

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101458

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-04-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Charity are to provide education, advice, guidance and discussions for married couples and couples preparing for marriage, in order that they may have a proper understanding of the rights, duties and responsibilities of a Christian married life, as well as for priests and members of religious orders and others who wish to increase their knowledge and development of their relational skills with their parishioners or in their community in Northern Ireland.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information, Education/training

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Men, Parents, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,225	£2,794	£0	0
2023-12-31	£1,498	£2,734	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Emmet Mccluskey		
Mr Kieran Casey		
Mrs Mary Mccluskey		
Mrs Sally Casey		

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

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Accounts

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NORTHERN IRELAND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY NUMBER: 101458

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland
Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets	£	£
Tangible assets	0	0
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	10,976	12,212
ASSETS TOTAL	<u>10,976</u>	<u>12,212</u>
Current Liabilities	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>10,976</u>	<u>12,212</u>
Reserves		
Accumulated surplus at 1 st January 2023:	12,212	12,349
Transfer to reserves at 31 st December 2023:	(1,236)	(137)
Total reserves at 31st December 2023	<u>10,976</u>	<u>12,212</u>

Catholic Marriage Encounter
Summary Income and Expenditure Account
01 /01/2023 - 31/12/2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME	1,498	2,977
EXPENDITURE	2,734	3,114
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>-1,236</u>	<u>-137</u>
OPENING BALANCE	12,212	12,349
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-1,236	-137
CLOSING BALANCE	<u><u>10,976</u></u>	<u><u>12,212</u></u>

Catholic Marriage Encounter
Income and Expenditure Account
01 /01/2023 - 31/12/2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Regular Donations from Members and Supporters	1,104	1,224
Donations from Marriage Encounter Weekends	382	1,753
Interest	12	0
Total Income	<u>1,498</u>	<u>2,977</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Cost of Marriage Encounter Weekends	1,297	1,624
Travel expenses to ME EC meetings	510	798
ICT	504	504
Administration/Stationery	358	122
Bank Charges	65	66
Total Expenditure	<u>2,734</u>	<u>3,114</u>
Retained surplus/deficit for the period	<u>-1,236</u>	<u>-137</u>

**CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NORTHERN IRELAND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 3.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NORTHERN IRELAND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



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22 October 2024

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

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	£	£
INCOME	1,225	<i>1,498</i>
EXPENDITURE	2,794	<i>2,734</i>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>-1,569</u>	<u><i>-1,236</i></u>
OPENING BALANCE	10,976	<i>12,212</i>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-1,569	<i>-1,236</i>
CLOSING BALANCE	<u><u>9,407</u></u>	<u><u><i>10,976</i></u></u>

Catholic Marriage Encounter

Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2024

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	0	<i>0</i>
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	9,407	<i>10,976</i>
ASSETS TOTAL	<u>9,407</u>	<u><i>10,976</i></u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	0	<i>0</i>
Accrued expenses	<u>0</u>	<u><i>0</i></u>
	<u>0</u>	<u><i>0</i></u>
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>9,407</u>	<u><i>10,976</i></u>
Reserves		
Accumulated surplus at 1st January 2024	10,976	<i>12,212</i>
Transfer to reserves at 31st December 2024	-1,569	<i>-1,236</i>
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Catholic Marriage Encounter
Income and Expenditure Account
01 /01/2024 - 31/12/2024

	2024	2023
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Regular Donations from Members and Supporters	1,114	1,104
Donations from Marriage Encounter Weekends	0	382
Interest	11	12
Other Income	100	0
Total Income	<u>1,225</u>	<u>1,498</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Cost of Marriage Encounter Weekends	0	1,297
Travel expenses to ME EC meetings	2,070	510
ICT	660	504
Administration/Stationery	0	358
Bank Charges	64	65
Total Expenditure	<u>2,794</u>	<u>2,734</u>
Retained surplus/deficit for the period	<u>-1,569</u>	<u>-1,236</u>

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101458

Annual report

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Reference and Administrative Details for year 2024

Charity name: Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Charity Commission Number: 101458

NI Contact Person: Emmet McCluskey
19 Manor Road
Magherafelt BT45 6QF

Tel: 028 7930 0345

Trustees:

The trustees serving for financial year 1/1/2024 – 31/12/2024 were:

Tom McCully
Madeline McCully
Daniel Lynch
Sarah Casey
Kieran Casey
Emmet McCluskey
Mary McCluskey

2024 Annual Review of Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland continued to supply presenting teams and interested couples and families for Marriage Enrichment and Family Formation, organised collaboratively with our associate organisation, Catholic Marriage Encounter Ireland. This included follow-up enrichment activities delivered on Zoom.

