tasks: the study of foundational documents and the participation in regional and provincial (virtual) gatherings, some of which took place during 2020, with others planned for 2021. In preparation for the Special Chapter, 2021 this committee is also analysing provinces by provinces the structural relationships between educational institutions (formal and non-formal) to the Society with the view of suggesting models of accountability and relationships.

The International Vocation Committee have been in contact with those in charge and/or the Vocation Ministry Teams in each of the regions through email, Skype or Zoom during the year (2020). Vocation Ministry Teams and the RSCJ have developed different courses, workshops and materials for accompaniment, discernment, vocation promotion and retreats and are in the process of creating a virtual library for youth work and vocation promotion

The Committee on International Volunteers is working to develop a more systemic approach to international volunteers within the Society. In coordination with the Webweaver, during 2020, the Committee developed a new volunteers section within the international web page. They also established some general policies for volunteer work as well as offering assistance to develop the international volunteer program and taking the initiative to exchange experiences and ideas among the link persons of several provincess within the Society. Going forward, the committee will work in conjunction and synergy with other international committees.

The Ongoing Formation Commission suspended the two renewal programs planned in 2020 for sisters from 55 to 65 and from 65 to 75 years of age. The members of the commission met virtually during 2020 to explore other ongoing formation needs and possibilities.

Solidarity Fund, 2020

The Solidarity Fund is a designated fund used within the Society to provide funding to projects around the world. It provides the Society with an opportunity to foster its co-responsibility for the educative dimension of its mission and share it with the people they are close to. It follows the calls of both Chapter 2008 and Chapter 2016 and the desire to live justice, peace, and the integrity of creation in our world today. The fund is administered from the Generalate annually according to published criteria.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many projects that received Solidarity Funds last year (2019) had to change their project's purpose and sought permission from the General Council to change the use of the funds or to extend the time period in which the funds can be used.

In 2020, funding of €240,245 was provided to 23 projects around the world. The projects included the following:

- Poland: Providing support to a newly opened Center of Artistic and Spiritual Development, that helps young people who have completed rehabilitation therapy of addiction in Legionowo.
- Democratic Republic of Congo: Purchase of a water pump for the nursery school, community and the neighbourhood where drinking water needs to be purchased in Righini, Kinshasa and supporting a project to help women from low income families to introduce bee keeping and honey production to generate income for the family by protecting the ecosystem in Kinshasa.
- Kenya: Supporting a HIV/AIDS and health programmes reaching 2000 residents through free monthly screening for 700 adults for HIV/AIDS, diabetes and hypertension through outreach programmes, counselling, educative forums, school uniforms to children orphaned by HIV/AIDS, training for community health volunteers, etc. in Chekalini, Kenya.
- India: Providing equipment and resources for the one-year postgraduate program in mass communications run by the Social Communications Media Department of Sophia Polytechnic, Mumbai. The program is focused on the following aspects: Gender, Inequality, Environment and Active citizenship.
- Cuba: Support of a joint project of the RSCJ and the diocese to care for the needy elderly in Sancti Spritus, Cuba through the repair of the local diocesan community centre, providing a place for socialisation, guidance and help in feeding and washing clothes as well as accompaniment for families.
- Brazil: A project to provide free education to young people impacted by the Coronavirus

pandemic who need training and to compete for the national certifications required for access to universities in Rio de Janeiro.

Aid to provinces

During the year to 31 December 2020 the Society provided aid to some provinces who cannot afford their own costs for formation, international service, eldercare or capital projects.

Gross donations for Ordinary Help of €312,282 were provided to support the provinces of Chad, Egypt, Uganda/Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Taiwan, Vietnam, Poland and Venezuela, to support their mission. These funds are used to support the daily lives of sisters, the provision of healthcare for sisters, support for regional or international meetings and development of a mission area.

For example, in Poland sisters who reach retirement age are not provided with a pension which is sufficient for their daily living expenses. Funding is provided to support the living costs of these sisters. In Venezuela, funding is provided to support the communities of RSCJ who are impacted by severely high inflation rates, particularly for health care. In February 2020, the provincials and formators of the Region of Africa met to reflect on various aspects of formation and ministry in the Region, and to plan ways of developing collaboration and communication within the Region. Financial support was also provided to the Democratic Republic of Congo to provide facilitation services for their local assemblies during 2020

