

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105893

Details

Status	Received
Company number	41113
Registered	2017-11-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The Trust company is established for charitable purposes only and in particular to provide relief for the needs of priests of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Derry who are sick through physical or mental illness or both.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Medical/health/sickness,Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public,Men

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£82,458	£56,946	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Monsignor Bryan Mccanny		
Most Rev Daniel Joseph Mckeown		
Rev Con Mclaughlin		
Rev David O'kane		
Rev Eamon Graham		
Rev Eugene Boland		
Rev Francis Bradley		
Rev Michael Canny		
Rev Patrick Baker		
Rev Patrick Doherty		
Rev Paul Mcafferty		
Rev Peter Devlin		

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Accounts

Charity registration number NIC105893 (Northern Ireland)

Company registration number NI041113

THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD Right Rev Monsignor Byran McCanny Rev Paul McCafferty Very Rev Michael Canny Rev Eugene Boland Rev Peter Devlin Very Rev Francis Bradley Rev Patrick Baker Rev Gerard Sweeney Rev Patrick Doherty Rev Con McLaughlin Rev David O'Kane Rev Eamon Graham
Secretary	Rev Paul McCafferty
Charity number (Northern Ireland)	NIC105893
Company number	NI041113
Registered office	Bishop's House St Eugene's Cathedral Francis Street Derry BT48 9AP
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THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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)".

Objectives and activities

In furtherance of our aims, our current strategy is to provide the following services and activities:

- To provide members, who are sick through physical illness or mental illness, with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.
- Membership of the Trust Fund charity is available to all ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Derry.
- Success in meeting objectives is measured by the Trust Fund charity's ability to meet the costs of eligible claims in the period and the maintenance of sufficient reserves for possible future claims.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The primary public benefit that is achieved through the Trust Fund's purposes and activities is the relief of the needs of individuals that arise from ill health. The benefits are provided to a section of the public, being ordained members of the clergy of the Diocese of Derry who are members of the Trust Fund. In addition, the purposes and activities of the Trust Fund provide further wider public benefits in that they assist and accelerate the return to full active ministry of clergy of the Diocese of Derry who have been in ill health and in this way, they assist the Diocese of Derry (which is a registered charity under the title Derry Diocesan Trust) to deliver public benefits through the advancement of religion and related activities. The benefits identified above can be demonstrated and measured through the circumstances of individual priests who have been in ill health and who have received prompt and effective medical intervention and care (provided by the Trust Fund) to facilitate a return to full health in as short a timescale as possible.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

Over the last eleven months twelve members, who were in need of assistance through illness, were provided with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity and thus assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible. In addition, the Trust Fund charity maintained its policy of carrying medical insurance cover for the benefit of members in the Republic of Ireland.

The Trustees remain satisfied that the financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis.

Financial review

The statement of financial activities for the year is presented on page eleven of these financial statements. During the year incoming resources included £42,220 for Health Contributions received on behalf of members and £31,907 contributions from the Derry Diocesan Society.

There was an increase in the investment fund valuation during the year, due to general market conditions, leading to an increase in reserves from the previous financial year.

No significant events have occurred since the date of the Balance Sheet which affect the organisation or which materially affect these financial statements.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Reserves policy

The trustees acknowledge the need for reserve funds to ensure the financial stability and ongoing operational capacity of the charity. The trustees recognise that increased costs could arise in the event of a high number of claims from eligible members in the future. In light of this, the Trust Fund holds significant reserves to cover the following costs and financial commitments:

- the costs of providing members who seek support because of illness with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.
- yearly healthcare insurance costs
- running costs of the charity for at least twelve months
- to enable all creditors to be paid in full in the event of the cessation of the company.

Investment policy

The primary investment objective of the Trust Fund is to ensure that adequate financial reserves are maintained to ensure the continued operation of the Trust Fund into the medium- and long-term future. The Trust Fund seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk, maintaining a balance between long term capital growth and income growth. A moderate to dynamic level of risk can be taken in order to meet investment objectives.

Major risks

The trustees identify the following risks and uncertainties facing the charity:

- Increasing costs of healthcare services for eligible members and insurance costs
- Possible increase in numbers of future claims for assistance
- Uncertainty in global investment markets
- Maintenance of good governance including measures to prevent potential fraud

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks.

Plans for future periods

One of the Trust Fund's key objectives is to maintain good governance and quality assurance. The Trust Fund's strategic plan for the coming years is as follows:

- Keeping the investment fund under review to ensure the future needs of the charity are met
- Continued monitoring of daily management of the charity
- Continued monitoring of governance of the charity

Structure, governance and management

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests was incorporated on 3 July 2001, to provide members, who are sick through physical illness or mental illness, with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.

The company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital and accordingly no director has any interests in shares in the company. In the event of the company being wound up, liability is limited to an amount not exceeding £100 per member.

