

## **Cairde Uí Fhiaich**

### **Friends of the Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library & Archive**

## **Trustees Report 2024**

### **1. Background**

At a meeting held on 20 November 2013 the concept of a 'Friends of' society was outlined and support was sought from those who would be prepared to assist with the setting up and running of such a venture. The aim of the venture was outlined as being exclusively in support of the work of the Cardinal Ó Fiaich Library and Archive. A working group of four was established to draw up a constitution and open a bank account.

Cairde Uí Fhiaich, Friends of the Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library & Archive (Cairde) was officially launched in Armagh on 5 September 2014. A large audience of more than one hundred people attended including individuals and bodies that had supported the library and archive's work over recent years.

### **2. Charity Registration**

Cairde Uí Fhiaich is registered with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland on the charity register, NIC100535.

### **3. HMRC Giftaid**

Cairde Uí Fhiaich is registered with HMRC and has been issued with a tax reference for charitable purposes and for reclaiming Giftaid

### **Fundraising and Public Benefit**

During the year ended 31 March 2018 the Cairde Uí Fhiaich accounts demonstrated a balance of £45,048. During the year to March £5,589 had been received in donations. £97 was paid in banking charges for the same period. It had made a contribution to the work of the Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Memorial Library & Archive of £23,540 during the previous twelve months. It was agreed that although the accounts continue to be healthy that a cautious approach should be maintained. A date was set for the Annual public meeting on 10 September 2025.

### **4. Plans for 2024-25**

At the Annual Public Meeting held on 4 September 2024 the outgoing committee were returned unopposed and unanimously. It was agreed to continue the ongoing work in the year ahead at increase the membership base and to work closely with the clients of the library and archive to indentify new promotional opportunities. It was further agreed to seek two additional Trustees during the year ahead to ensure a smooth succession.

Mr Turlough Trainor was reappointed as the independent examiner for the accounts for the coming year.

Roddy Hegarty, Secretary,