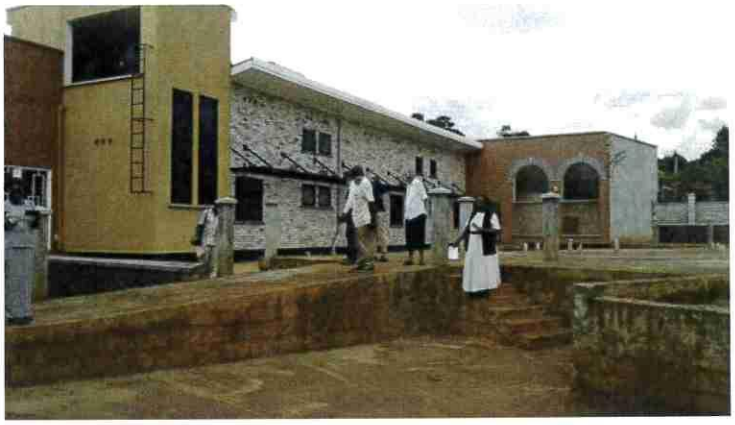


Meeting of provincials and formators of the Region of Africa

Total "Extraordinary Aid" of €1,138,018 during 2020. This included support of Provinces for capital projects, including renovations and capital expenses for vehicles and equipment, as well as support from the Cor Unum COVID-19 Fund and additional support to Democratic Republic of Congo for solar energy systems (details of which are included later on in this report).

In Uganda / Kenya work finished in September 2020 on the construction of the Sophie Barat Home for elder sisters in the Province. This care home on the site of the novitiate, provides a new community for those sisters who require additional care within the provinces. In a letter to the Treasurer General in September 2020, the Provincial of Uganda / Kenya Sr. Anamaria Nankusu wrote:

"We thank you so much for giving us this home, a home where all of us will end our days here on earth if we will live to the righteous age. I am so happy to know that we have a home where the sisters will have time and space to carry out our mission of prayer for the Society and the World. It will also be a place for pastoral work for our young sisters in novitiate and others."



Inspection and Handover of the Sophie Barat Home for elder sisters, Uganda / Kenya

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, work began in late 2020 on the construction of a care home for aged and infirm sisters. The property to be developed will also provide accommodation for students from a local university, thereby generating income to support the expenditure for the whole property. The project is envisaged to take one year although during 2020 there were some delays as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic.



First meeting & Site Inspection for the Care Home for aged and infirm Sisters, DRC

At the end of 2020, a donation of $261,000 was made to Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) for solar energy systems for community and ministry properties. While internet access is available, the connection is often interrupted as a result of the electricity supply. The installation of solar systems will therefore not only provide a more reliable source of power for light and heat, but will also support the communications infrastructure within the province, allowing members to connect to others within the Society.

Total expenditure on "Training" of Sisters of €133,053, which supported the education of Sisters from Uganda, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, Indonesia and Chad. For example, in Indonesia funding was provided to support those in formation within the Province. The expenses include tertianship studies, formation programmes, inter-congregational courses, ministry experience and other related costs for those in initial formation (those who have not yet made vows).

During 2020, support was also provided to 12 sisters from Uganda / Kenya, the Philippines, India and Democratic Republic of Congo to attend an online course "Basic Project Management and Fundraising", provided online by PRISMA, the Claretian Project Training Platform. This course

aims to support those who work directly in projects or those in leadership to address the issues related to the decrease of traditional sources of funding and emergence of new mission territories demanding financial resources. In 2021 the Assistant to the Treasurer General completed the "Advanced Project management and Fundraising" course and an additional 18 members and 4 collaborators will attend the basic course in Spanish from a further seven provinces.

Gross "Other Charitable Donations" of €343,607 were made during the year.in addition to the above, to support the work in Uganda / Kenya, Brazil, Egypt and the Democratic Republic of Congo. These donations include support for ministries and schools, as well as extraordinary donations responding to the initial emergency related to COVID-19. In addition to the above amount, there were commitments of €1,032,705 related to the aged care projects in Uganda/ Kenya and Democratic Republic of Congo (detailed previously in this report)

Covid-19 Global Pandemic

The COVID-19 global pandemic had a significant effect on life within the Society in 2020. The Superior General wrote in a letter to the Society on 23 March "The world has changed in the last week; it has mobilized all of us and the daily life of everyone is deeply shaken. We have heard from many provinces and each one is taking the necessary steps to deal with this unprecedented situation, particularly in the care of our elder sisters." .

As the pandemic extended throughout the year and while governments approached it in different ways, the charitable activities and daily lives of the members were affected in each provinces Ministries and projects had to close or reorganise to operate in a new way, schools moved lessons online and meetings became more regular on Zoom rather than face to face as travel became impossible. There was also a significant impact in relation to managing the finances within the Society, including challenges in distributing funds to local communities as well as a decrease in income from loss of salaries, loss of schools income and decreasing interest rates.

Cor Unum Covid Fund

After listening to the needs of the provinces around the globe, the General Council decided with the Treasurer General to launch a new fund for use in Society ministries to aid those profoundly affected by COVID-19. Through the generosity of donations from provinces, as well as a small contribution from Generalate funds the Cor Unum COVID-19 Fund was created in June 2020.