The company is registered as a charity in Northern Ireland on 3 November 2017. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD
Right Rev Monsignor Byran McCanny
Rev Paul McCafferty
Very Rev Michael Canny
Rev Eugene Boland
Rev Peter Devlin
Very Rev Francis Bradley
Rev Patrick Baker
Rev Gerard Sweeney
Rev Patrick Doherty
Rev Con McLaughlin
Rev David O'Kane
Rev Eamon Graham

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

All trustees are elected or appointed to the Management Committee under the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The number of trustees is not subject to any maximum. The trustees also act as company directors.

Organisational structure

The directors of the Trust Fund charity meet regularly and at least several times every year. The frequency of meetings varies to reflect the nature and volume of business to be considered. The directors provide strategic direction and monitor the activities of the charity and delegate the day-to-day operational management to a number of officers.

Induction and training of trustees

A programme of ongoing training is provided to trustee directors to ensure continued relevant knowledge and competence. Training is delivered by suitably qualified individuals in relevant areas.

Relationship with related parties

None of the members receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a member or senior manager of the charity with a contracted supplier must be disclosed to the full Management Committee in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund For Sick Priests for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

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;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024*

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Moore (NI) LLP were appointed as auditor to the company and a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD

Trustee

23 May 2025

THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund For Sick Priests (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet 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 charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its 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 Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the 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 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Based on our understanding of the charitable company and its operating environment, we determined that the most significant frameworks which have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements are those related to the reporting framework, (FRS 102, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, and the Charity SORP and the Companies Act 2006). Compliance with these laws and regulations was assessed as part of our procedures.

Other laws and regulations of which non-compliance may have a material effect on the financial statements, e.g. through fines or litigation, were identified as regulations in relation to holding charitable status with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. Our required procedures in these areas are limited to inquiry of trustees and other management and inspection of any regulatory or legal correspondence. These limited procedures did not identify any actual or suspected non-compliance.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, including evaluating management's incentives and opportunities to manage or influence the reported results. From the results of our assessment, we determined that the principal risks of fraud relate to posting inappropriate journal entries and use of charity funds for purposes outside of the charity's objectives and activities. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

Audit response to risks identified

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- We obtained an understanding of the charitable company's internal control systems in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations, including those as a result of its registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and charitable status with HM Revenue & Customs, by making enquiries of management and those charged with governance.
- Enquiry of those charged with governance and the entity's solicitors around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of those charged with governance to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Auditing the risk of use of charity funds outside of the charity's objectives and activities by review of authorisation of payments and confirming payments are made for legitimate purposes.

We communicated relevant laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is 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 through collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

John Bradley (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Moore (NI) LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

21/23 Clarendon Street

Derry/Londonderry

BT48 7EP

23 May 2025

THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Charitable activities	3	74,127	77,800
Investments	4	8,331	7,739
Total income		82,458	85,539
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	5	54,584	51,819
Total expenditure		54,584	51,819
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	336,401	306,771
Net income		364,275	340,491
Other recognised gains and losses:			
Other gains/(losses)	11	(2,362)	61
Net movement in funds	6	361,913	340,552
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		3,495,309	3,154,757
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		3,857,222	3,495,309

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	12		3,400,741		3,064,340
Current assets					
Debtors	13	8,269		5,695	
Cash at bank and in hand		449,412		426,429	
		<u>457,681</u>		<u>432,124</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(1,200)</u>		<u>(1,155)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>456,481</u>		<u>430,969</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>3,857,222</u>		<u>3,495,309</u>
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	15		3,857,222		3,495,309
			<u>3,857,222</u>		<u>3,495,309</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 23 May 2025

Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD
Trustee

Rev Paul McCafferty
Trustee

Company registration number NI041113 (Northern Ireland)

THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund For Sick Priests is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Bishop's House, St Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "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 charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Income stated derives from the company's ordinary activities including Health contributions from the priests of the Catholic Diocese of Derry. These are recognised as income from charitable activities.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Health contributions	42,220	45,583
Contributions from Derry Diocesan Society	31,907	32,217
	<u>74,127</u>	<u>77,800</u>

4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	8,331	7,739
	<u>8,331</u>	<u>7,739</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Payments in respect of priests	53,231	50,531
Auditors' remuneration	1,166	1,090
Bank charges	113	130
Sundry expenses	74	68
	<u>54,584</u>	<u>51,819</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>54,584</u>	<u>51,819</u>

THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

6	Net movement in funds	2024	2023
		£	£

The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):

Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	<u>1,166</u>	<u>1,090</u>
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7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Employees

Administration of the charity is performed by volunteers and there were no individuals employed during the current year or comparative period.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

9 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	<u>336,401</u>	<u>306,771</u>

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Other gains and losses

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) upon:		
Foreign exchange	<u>(2,362)</u>	<u>61</u>

THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2024	3,064,340
Valuation changes	336,401
	<u>3,400,741</u>
At 31 December 2024	3,400,741
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	<u>3,400,741</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,064,340</u>

13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>8,269</u>	<u>5,695</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,155</u>

15 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. Unrestricted funds include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	<u>3,495,309</u>	<u>82,458</u>	<u>(54,584)</u>	<u>334,039</u>	<u>3,857,222</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	<u>3,154,757</u>	<u>85,539</u>	<u>(51,819)</u>	<u>306,832</u>	<u>3,495,309</u>

THE DERRY DIOCESAN TRUST FUND FOR SICK PRIESTS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

16 Events after the reporting date

There have been no significant events affecting the charity since the reporting date.