- **Marriage Enrichment Weekends: 26 – 28 April 2024; 10 – 12 Nov 2024**

Two successful Marriage Enrichment Weekends were held in the Focolare Centre, Co. Kildare. The April event saw a full house, with 9 participating couples along with a presenting team of 3 couples & 1 priest.

Before the Weekend, the Irish leadership team met with a participating Swedish couple (Magnus & Lisa) to plan an outreach ME Weekend to Sweden on 6 – 8 June 2025.

The November Weekend also enjoyed a bumper attendance of 7 participating couples at the same venue.

- **Marriage Encounter Renewal & Bridge Programme**

Renewal and Bridge programmes were successfully completed for couples completing the April and November Weekends. Couples expressing a desire to remain involved in the movement were placed in local sharing groups.

- **Engaged Encounter Weekend**

Enquiries were directed to the England & Wales WWME Website for both presence and online weekends, pending the recruitment of a replacement priest and couple to the Ireland Engaged Encounter presenting team.

- **Family Weekend activities**

- **Family Weekend Reunion, 25 August 2024**

A reunion was held in the Focolare Centre to mark the first anniversary of the first ever Family Weekend in Ireland. All (four) families were represented in an enjoyable afternoon of structured activities. The Italian presenting team from the 2023 Weekend were able to join via Zoom

- **Festive Family Fun, 8 December 2024**

A Family Fun event was delivered online at Christmas for the Irish families.

- **National Board**

At the National Board meeting on 20 October 2024, John & Bernie Healy were announced as the new leadership couple in Ireland.

- **European Council**

ME was represented at European Council meetings on 30 May – 2 June 2024 in Yarnfield (England) and on 3 – 6 October 2024, Osnabrück by our outgoing leadership couple, Emmet & Mary McCluskey.

- **Sharing Groups**

Community sharing groups continue to meet online, with formation from European Council meetings being cascaded for enrichment.

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

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Annual return

Trustees of the:
Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland
Emmet McCluskey
19 Manor Road
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BT45 6QF
Charity No: NIC101458

25th May 2026

Dear Trustees

Re: Independent examiner's report for year end 31 December 2024

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out in section 3 of my examination file.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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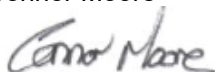
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Independent examiner's statement

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Connor Moore



ACA (Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland)

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101458

Accounts

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NORTHERN IRELAND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

CHARITY NUMBER: 101458

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NORTHERN IRELAND

A charitable trust incorporated in Northern Ireland

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Regular donations from members and supporters	1,694	1,794
Donations	1,395	385
Bank Interest	10	9
Total Income	<u>3,099</u>	<u>2,188</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Cost of meetings held in Ireland	0	3,486
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	504	222
Bank Charges	25	51
Total Expenditure	<u>529</u>	<u>3,759</u>
Retained surplus for the year	<u>2,570</u>	<u>-1,571</u>

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NORTHERN IRELAND

A charitable trust incorporated in Northern Ireland

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	0	0
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	11,220	8,650
	<u>11,220</u>	<u>8,650</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>11,220</u>	<u>8,650</u>
RESERVES		
Accumulated Surplus	8,650	10,221
Surplus / Deficit for year	2,570	-1,571
TOTAL RESERVES	<u>11,220</u>	<u>8,650</u>

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

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Annual report

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NORTHERN IRELAND

Reference and Administrative Details for year

Charity name: Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Charity Commission Number: 101458

N.I Contact Person: Madeline McCully
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Trustees:
The trustees serving for financial year 1/1/2020 - financial year 31/12/2020

Madeline McCully
Thomas McCully
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Kieran Casey
Sarah Casey

Secretary: Elizabeth Murray

Executive Officer Thomas McCully

2020 Annual Review of Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland.

During the past year Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter Weekends were held as virtual weekends due to Covid -19 restrictions on social distancing.

The National Leadership team were invited to attend a European Council in Austria in February, dealing with Christian marriage, relationship education, formation, and marriage preparation and family life. Priests and religious received a parallel programme.