Funds were distributed twice during the year. Firstly during the summer supporting larger projects for the reopening of schools or ministries or smaller projects to help provinces who changed the way that they providing services as a result of COVID-19. A second round of funding was distributed in November for projects for alternative income generation (e.g. retraining) and projects focusing on JPIC or climate change.

There was a wonderful response to this call for solidarity within the Society. During the first round of funding seven provinces received funds totalling $470,000 which supported more than 20 projects across 11 countries. During the second round of funding, six provinces received funds of $357,000 for 25 projects across 9 countries. Examples of the projects included:

- Haiti: Support of the staff and students of the Simón Bolivar Educational Center in Balan, Haiti through the provision of food for families and payment of salaries for teaching staff.
- Venzuela: Assistance to the students in the communities of El Peñón (Cumaná) and Coche (Caracas) to support them with new forms of distance learning with the provision of equipment and internet access.

- Uganda/Kenya: Working with the health care ministries in Moroto (Uganda) and Chekalini (Kenya) to establish projects to strengthen the knowledge on prevention of COVID-19 in the communities of the vulnerable population.
- Peru: Creating a virtual platform that facilitates communication and the pedagogical work of teachers in the public institutions of the Society in Peru through the provision of a Zoom licence for institutions for one year, 5 laptops for teachers and assistance for internet access for students.
- Democratic Republic of Congo: Provision of protective equipment against Covid-19 and improvement of the water supply by renewing the pipes in the health care centre in Kipako.
- Egypt: Support for 80 girls living in an orphanage in Cairo, to pay for school fees, equipment and internet connection to allow online learning and food.
- Philippines: Supporting a project to plant different varieties of bamboo, including the giant bamboo, along the riverbanks of the Marikina watershed system in the Philippines. This will provide food, fuel and materials besides the beneficial effects on river bank stabilization and the climate.
- Kenya: Micro-business training for school staff and parents of the school in Kibera, Nairobi who have lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic.
- India: Support of an organic farming project in Bhokar to provide training to local farmers, set up compost bins in local villages, cultivate organic vegetables (including employment of local women) and install solar panels.
- Indonesia: Development of land of the local parish in Bandung, Indonesia, working with the local parishioners to grow food for their families, encourage the growth of self-esteem and prepare the infrastructure for appropriate land management.
- Chad: Start-up of a vegetable garden project to provide food to a local community in N'Djamena including drilling for boreholes to supply water (apostolic service project), help with the construction and repair of houses for disaster victims (in the case of the floods in Bongor and N'Djamena) and the installation of solar panels.

Future Trends

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, which has affected the world during since late 2019 the future is currently uncertain. One of the implications of the global pandemic was the postponement of a Special General Chapter which was expected to be held in February 2021, to November 2021. During 2021, the Society continues to prepare for this Special Chapter and the decisions of the General Chapter 2016 specifically through:

- Delegates to the Special Chapter's participation in communities of discernment. These small groups, who will meet via Zoom, will prepare for the process and issues of the Special Chapter.
- Meetings of each Committee and Commission within the Society to prepare short documents used for the preparation of the Special Chapter.
- Creation of three new committees: Preparation, Design and Models Committee to assist in the preparation and organisation of the Special Chapter
- Virtual visits of the General Council via Zoom to the three provinces in the Philippine

Duchesne Region, which were cancelled in 2020 as a result of the pandemic.

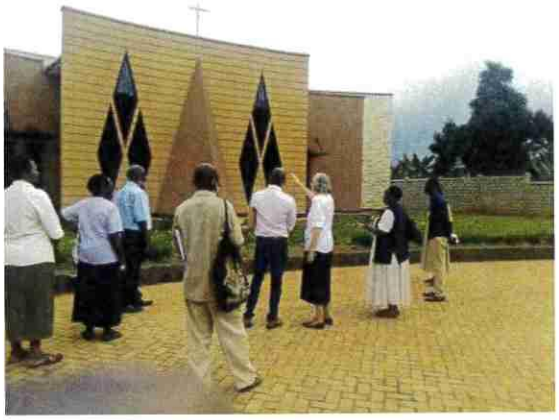
- Continued support to provinces of funding from the new Cor Unum COVID-19 fund.
- Ongoing financial support to provinces through Ordinary Help, Formation and Extraordinary donations.
- Solidarity Fund 2021, support of projects involving members of the Congregation to support and education vulnerable groups who live in poverty.