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105893

Accounts

Company Registration Number: NI041113
Registered Charity Number: NIC105893

Report of the Directors and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

for

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests**

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

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**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests**

**Company Information
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

TRUSTEES: Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD
Right Rev Monsignor Bryan McCanny
Rev Paul McCafferty
Very Rev Michael Canny
Rev Andrew Dolan (resigned 26.06.2023)
Rev Eugene Boland
Rev Peter Devlin
Very Rev Francis Bradley
Rev Patrick Baker
Rev Michael McCaughey (resigned 26.06.2023)
Rev John Gilmore (resigned 26.06.2023)
Rev Gerard Sweeney
Rev Patrick Doherty
Rev Con McLaughlin
Rev David O'Kane
Rev Eamon Graham (appointed 1.06.2023)

COMPANY SECRETARY: Rev Paul McCafferty

REGISTERED OFFICE: Bishop's House
St Eugene's Cathedral
Derry

**CHARITY REGISTRATION
NUMBER:** NIC105893

REGISTERED NUMBER: NI041113 (Northern Ireland)

AUDITORS: Shaun McAteer & Co. Ltd
5 Northland Road
Derry
BT48 7HX

BANKERS: Bank of Ireland
Nationwide

SOLICITORS: Napier Solicitors
1-9 Castle Arcade
Belfast

**INVESTMENT
CONSULTANT:** Gary McWilliams Dip PFS IMC
NST Capital Management
23 Society Street
Coleraine

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The trustees, who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law, present their report with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The company was incorporated on 3 July 2001, to provide members, who are sick through physical illness or mental illness, with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests is a Limited Company and registered as a charity in Northern Ireland on 3 November 2017. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, liability is limited to an amount not exceeding £100 per member.

Appointment of Trustees

All trustees are elected or appointed to the Management Committee under the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The number of trustees is not subject to any maximum but will not normally be less than seventeen. The trustees also act as company directors.

The trustees shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2023 to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated.

Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD
Right Rev Monsignor Bryan McCanny
Rev Paul McCafferty
Rev Michael Canny
Right Rev Monsignor Andrew Dolan (resigned 26.06.2023)
Rev Eugene Boland
Rev Peter Devlin
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Rev Patrick Doherty
Rev Con McLaughlin
Rev David O'Kane
Rev Eamon Graham (appointed 1.06.2023)

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital and accordingly no director has any interests in shares in the company.

Induction and training

A programme of ongoing training is provided to trustee directors to ensure continued relevant knowledge and competence. Training is delivered by suitably qualified individuals in relevant areas.

Management of the Charity

The directors of the Trust Fund charity meet regularly and at least several times every year. The frequency of meetings varies to reflect the nature and volume of business to be considered. The directors provide strategic direction and monitor the activities of the charity and delegate the day-to-day operational management to a number of officers.

Related Parties

None of the members receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a member or senior manager of the charity with a contracted supplier must be disclosed to the full Management Committee in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

Objectives and Activities

In furtherance of our aims, our current strategy is to provide the following services and activities:

- To provide members, who are sick through physical illness or mental illness, with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.
- Membership of the Trust Fund charity is available to all ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Derry.
- Success in meeting objectives is measured by the Trust Fund charity's ability to meet the costs of eligible claims in the period and the maintenance of sufficient reserves for possible future claims.

Achievements and Performance

Over the last thirteen months twelve members, who were in need of assistance through illness, were provided with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity and thus assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible. In addition, the Trust Fund charity maintained its policy of carrying medical insurance cover for the benefit of members in the Republic of Ireland.

Covid-19 did not have any significant impact on the charity's ability to achieve its objectives and the Trustees remain satisfied that the financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis.

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Public Benefit

The primary public benefit that is achieved through the Trust Fund's purposes and activities is the relief of the needs of individuals that arise from ill health. The benefits are provided to a section of the public, being ordained members of the clergy of the Diocese of Derry who are members of the Trust Fund. In addition, the purposes and activities of the Trust Fund provide further wider public benefits in that they assist and accelerate the return to full active ministry of clergy of the Diocese of Derry who have been in ill health and in this way, they assist the Diocese of Derry (which is a registered charity under the title Derry Diocesan Trust) to deliver public benefits through the advancement of religion and related activities. The benefits identified above can be demonstrated and measured through the circumstances of individual priests who have been in ill health and who have received prompt and effective medical intervention and care (provided by the Trust Fund) to facilitate a return to full health in as short a timescale as possible.

Financial Review

The statement of financial activities for the year is presented on page eleven of these financial statements. During the year incoming resources included £45,584 for Health Contributions received on behalf of members and £32,217 contributions from the Derry Diocesan Society.

There was an increase in the investment fund valuation during the year, due to general market conditions, leading to an increase in reserves from the previous financial year.

No significant events have occurred since the date of the Balance Sheet which affect the organisation or which materially affect these financial statements.