In May, following a selection process and ratification at a National Board Meeting, a new leadership team of a couple and a priest were selected for Marriage Encounter. They are Emmet Gerard McCluskey and Mary Margaret McCluskey with Fr. Seán Coyle, a Columban priest.

Again, to Covid restrictions, one other European Council was held virtually. The fruits of these were disseminated from the European Council to the National Board of Ireland and thence to regional areas for team workshops and group gatherings which were held by Zoom.

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland supplied teams and interested couples for Marriage Enrichment weekends organised by our associate organisation – Catholic Marriage Encounter Ireland. Follow-up meetings were held by Zoom which allowed couples from different regions to fully participate in further enrichment programmes.

The marriage preparation programme of Engaged Encounter was particularly successful and well embraced by the participating couples even though it was a virtual experience.

Married couples continued to meet by Zoom on a regular basis across the province. These meetings were particularly valuable during lockdown when couples and families needed extra relationship support.

The participants on the Marriage Enrichment Weekends and Engaged Encounter were delighted to participate in the follow-up programmes by Zoom. These were particularly successful.

It was an unusual year and new ways of thinking are emerging for presenting the programmes. These will be discussed at National Board meetings in the coming year.

Signed:
Madeline McCully



Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101458

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**CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NORTHERN IRELAND
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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20 December 2021

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101458

Accounts

Marriage Encounter Trust

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Income and Expenditure Account

01 /01/2019 - 31/12/2019

	2019	2018
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Regular donations from members and supporters	1,794	1,634
Donations	385	1,830
Bank Interest	9	11
Total Income	<u>2,188</u>	<u>3,475</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Cost of meetings held in Ireland	3,486	2,480
Information Communication Technology (ICT)	222	250
Bank Charges	51	27
Total Expenditure	<u>3,759</u>	<u>2,757</u>
Retained surplus for the period	<u>-1,571</u>	<u>718</u>

Marriage Encounter Trust

A charitable trust incorporated in Northern Ireland

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
Fixed Asset		
Tangible Assets	0	0
Current Asset		
Cash at bank and in hand	8,650	10,221
Current Liability		
Creditors	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>8,650</u>	<u>10,221</u>
Reserves		
Accumulated surplus	10,221	9,503
Surplus/Deficit for year	<u>-1,571</u>	<u>718</u>
Total Reserves	<u>8,650</u>	<u>10,221</u>

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101458

Annual report

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NORTHERN IRELAND 2019

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2019 Annual Review of Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland.

During the year 2019 Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter Weekends were held at venues in Northern Ireland and in the Republic of Ireland.

The National Leadership team, Thomas and Madeline McCully with Fr. Sean Coyle, attended three European conferences. Content of each meeting centred on Communication and Relationship training, education and spiritual formation for Christian marriage and family life. An important aspect is marriage preparation. Priests and religious received a parallel programme for ministry to Marriage and Family.

A Worldwide Council provides the content for these meetings and Continental Councils disseminate this. The European Conference, which the national responsible team for each European country attends, brings the training and formation to the National Board of Catholic Marriage Encounter Ireland. Meetings are held in regional areas for team training workshops and community group gatherings.

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland supplied teams and interested couples for weekends organised by our umbrella organisation –Catholic Marriage Encounter Ireland.

The marriage preparation programme of Engaged Encounter was particularly successful and positively evaluated by the participating couples. A pilot preparation programme was presented over 5 nights and this will be evaluated as a possible alternative to a weekend programme although the original format will still be presented.

Married couples continue to meet in small groups of three or four couples on a regular basis across the province. These meetings had an emphasis on communication and listening skills with the objective of enriching their relationship and giving support in family, parish and community life.

A Deeper Enrichment Weekend with 27 participants took place in February and new teams are now undergoing training to present weekends here and in the south.

The participants on the Marriage Enrichment Weekends were encouraged to become involved in their parishes and communities and indeed many have. Two of the members, Michael and Rose Curtin are on the Committee of the Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Episcopal Conference. Tom and Madeline McCully were invited to be on the Derry Mission team. During the year members of Catholic Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter meet with different lay movements and associations involved in church ministries.

Signed:

Madeline McCully

Catholic Marriage Encounter Northern Ireland

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18 December 2020