Reports from provinces on Projects

The beginning of Sophie Barat Community, Province of Uganda & Kenya

By Sr Rose Banura

Sr. Annamaria Nankusu RSCJ, our provincial and Sr. Josephine Mbayira RSCJ, the Provincial Bursar, came to Mbikko on August 31, 2020, for the official handover of the recently constructed Sophie Barat House. Mr. Rogers Mukalazi, the architect, Mr. William Kalule, the contractor, were present and several other workers. Sisters Pricillian Kampame and Jo Wright, from the Novitiate Community joined us the first members of the Sophie Barat Community: Teresa Aura, Rose Banura, Joan Isichi, Mary Kajubi and Nancy Koke. We also invited Fr. Joseph King MHM, the parish priest to lead us in a special prayer and blessing of the chapel.



During the prayer, he asked God to help us make our house a home by the way we cared for one another. As soon as Fr. Joe began the prayers for the blessing of the house, there was a huge downpour of rain that surprised everyone. Most of us thought it was a blessing from God and a sign of God's presence among us. In most parts of Uganda, we believe that when the rain comes down during a function, it delivers many blessings from God. Like a miracle from above, we were amazed to see that when the prayer was over the rain stopped instantly. We could not believe it! Fr. Joe then proceeded to bless our laid-out rooms in the house. We were all filled with joy and happiness to have a home that was well planned and accomplished with all the furnishings and good amenities therein. After the prayer, we celebrated God's gift to us in a new home of repose and rejuvenation. The high tea was kindly prepared by Mr. Kalule, the contactor as a sign of his appreciation of the trust we had in him to do such a great job for us.

The dream of building the house for our elderly and infirmed sisters began in 2000 from the Provincial Council of the time, and it was finally realized last year, 2020. We are forever grateful to our benefactors and friends and also deeply thankful to the General Council in the Mother House who supported us all the way through.



The Sophie Barat Community members entered the house and embarked on the invitation to form a loving community; supporting each other and reaching out to one another in love, faith, and charity. We have by now gotten used to our community's programmes and daily activities and we know that St Madeleine Sophie is always close to us, guiding and teaching us to live our lives in service and in love. We pray together and meet often in our living room to share our stories and relax together. Our ministry is basically praying for the Society and the world. We also help in the novitiate to give different classes and workshops to those interested in joining the Society.

We are now furnishing the chapel with wooden crucifix which will be suspended above the altar. The tabernacle is in form of the world and the society logo. We love having our community prayer there and we know that God will grant us his graces as we break bread and listen to his word in this wonderful place of prayer. We are all very happy and grateful to God, the General Council and, the two Provincial Councils that worked throughout the realisation time of this project. We remain ever thankful to all our donors from the various parts of the world and the family of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

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 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 group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees by

Bernadette Porter

Sister Bernadette Porter, Trustee
Approved by the trustees on 17 June 2021

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Duchesne Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Duchesne Trust (the 'parent charity') and controlled entities (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the group Statement of Financial Activities, group and parent charity Balance Sheet, group and parent charity cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is 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 group's and parent charity's affairs as at 31 December 2020, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the group's or parent charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the parent charity's 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 set out on page 18, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which 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 group's and parent 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 group or the parent 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 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

The objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud and error; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud or error; and to respond appropriately to those risks. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Group and the parent and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant: The Charities Act and UK GAAP.
- We obtained an understanding of how the Group and the parent are complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks and made enquiries to the management of known or suspected instances of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes, other relevant meeting minutes and review of correspondence with regulatory bodies.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Group's and the parent Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit team included:
    - Identifying and assessing the controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
    - Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
    - Challenging assumptions and judgments made by management in its significant accounting estimates and judgments, particularly in relation to Province commitments.
    - Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular journal entries posted with unusual account combinations; and
    - Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations are from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusions.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

Use of our report

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

Haines Watts

Haines Watts, Statutory Auditor
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Date 30 June 2021

Haines Watts is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Group Statement of Financial Activity (including income and expenditure accounts) as at 31 December (in €'000s)

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
Income from:					
Donations	2	457	10,343	10,800	11,338
Investment	3	794	373	1,167	1,362
Other income		23	0	23	49
Total income		1,274	10,716	11,990	12,749
Expenditure on:					
Investment manager fees		611	288	899	732
Supporting the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart	4	4,562	1,070	5,632	4,436
Other costs	5	340	0	340	272
Total expenditure		5,513	1,358	6,871	5,440
Realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation		3,491	1,644	5,135	10,405
Net movement in funds		**(748)**	**11,002**	**10,254**	**17,714**
Transfers		(35,157)	35,157	0	0
Balances brought forward at 1 January		110,464	0	110,464	92,750
Balance carried forward at 31 December		**74,559**	**46,159**	**120,718**	**110,464**

Income and expenditure derive from ongoing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes gains and losses recognised during the period.