Investment Objectives

The primary investment objective of the Trust Fund is to ensure that adequate financial reserves are maintained to ensure the continued operation of the Trust Fund into the medium- and long-term future. The Trust Fund seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk, maintaining a balance between long term capital growth and income growth. A moderate to dynamic level of risk can be taken in order to meet investment objectives.

Reserves Policy

The trustees acknowledge the need for reserve funds to ensure the financial stability and ongoing operational capacity of the charity. The trustees recognise that increased costs could arise in the event of a high number of claims from eligible members in the future. In light of this, the Trust Fund holds significant reserves to cover the following costs and financial commitments:

- the costs of providing members who seek support because of illness with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.
- yearly healthcare insurance costs
- running costs of the charity for at least twelve months
- to enable all creditors to be paid in full in the event of the cessation of the company

Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees identify the following risks and uncertainties facing the charity

- Increasing costs of healthcare services for eligible members and insurance costs
- Possible increase in numbers of future claims for assistance
- Uncertainty in global investment markets
- Maintenance of good governance including measures to prevent potential fraud

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks.

Plans for the future

One of the Trust Fund's key objectives is to maintain good governance and quality assurance.

The Trust Fund's strategic plan for the coming years is as follows:

- Keeping the investment fund under review to ensure the future needs of the charity are met
- Continued monitoring of daily management of the charity
- Continued monitoring of governance of the charity

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements in the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditors

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Rev Paul McCafferty - Director

23 May 2024

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet 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), Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its deficit 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 Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company 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 directors' 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 company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Report of the Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page six, the directors 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 directors determine 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 directors are responsible for assessing the company'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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 a Report of the Auditors 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:

Based on our understanding of the company and the environment in which it operates, we determined that the principal risks were related to the valuation of the charity's investments and the recognition of income and expenditure.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspection of documentation regarding the valuation of investments
- Performing audit work regarding the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and adjustments, for appropriateness
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity

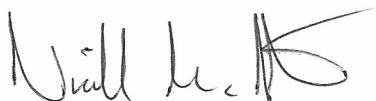
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

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 company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Niall McAteer (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Shaun McAteer & Co. Ltd
5 Northland Road
Derry
Co. Derry
BT48 7HX

Date: 23 May 2024



**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests**

**Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
			2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Notes				
INCOME FROM				
Health Contributions	45,584	-	45,584	44,821
Derry Diocesan Society	32,217	-	32,217	24,137
Investment Income	7,739	-	7,739	1,076
Exchange Gains	-	-	-	-
Total Income	85,540	-	85,540	70,034
EXPENDITURE ON				
Resources Expended	51,759	-	51,759	83,102
Gain /(Loss) on Revaluation of Investments	306,771	-	306,771	(253,789)
NET INCOME	340,552	-	340,552	(266,857)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds Brought Forward	<u>3,154,757</u>	-	<u>3,154,757</u>	<u>3,421,614</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>3,495,309</u>	-	<u>3,495,309</u>	<u>3,154,757</u>

The above amounts relate to continuing operations of the charity.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the results above and, therefore, no separate statement of total recognised gains or losses has been presented.

The notes form part of these financial statements

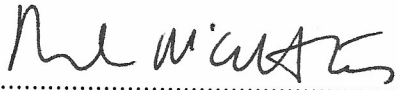
**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests (Registered number: NI041113)**

**Balance Sheet
31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31.12.23	31.12.22
Fixed Assets					
Investments	5	3,064,340		3,064,340	2,757,569
Current Assets					
Prepayments and accrued income		5,695		5,695	829
Cash at bank		426,429		426,429	398,870
		432,124		432,124	399,699
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	1,155		1,155	2,511
Net current assets		430,969		430,969	397,188
Total Assets less current liabilities		3,495,309		3,495,309	3,154,757
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds		3,495,309		3,495,309	3,154,757
TOTAL FUNDS		3,495,309		3,495,309	3,154,757

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 23 May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Rev Paul McCafferty - Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests**

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

1. **STATUTORY INFORMATION**

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Incoming resources are recognised when the conditions of entitlement, certainty and measurement, as specified in the SORP, are met.

Income from donations is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income stated derives from the company's ordinary activities including Health contributions from the priests of the Catholic Diocese of Derry. These are recognised as income from charitable activities.

Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure and the conditions of certainty and measurement as specified in the SORP, are met.

Costs of charitable activities are those which are directly in furtherance to the charity's objects.

Governance costs are those activities which provide the governance infrastructure which allows the charity to operate and to generate the information required for public accountability

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

3. **INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total £	31.12.21 Total funds £
Interest receivable - trading	<u>7,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,739</u>	<u>1,076</u>

4. **EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS**

The average number of employees during the year was NIL (2022 - NIL).

5. **FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Other investments £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1 January 2023	2,757,569
Revaluations	<u>306,771</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,064,340</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2023	<u>3,064,340</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,757,569</u>
Cost or valuation at 31 December 2023 is represented by:	
Valuation in 2023	<u>3,064,340</u>

**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	£	£
6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Other creditors	1,155	2,511
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £100.

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.01.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,154,757	340,552	3,495,309
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,154,757</u>	<u>340,552</u>	<u>3,495,309</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	392,311	51,759	340,552
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>392,311</u>	<u>51,759</u>	<u>340,552</u>

**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

8. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.01.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,421,614	(266,857)	3,154,757
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,421,614</u>	<u>(266,857)</u>	<u>3,154,757</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(183,755)	(83,102)	(266,857)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(183,755)</u>	<u>(83,102)</u>	<u>(266,857)</u>

**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.01.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,421,614	73,695	3,495,309
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,421,614</u>	<u>73,695</u>	<u>3,495,309</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	208,555	(134,861)	73,695
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>208,555</u>	<u>(134,861)</u>	<u>73,695</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
			2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Notes				
INCOME FROM				
Health Contributions	45,584	-	45,584	44,821
Derry Diocesan Society	32,217	-	32,217	24,137
Exchange Gains	-	-	-	-
	77,801	-	77,801	68,958
Investment Income				
Interest receivable	7,739	-	7,739	1,076
Total Incoming Resources	85,540	-	85,540	70,034
EXPENDITURE				
Payments in respect of priests	50,532	-	50,532	78,333
Sundry expenses	68	-	68	13
Auditor's remuneration	1,090	-	1,090	798
Foreign exchange (gain) / loss	(61)	-	(61)	3,841
	51,629	-	51,629	82,985
Finance costs				
Bank charges	130	-	130	117
Total resources expended	51,759	-	51,759	83,102
Gain /(Loss) on Revaluation of Investments	306,771	-	306,771	(253,789)
NET INCOME	340,552	-	340,552	(266,857)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds Brought Forward	3,154,757	-	3,154,757	3,421,614
Total Funds Carried Forward	3,495,309	-	3,495,309	3,154,757

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105893

Annual report

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The trustees, who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law, present their report with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

Structure, Governance and Management

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The company was incorporated on 3 July 2001, to provide members, who are sick through physical illness or mental illness, with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.

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Appointment of Trustees

All trustees are elected or appointed to the Management Committee under the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The number of trustees is not subject to any maximum but will not normally be less than seventeen. The trustees also act as company directors.

The trustees shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2023 to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated.

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Rev Eamon Graham (appointed 1.06.2023)

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

The company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital and accordingly no director has any interests in shares in the company.

Induction and training

A programme of ongoing training is provided to trustee directors to ensure continued relevant knowledge and competence. Training is delivered by suitably qualified individuals in relevant areas.

Management of the Charity

The directors of the Trust Fund charity meet regularly and at least several times every year. The frequency of meetings varies to reflect the nature and volume of business to be considered. The directors provide strategic direction and monitor the activities of the charity and delegate the day-to-day operational management to a number of officers.

Related Parties

None of the members receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a member or senior manager of the charity with a contracted supplier must be disclosed to the full Management Committee in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

Objectives and Activities

In furtherance of our aims, our current strategy is to provide the following services and activities:

- To provide members, who are sick through physical illness or mental illness, with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.
- Membership of the Trust Fund charity is available to all ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Derry.
- Success in meeting objectives is measured by the Trust Fund charity's ability to meet the costs of eligible claims in the period and the maintenance of sufficient reserves for possible future claims.

Achievements and Performance

Over the last thirteen months twelve members, who were in need of assistance through illness, were provided with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity and thus assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible. In addition, the Trust Fund charity maintained its policy of carrying medical insurance cover for the benefit of members in the Republic of Ireland.

Covid-19 did not have any significant impact on the charity's ability to achieve its objectives and the Trustees remain satisfied that the financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis.

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Public Benefit

The primary public benefit that is achieved through the Trust Fund's purposes and activities is the relief of the needs of individuals that arise from ill health. The benefits are provided to a section of the public, being ordained members of the clergy of the Diocese of Derry who are members of the Trust Fund. In addition, the purposes and activities of the Trust Fund provide further wider public benefits in that they assist and accelerate the return to full active ministry of clergy of the Diocese of Derry who have been in ill health and in this way, they assist the Diocese of Derry (which is a registered charity under the title Derry Diocesan Trust) to deliver public benefits through the advancement of religion and related activities. The benefits identified above can be demonstrated and measured through the circumstances of individual priests who have been in ill health and who have received prompt and effective medical intervention and care (provided by the Trust Fund) to facilitate a return to full health in as short a timescale as possible.

Financial Review

The statement of financial activities for the year is presented on page eleven of these financial statements. During the year incoming resources included £45,584 for Health Contributions received on behalf of members and £32,217 contributions from the Derry Diocesan Society.

There was an increase in the investment fund valuation during the year, due to general market conditions, leading to an increase in reserves from the previous financial year.

No significant events have occurred since the date of the Balance Sheet which affect the organisation or which materially affect these financial statements.