Charity Statement of Financial Activity (including income and expenditure accounts) as at 31 December (in €'000s)

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
Income from:					
Donations	2	479	10,343	10,822	11,323
Investment	3	794	373	1,167	1,362
Other income		14	0	14	34
Total income		1,287	10,716	12,003	12,719
Expenditure on:					
Investment manager fees		611	288	899	732
Supporting the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart	4	4,527	1,070	5,597	4,184
Other costs	5	340	0	340	272
Total expenditure		5,478	1,358	6,836	5,188
Realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation		3,493	1,644	5,137	10,405
Net movement in funds		**(698)**	**11,002**	**10,304**	**17,936**
Transfers		(35,157)	35,157	0	0
Balances brought forward at 1 January		109,429	0	109,429	91,493
Balance carried forward at 31 December		**73,574**	**46,159**	**119,733**	**109,429**

Income and expenditure derive from ongoing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes gains and losses recognised during the period.

Group Balance Sheet as at 31 December (in €'000s)

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
Fixed assets					
Fixed Assets	9	862	0	862	999
Social Investments	10	702	0	702	765
Investments	11	91,855	46,159	138,014	121,667
		92,557	46,159	138,716	122,432
		93,419	46,159	139,578	123,431
Current assets					
Debtors	12	1,258	0	1,258	6,337
Cash at bank		8,176	0	8,176	6,541
		9,434	0	9,434	12,878
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year (non-investment)	13	3,455	0	3,455	1,884
Amounts falling due within one year (investment)	13	24,839	0	24,839	23,961
		28,294	0	28,294	25,845
Net current assets		(18,860)	0	(18,860)	(12,967)
Total net assets		**74,559**	**46,159**	**120,718**	**110,464**
Represented by:	14, 15				
Restricted		0	46,159	46,159	0
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds		74,559	0	74,559	109,049
General funds		0	0	0	1,415
Total funds		**74,559**	**46,159**	**120,718**	**110,464**

Approved by the trustees on 17 June 2021 and signed
On their behalf by:

Bernadette Porter

Sister Bernadette Porter
Trustee

Charity Balance Sheet as at 31 December (in €'000s)

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
Fixed assets					
Fixed Assets	9	0	0	0	0
Social Investments	10	702	0	702	765
Investments	11	91,855	46,159	138,014	121,667
		92,557	46,159	138,716	122,432
		92,557	46,159	138,716	122,432
Current assets					
Debtors	12	1,254	0	1,254	6,331
Cash at bank		7,789	0	7,789	6,290
		9,043	0	9,043	12,621
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year (non-investment)	13	3,187	0	3,187	1,663
Amounts falling due within one year (investment)	13	24,839	0	24,839	23,961
		28,026	0	28,026	25,624
Net current assets		(18,983)	0	(18,983)	(13,003)
Total net assets		**73,574**	**46,159**	**119,733**	**109,429**
Represented by:	14, 15				
Restricted		0	46,159	46,159	0
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds		73,574	0	73,574	109,429
General funds		0	0	0	0
Total funds		**73,574**	**46,159**	**119,733**	**109,429**

Approved by the trustees on 17 June 2021 and signed
On their behalf by:

Bernadette Porter

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Trustee

Group Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December (in €'000s)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
Net inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(748)	11,002	10,254	17,714
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	2,449	0	2,449	5,706
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	5,079	0	5,079	265
Investment income	(794)	(373)	(1,167)	(1,362)
Net realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation on investments	(3,491)	(1,644)	(5,135)	(10,405)
Net Operating Surplus	2,495	8,985	11,480	11,918
Cash flow from investing activities				
Investment income	794	373	1,167	1,362
Net additions/(withdrawals) to social investments	(63)	0	(63)	17
Net (additions)/withdrawals to investments	(1,728)	(9,358)	(11,086)	(19,843)
Net cash flow from investing activities	(997)	(8,985)	(9,982)	(18,464)
Cash flow from fixed assets				
Purchase of new assets	(103)	0	(103)	(136)
Depreciation during the year	240	0	240	236
Net Assets (additions)/reduction	137	0	137	100
Increase/(decrease) in cash	**1,635**	**0**	**1,635**	**(6,446)**
Cash as at 1 January	6,541	0	6,541	12,987
Cash as at 31 December	**8,176**	**0**	**8,176**	**6,541**