Investment Objectives

The primary investment objective of the Trust Fund is to ensure that adequate financial reserves are maintained to ensure the continued operation of the Trust Fund into the medium- and long-term future. The Trust Fund seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk, maintaining a balance between long term capital growth and income growth. A moderate to dynamic level of risk can be taken in order to meet investment objectives.

Reserves Policy

The trustees acknowledge the need for reserve funds to ensure the financial stability and ongoing operational capacity of the charity. The trustees recognise that increased costs could arise in the event of a high number of claims from eligible members in the future. In light of this, the Trust Fund holds significant reserves to cover the following costs and financial commitments:

- the costs of providing members who seek support because of illness with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.
- yearly healthcare insurance costs
- running costs of the charity for at least twelve months
- to enable all creditors to be paid in full in the event of the cessation of the company

Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees identify the following risks and uncertainties facing the charity

- Increasing costs of healthcare services for eligible members and insurance costs
- Possible increase in numbers of future claims for assistance
- Uncertainty in global investment markets
- Maintenance of good governance including measures to prevent potential fraud

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks.

Plans for the future

One of the Trust Fund's key objectives is to maintain good governance and quality assurance.

The Trust Fund's strategic plan for the coming years is as follows:

- Keeping the investment fund under review to ensure the future needs of the charity are met
- Continued monitoring of daily management of the charity
- Continued monitoring of governance of the charity

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements in the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditors

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Rev Paul McCafferty - Director

23 May 2024

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105893

Annual return

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet 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), Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its deficit 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 Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company 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 directors' 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 company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Report of the Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page six, the directors 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 directors determine 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 directors are responsible for assessing the company'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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 a Report of the Auditors 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:

Based on our understanding of the company and the environment in which it operates, we determined that the principal risks were related to the valuation of the charity's investments and the recognition of income and expenditure.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspection of documentation regarding the valuation of investments
- Performing audit work regarding the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and adjustments, for appropriateness
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity

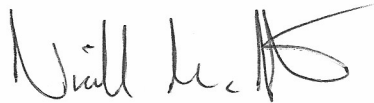
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Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Niall McAteer (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Shaun McAteer & Co. Ltd
5 Northland Road
Derry
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BT48 7HX

Date: 23 May 2024



The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105893

Accounts

Company Registration Number: NI041113
Registered Charity Number: NIC105893

Report of the Directors and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
for
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Rev David O'Kane

COMPANY SECRETARY: Rev Paul McCafferty

REGISTERED OFFICE: Bishop's House
St Eugene's Cathedral
Derry

**CHARITY REGISTRATION
NUMBER:**

NIC105893

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BANKERS: Bank of Ireland
Nationwide

SOLICITORS: Napier Solicitors
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**INVESTMENT
CONSULTANT:**

Gary McWilliams Dip PFS IMC
NST Capital Management
23 Society Street
Coleraine

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

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The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Financial Review

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The primary investment objective of the Trust Fund is to ensure that adequate financial reserves are maintained to ensure the continued operation of the Trust Fund into the medium- and long-term future. The Trust Fund seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk, maintaining a balance between long term capital growth and income growth. A moderate to dynamic level of risk can be taken in order to meet investment objectives.

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The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Plans for the future

One of the Trust Fund's key objectives is to maintain good governance and quality assurance.

The Trust Fund's strategic plan for the coming years is as follows:

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The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements in the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditors

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

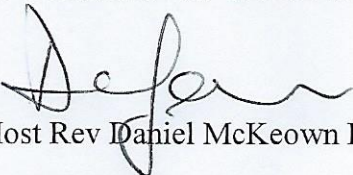
Auditors

The auditors, Shaun McAteer & Co. Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD - Director

26 April 2023

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet 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), Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its deficit 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 Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company 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 directors' 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 company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Report of the Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page six, the directors 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 directors determine 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 directors are responsible for assessing the company'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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 a Report of the Auditors 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:

Based on our understanding of the company and the environment in which it operates, we determined that the principal risks were related to the valuation of the charity's investments and the recognition of income and expenditure.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspection of documentation regarding the valuation of investments
- Performing audit work regarding the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and adjustments, for appropriateness
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity

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.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

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 company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Niall McAteer

Niall McAteer (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Shaun McAteer & Co. Ltd.
5 Northland Road
Derry
Co. Derry
BT48 7HX

Date: *20/09/2023*



The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
			2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Notes				
INCOME FROM				
Health Contributions	44,821	-	44,821	47,142
Derry Diocesan Society	24,137	-	24,137	27,983
Investment Income	1,076	-	1,076	1,011
Exchange Gains	-	-	-	-
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Total Income	70,034	-	70,034	76,136
EXPENDITURE ON				
Resources Expended	83,102	-	83,102	61,949
Gain /(Loss) on Revaluation of Investments	(253,789)	-	(253,789)	348,852
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NET INCOME	(266,857)	-	(266,857)	363,039
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds Brought Forward	3,421,614	-	3,421,614	3,058,575
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Total Funds Carried Forward	3,154,757	-	3,154,757	3,421,614
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The above amounts relate to continuing operations of the charity.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the results above and, therefore, no separate statement of total recognised gains or losses has been presented.

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests (Registered number: NI041113)

Balance Sheet
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	31.12.22	31.12.21
Fixed Assets					
Investments	5	2,757,569		2,757,569	3,011,358
Current Assets					
Prepayments and accrued income		829		829	753
Cash at bank		398,870		398,870	411,203
		399,699		399,699	411,956
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	2,511		2,511	1,700
Net current assets		397,188		397,188	410,256
Total Assets less current liabilities		3,154,757		3,154,757	3,421,614
FUNDS					
Unrestricted Funds		3,154,757		3,154,757	3,421,614
TOTAL FUNDS		3,154,757		3,154,757	3,421,614

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 26 April 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD - Director

.....
Rev Paul McCafferty - Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. **STATUTORY INFORMATION**

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Incoming resources are recognised when the conditions of entitlement, certainty and measurement, as specified in the SORP, are met.

Income from donations is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income stated derives from the company's ordinary activities including Health contributions from the priests of the Catholic Diocese of Derry. These are recognised as income from charitable activities.

Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure and the conditions of certainty and measurement as specified in the SORP, are met.

Costs of charitable activities are those which are directly in furtherance to the charity's objects.

Governance costs are those activities which provide the governance infrastructure which allows the charity to operate and to generate the information required for public accountability

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

3. **INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total £	31.12.21 Total funds £
Interest receivable - trading	<u>1,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,076</u>	<u>1,011</u>

4. **EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS**

The average number of employees during the year was NIL (2021 - NIL).

5. **FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Other investments £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1 January 2022	3,011,358
Revaluations	<u>(253,789)</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,757,569</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2022	<u>2,757,569</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,011,358</u>

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2022 is represented by:

	Other investments £
Valuation in 2022	<u>2,757,569</u>

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	£	£	
6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	31.12.22	31.12.21	
	£	£	
Other creditors	2,511	1,700	
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7. LIABILITY OF MEMBERS			
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £100.			
8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
	At 1.01.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,421,614	(266,857)	3,154,757
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,421,614</u>	<u>(266,857)</u>	<u>3,154,757</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(183,755)	(83,102)	(266,857)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(183,755)</u>	<u>(83,102)</u>	<u>(266,857)</u>

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

8. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.01.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,058,575	363,039	3,421,614
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,058,575</u>	<u>363,039</u>	<u>3,421,614</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	424,988	(61,949)	363,039
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>424,988</u>	<u>(61,949)</u>	<u>363,039</u>

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

8. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.01.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,058,575	96,182	3,154,757
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,058,575</u>	<u>96,182</u>	<u>3,154,757</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	241,233	(145,051)	96,182
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	-	-	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>241,233</u>	<u>(145,051)</u>	<u>96,182</u>

9. **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	2022 £	2021 £
Notes				
INCOME FROM				
Health Contributions	44,821	-	44,821	47,142
Derry Diocesan Society	24,137	-	24,137	27,983
Exchange Gains	-	-	-	-
	<u>68,958</u>	-	<u>68,958</u>	<u>75,125</u>
Investment Income				
Interest receivable	1,076	-	1,076	1,011
Total Incoming Resources	70,034	-	70,034	76,136
EXPENDITURE				
Payments in respect of priests	78,333	-	78,333	58,493
Sundry expenses	13	-	13	13
Auditor's remuneration	798	-	798	798
Foreign exchange losses	3,841	-	3,841	2,532
	<u>82,985</u>	-	<u>82,985</u>	<u>61,836</u>
Finance costs				
Bank charges	117	-	117	113
Total resources expended	83,102	-	83,102	61,949
Gain /(Loss) on Revaluation of Investments	<u>(253,789)</u>	-	<u>(253,789)</u>	<u>348,852</u>
NET INCOME	(266,857)	-	(266,857)	363,039
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds Brought Forward	<u>3,421,614</u>	-	<u>3,421,614</u>	<u>3,058,575</u>
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>3,154,757</u>	-	<u>3,154,757</u>	<u>3,421,614</u>

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The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105893

Annual report

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law, present their report with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The company was incorporated on 3 July 2001, to provide members, who are sick through physical illness or mental illness, with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests is a Limited Company and registered as a charity in Northern Ireland on 3 November 2017. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, liability is limited to an amount not exceeding £100 per member.

Appointment of Trustees

All trustees are elected or appointed to the Management Committee under the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The number of trustees is not subject to any maximum but will not normally be less than seventeen. The trustees also act as company directors.

The trustees shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2022 to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated.

Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD
Right Rev Monsignor Bryan McCanny
Rev Paul McCafferty
Rev Michael Canny
Right Rev Monsignor Andrew Dolan
Rev John Cargan (deceased 14.04.2022)
Rev Eugene Boland
Rev Peter Devlin
Very Rev Francis Bradley
Rev Patrick Baker
Rev Michael McCaughey
Rev John Gilmore
Rev Gerard Sweeney
Rev Patrick Doherty
Rev Con McLaughlin
Rev David O'Kane

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital and accordingly no director has any interests in shares in the company.

Induction and training

A programme of ongoing training is provided to trustee directors to ensure continued relevant knowledge and competence. Training is delivered by suitably qualified individuals in relevant areas.