Charity Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December (in €'000s)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
Net inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(698)	11,002	10,304	17,936
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	2,402	0	2,402	5,693
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	5,077	0	5,077	263
Investment income	(794)	(373)	(1,167)	(1,362)
Net realised & unrealised investment and foreign currency gains/(losses) on revaluation on investments	(3,493)	(1,644)	(5,137)	(10,405)
Net Operating Surplus	2,494	8,985	11,479	12,125
Cash flow from investing activities				
Investment income	794	373	1,167	1,362
Net additions/(withdrawals) to social investments	(63)	0	(63)	17
Net additions/(withdrawals) to investments	(1,726)	(9,358)	(11,084)	(19,843)
Net cash flow from investing activities	(995)	(8,985)	(9,980)	(18,464)
Cash flow from fixed assets				
Purchase of new assets	0	0	0	0
Depreciation during the year	0	0	0	0
Net Assets (additions)/reduction	0	0	0	0
Increase/(decrease) in cash	**1,499**	**0**	**1,499**	**(6,339)**
Cash as at 1 January	6,290		6,290	12,629
Cash as at 31 December	**7,789**	**0**	**7,789**	**6,290**

Notes to the Financial Statements (in €'000s)

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The Duchesne Trust is a regulated trust in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the group information on page 3 of these financial statements. The nature of the group's operations and principal activities are to promote charitable work carried out by the Society of the Sacred Heart.

The group constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

These group financial statements consolidate the results of the Trust and the entity it controls being the Society of the Sacred Heart Generalate, both of which make up their financial statements to 31 December.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in euros which is the functional currency of the group and rounded to the nearest €000.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

There are no material uncertainties regarding going concern.

b) Consolidation

Consolidation takes place with third parties when the charity determines that:

i) the third party entity is financially dependent upon the charity and would not be able to continue without the charity's support, and

ii) the charity is able to control the actions of the third party either directly or indirectly due to the authority it has via the trustees of the charity.

c) Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the group is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Where income is received with specific criteria for its use or future use the income is recorded as restricted.

d) Resources expended and the basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities when incurred and includes any attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Resources expended comprise the following:

i) The costs of charitable activities comprise expenditure on the group's primary charitable purpose as described in the trustees' report. Such costs include:

- Support of the charitable work of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Specific areas of expenditure are detailed out in the trustees report.
- Other donations payable are included in the statement of financial activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the donation and has satisfied all related conditions.

ii) Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the group including audit costs and the necessary legal procedures for compliance with statutory requirements.

iii) All costs are directly attributable to specific activities.

d) Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed asset are stated at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life as follows:-

i) Land & Buildings 3%

ii) Equipment 15%

iii) Vehicles 25%

e) Debtors & Creditors

i) Debtors - Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

ii) Creditors – Creditors are recognised where the group has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

f) Loans to provinces

All loans at the time they are made to a Province are recorded as a debtor. All loans are reviewed at year end to determine their realisability in the future. In the event that of a loan may be impaired a provision is made in the year.

g) **Commitments**

All future commitments that are agreed to prior to the year end that are material are recorded at the time of the commitment rather than at the time of the payment.

2. Donations (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Funds received from Society of the Sacred Heart:				
- Generalate (donation)	0	0	22	(15)
- provinces (donation)	10,800	11,338	10,800	11,338
	10,800	11,338	10,822	11,323

3. Investment (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Investment income (dividend & interest)	1,167	1,362	1,167	1,362

4. Supporting the Charitable Work of Members of the Society of the Sacred Heart (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Donations to the Society of the Sacred Heart:				
- Generalate	2,788	2,183	2,798	1,920
- provinces	2,844	2,253	2,799	2,264
	5,632	4,436	5,597	4,184

5. Other Costs (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Auditors remuneration	9	9	9	9
Other professional fees	331	263	331	263
	340	272	340	272

6. Net Outgoing Resources for the Year (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Auditors remuneration	9	9	9	9

7. Staff Costs and Trustees' Remuneration (in €'000s)

The group had salary costs of:	Salary	Social Costs	Total Staff Costs	Average Number of Group Employees
2020	516	152	668	14
2019	420	92	512	12

The charity has no employees (31 December 2019 - none) and, therefore, no staff costs were incurred during the year (31 December 2019 - €nil). During the year the group had an average of 14 employees (31 December 2019: 12).

During the year group employees receiving renumeration in excess of €70,000 were:

	Number
€70,000 - €80,000	1
€80,001 - €90,000	1
€90,001 - €100,000	1
€100,001 - €110,000	1

None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services during the year (31 December 2019 - €nil). Expenses incurred by the trustees in the performance of their duties were not reimbursed during the year (31 December 2019 - €nil).

8. Taxation

The Duchesne Trust is a registered charity and, therefore, is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

9. Fixed Assets (Group) (in €'000s)

	Land & Building	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
Opening Cost as at 1 January 2020	5,777	383	18	6,178
Additions	41	62	0	103
Closing Cost as at 31 December 2020	5,818	445	18	6,281
Brought Forward Accumulated Depreciation as at 1 January 2020	4,831	330	18	5,179
Charge for the Year	217	23	0	240
Total Accumulated Depreciation as at 31 December 2020	5,048	353	18	5,419
Total Net Book Value as at 31 December 2020	770	92	0	862
Total Net Book Value as at 31 December 2019	946	53	0	999

The charity has no fixed assets.

10. Social Investments (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Market value at 1 January	765	748	765	748
Net (withdrawals)/additions from sales & purchases	0	0	0	0
Net unrealised foreign currency exchange gains/(losses)	(63)	17	(63)	17
Market value at 31 December	702	765	702	765

All social investments are held through 3rd party social investment funds.

11. Investments (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Listed investments and cash held for re-investment	138,014	121,667	138,014	121,667

Movements in investments are summarised below:

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Market value at 1 January	121,667	91,453	121,667	91,453
Net (withdrawals)/additions from sales & purchases	11,149	17,827	11,147	17,827
Net investments transferred to the Duchesne Trust from the Society of the Sacred Heart provinces	0	1,999	0	1,999
Net unrealised investment & exchange gains/losses – Provincial investments	1,249	4,107	1,249	4,107
Net unrealised investment & exchange gains/losses – Generalate investments	3,949	6,281	3,951	6,281
Market value at 31 December	138,014	121,667	138,014	121,667

List investments held at year-ends comprised of the following:

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Equities	85,569	52,073	85,569	52,073
Fixed interest securities	24,428	19,345	24,428	19,345
Alternatives	22,358	27,740	22,358	27,740
Cash	5,659	22,508	5,659	22,508
	138,014	121,667	138,014	121,667

12. Debtors (in €'000s)

The other debtors relate to loans made to the Society's provinces as follows:

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Other debtors	4	6	0	0
Province debtors	1,254	6,331	1,254	6,331
	1,258	6,337	1,254	6,331

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Democratic Republic of Congo Province	252	328	252	328
Italian Province	0	5,000	0	5,000
Peru Province	94	166	94	166
Poland Province	640	420	640	420
Uganda Kenya Province	268	417	268	417
	1,254	6,331	1,254	6,331

The loan to the Democratic Republic of Congo Province was to assist with the development of an 800 hectare farm outside of Kinshasa that will assist the Province in becoming sustainable in the future. The loan to the Italian Province was due to a timing difference in relation to the sale of their properties so as to allow the Province to continue to operate without any cash flow difficulties. This loan was repaid during the year. The loan to the Peru Province was to help finance the construction of a new alternative education Centre. In 2016 Peru Province started to repay the loan. The loan to Poland was to assist with the construction of a new school, and was increased in 2020 to expand the number of classrooms The loan to the Uganda Kenya Province was to assist with the development of a building to generate rental income that will assist the Province in becoming sustainable in the future. The loans to provinces are secured by a promissory note from the Generalate in Rome that is held against the Generalates Villa at Via Tarquinio Vipera, 16 Rome, Italy.

In the next 12 months the Group expects to receive (€'000s) as follows:

Democratic Republic of Congo Province	60
Peru Province	68
Poland Province	80
Uganda Kenya Province	35
	243

This leaves in the region of €1 million receivable after one year.

13. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year (in €'000s)

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Amounts due to provinces – Non Investment	1,390	1,247	1,390	1,247
Accruals	461	366	193	145
Commitments	1,604	271	1,604	271
	3,455	1,884	3,187	1,663
Amounts due to provinces – Investment	24,839	23,961	24,839	23,961
Total	28,294	25,845	28,026	25,624

Amounts due to provinces (Non-Investment) are funds awarded to provinces or expenses incurred by the Generalate that have not yet been paid.

Amounts due to provinces (Investment) are those funds invested on behalf of provinces by the Generalate (see Note 11) net of all disbursements and gains or losses on the investment.

	Group		Charity	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
As at 1 January	23,961	18,071	23,961	18,071
Amounts Received In the Year	0	1,999	0	1,999
Disbursements	(371)	(216)	(371)	(216)
Investment Gains/(Losses)	1,249	4,107	1,249	4,107
Amounts due to provinces – Investment	24,839	23,961	24,839	23,961

14. Unrestricted fund balances allocated for specific purposes (in €'000s)

Group

Funds	1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains	Transfers	31 December 2020
Restricted						
Solidarity	0	204	(204)	0	0	0
Covid	0	865	(865)	0	0	0
Future Sustainability	0	9,647	(289)	1,644	35,157	46,159
	0	10,716	(1,358)	1,644	35,157	46,159
Unrestricted						
General	1,415	0	0	0	(1,415)	0
Designated						
Generalate	52,160	1,274	(2,667)	3,491	1,415	55,673
Solidarity	6,275	0	(36)	0	0	6,239
Formation	3,343	0	(11)	0	0	3,332
Future Sustainability	46,371	0	(2,799)	0	(35,157)	8,415
Heritage	900	0	0	0	0	900
	109,049	1,274	(5,513)	3,491	(33,742)	74,559
Total Funds	110,464	11,990	(6,871)	5,135	0	120,718