Management of the Charity

The directors of the Trust Fund charity meet regularly and at least several times every year. The frequency of meetings varies to reflect the nature and volume of business to be considered. The directors provide strategic direction and monitor the activities of the charity and delegate the day-to-day operational management to a number of officers.

Related Parties

None of the members receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a member or senior manager of the charity with a contracted supplier must be disclosed to the full Management Committee in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year no such related party transactions were reported.

Objectives and Activities

In furtherance of our aims, our current strategy is to provide the following services and activities:

- To provide members, who are sick through physical illness or mental illness, with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.
- Membership of the Trust Fund charity is available to all ordained priests of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Derry.
- Success in meeting objectives is measured by the Trust Fund charity's ability to meet the costs of eligible claims in the period and the maintenance of sufficient reserves for possible future claims.

Achievements and Performance

Over the last eleven months twelve members, who were in need of assistance through illness, were provided with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity and thus assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible. In addition, the Trust Fund charity maintained its policy of carrying medical insurance cover for the benefit of members in the Republic of Ireland.

Covid-19 did not have any significant impact on the charity's ability to achieve its objectives and the Trustees remain satisfied that the financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis.

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Public Benefit

The primary public benefit that is achieved through the Trust Fund's purposes and activities is the relief of the needs of individuals that arise from ill health. The benefits are provided to a section of the public, being ordained members of the clergy of the Diocese of Derry who are members of the Trust Fund. In addition, the purposes and activities of the Trust Fund provide further wider public benefits in that they assist and accelerate the return to full active ministry of clergy of the Diocese of Derry who have been in ill health and in this way, they assist the Diocese of Derry (which is a registered charity under the title Derry Diocesan Trust) to deliver public benefits through the advancement of religion and related activities. The benefits identified above can be demonstrated and measured through the circumstances of individual priests who have been in ill health and who have received prompt and effective medical intervention and care (provided by the Trust Fund) to facilitate a return to full health in as short a timescale as possible.

Financial Review

The statement of financial activities for the year is presented on page eleven of these financial statements. During the year incoming resources included £44,821 for Health Contributions received on behalf of members and £24,137 contributions from the Derry Diocesan Society.

There was a decrease in the investment fund valuation during the year, due to general market conditions, leading to a reduction in reserves from the previous financial year.

No significant events have occurred since the date of the Balance Sheet which affect the organisation or which materially affect these financial statements.

Investment Objectives

The primary investment objective of the Trust Fund is to ensure that adequate financial reserves are maintained to ensure the continued operation of the Trust Fund into the medium- and long-term future. The Trust Fund seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk, maintaining a balance between long term capital growth and income growth. A moderate to dynamic level of risk can be taken in order to meet investment objectives.

Reserves Policy

The trustees acknowledge the need for reserve funds to ensure the financial stability and ongoing operational capacity of the charity. The trustees recognise that increased costs could arise in the event of a high number of claims from eligible members in the future. In light of this, the Trust Fund holds significant reserves to cover the following costs and financial commitments:

- the costs of providing members who seek support because of illness with health care and medical treatment paid for by the Trust Fund charity with the aim of assisting a return to full health and a return to active ministry as priests as quickly as possible.
- yearly healthcare insurance costs
- running costs of the charity for at least twelve months
- to enable all creditors to be paid in full in the event of the cessation of the company

Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees identify the following risks and uncertainties facing the charity

- Increasing costs of healthcare services for eligible members and insurance costs
- Possible increase in numbers of future claims for assistance
- Uncertainty in global investment markets
- Maintenance of good governance including measures to prevent potential fraud

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks.

Plans for the future

One of the Trust Fund's key objectives is to maintain good governance and quality assurance.

The Trust Fund's strategic plan for the coming years is as follows:

- Keeping the investment fund under review to ensure the future needs of the charity are met
- Continued monitoring of daily management of the charity
- Continued monitoring of governance of the charity

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements in the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Auditors

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

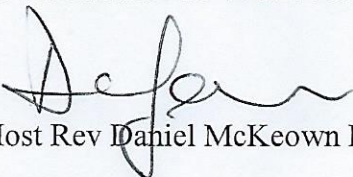
Auditors

The auditors, Shaun McAteer & Co. Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Most Rev Daniel McKeown DD - Director

26 April 2023

The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105893

Annual return

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for
Sick Priests

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Derry Diocesan Trust Fund for Sick Priests (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet 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), Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its deficit 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 Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company 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 directors' 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 company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

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Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Report of the Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

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Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page six, the directors 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 directors determine 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 directors are responsible for assessing the company'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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 a Report of the Auditors 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:

Based on our understanding of the company and the environment in which it operates, we determined that the principal risks were related to the valuation of the charity's investments and the recognition of income and expenditure.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspection of documentation regarding the valuation of investments
- Performing audit work regarding the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and adjustments, for appropriateness
- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the entity

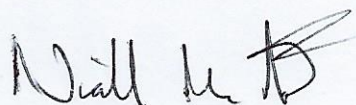
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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