During the year the charity undertook a review of the funding received to date for Future Sustainability. This resulted in the charity reclassifying as restricted all receipts, investment income/expenditure and gains associated with the funding. At the year end the detail, of what the restricted Future Sustainability funding will be used for, had not been defined by the Congregation. Therefore, all expenditure related to Future Sustainability is at present is being drawn from the designated funds of Future Sustainability until such time that the use of the restricted fund has been defined. The decision around the use of this restricted fund is expected to be taken at the Special Chapter scheduled for November 2021. As a result of the review of the Future Sustainability funding, a transfer of £35.157 million from designated funds to restricted funds was made during the year to account for those funds given in prior years.

14. Unrestricted fund balances allocated for specific purposes (in €'000s) (continued)

The amount and destination of these funds are determined by the Trustees. Set out below are the balances of the funds as well as its intended use of the funds:

Charity

Funds	1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains	Transfers	31 December 2020
Restricted						
Solidarity	0	204	(204)	0	0	0
Covid	0	865	(865)	0	0	0
Future Sustainability	0	9,647	(289)	1,644	35,157	46,159
		10,716	(1,358)	1,644	35,157	46,159
Unrestricted						
General	0	0	0	0	0	0
Designated						
Generalate	52,540	1,287	(2,632)	3,493	0	54,688
Solidarity	6,275	0	(36)	0	0	6,239
Formation	3,343	0	(11)	0	0	3,332
Future Sustainability	46,371	0	(2,799)	0	(35,157)	8,415
Heritage	900	0	0	0	0	900
	109,429	1,287	(5,478)	3,493	(35,157)	73,574
Total Funds	109,429	12,003	(6,836)	5,137	0	119,733

Group & Charity

Restricted

i) Solidarity – Funds that have been donated to fund projects involving members of the Congregation, to support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life.

ii) Covid - Funds that have been donated by provinces to fund projects and activities specifically related to the impact of COVID-19, as defined by specific criteria.

iii) Future Sustainability – Funds that have been donated by provinces in response to the call from General Chapter 2016 to "commit ourselves as one body to live our community of goods by sharing our resources throughout the Society, especially our financial resources, in order to sustain our life and mission for the future." The use of the Sustainability Fund will be discussed at the Special Chapter 2021. Details of the types of funding are set out in a document titled "Priorities for Future Sustainability".

Designated

i) Generalate – Funds that have been designated to ensure the continuing operation of the General Council in Rome along with the associated costs of operating the Society of the Sacred Heart.

ii) Solidarity – Funds have been designated to fund projects involving members of the Congregation, to support and educate vulnerable groups who live in poverty. This is often directed towards women and children who lack the basic necessities of life.

iii) Formation – Funds that have been designated to cover the costs associated with initial and on-going education for the members of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

iv) Future Sustainability – Funds have been designated in response to the call from General Chapter 2016 to "commit ourselves as one body to live our community of goods by sharing our resources throughout the Society, especially our financial resources, in order to sustain our life and mission for the future." The use of the Sustainability Fund will be discussed at the Special Chapter 2021. Details of the types of funding are set out in a document titled "Priorities for Future Sustainability".

v) Heritage – The fund was set up to facilitate the maintenance of heritage assets within the Society of the Sacred Heart.

15. Allocation of Reserves (in €'000s)

Group

	Unrestricted Reserves	Designated Reserves	Restricted Reserves	Total Reserves
Fixed Assets	18,860	74,559	46,159	139,578
Current Assets	9,434	0	0	9,434
Current Liabilities - Non-Investment	(3,455)	0	0	(3,455)
Current Liabilities - Province Investments	(24,839)	0	0	(24,839)
Total Reserve	0	74,559	0	120,718

15. Allocation of Reserves (in €'000s) (continued)

Charity

	Unrestricted Reserves	Designated Reserves	Restricted Reserves	Total Reserves
Fixed Assets	18,983	73,574	46,159	138,716
Current Assets	9,043	0		9,043
Current Liabilities - Non-Investment	(3,187)	0		(3,187)
Current Liabilities - Province Investments	(24,839)	0		(24,839)
Total Reserve	0	73,574	0	119,733

16. Related Party Transactions

No related party transactions took place during the year.

17. Post Year End Events

In June 2021 the Trust agreed to fund commitments entered into by the Generalate with the Italian Province for the use of the Villa Lante over the next 10 years that is estimated to be €4,000,000. Post year end the Trust accrued an additional €3,000,000 liability to recognise the total commitment related to the Villa Lante.