

**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**THE CURIA OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LIMERICK**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2019**

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**THE CURIA OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LIMERICK**  
**TRUSTEES AND OTHER INFORMATION**

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**THE CURIA OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LIMERICK**  
**CHARITY OVERVIEW AND TRUSTEES' REPORT**

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The Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick presents its overview for 2019 and the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2019.

**STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

The diocese is governed by the Bishop. In the exercise of his authority, the Bishop is subject to the provisions of the Code of Canon Law. The Bishop is assisted in his role by the Diocesan Trustees. The Trustees are listed on page 2.

The financial affairs of the Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick are overseen by the Diocesan Finance Committee which comprises the Bishop (Chairman), members of the clergy and voluntary lay members. The Diocesan Finance Committee is supported by two sub-committees namely the Property Sub-Committee and the Investment Sub-Committee. The Diocesan Finance Committee and its Sub-Committees meet on a regular basis throughout the financial year.

The Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick has also established a number of other committees and councils to focus on areas of responsibility within the mission of the church and to ensure full compliance with all regulations.

**ACTIVITIES OF THE DIOCESE**

The principal objectives and activities of the Diocese are:

- Advancement of the Roman Catholic religion in the area of the Diocese of Limerick as determined under the laws of the Roman Catholic Church and in accordance with them;
- Alleviation of poverty and disadvantage in the community of the Diocese;
- Maintenance of the Roman Catholic buildings and assets;
- Provision and support of the Roman Catholic education in the Diocese;
- Advancement of any charitable purpose supported by the Roman Catholic Church in any part of the world;
- Support for the sixty parishes of the Diocese of Limerick.

Through the Limerick Diocesan Pastoral Centre, the Diocesan Office offers outreach and support to parishes in the Diocese by providing resources for individuals groups and parishes in their human and faith development. It strives to promote evangelisation, pastoral renewal and the further development of pastoral ministry practice throughout the Diocese.

**SCOPE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements include the assets, liabilities and transactions of the Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick in providing services and pastoral care throughout the Diocese of Limerick and to meet the costs of central administration. The Curial Funds include levies on the parishes, income from investments and bequests and legacies which are allocated for purposes such as the education and formation for clergy, safeguarding of children, assistance to schools, adult faith formation and provision for youth ministry, marriage tribunal services and administrative services.

In addition, the financial statements include funds which are classified as restricted funds. Restricted funds are entrusted to the Diocese for use exclusively in accordance with donor instruction.

**PARISHES**

The Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick has sixty parishes which are separately accounted for outside the scope of these financial statements and in turn form the basis for an independent return to the Charities Regulator. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick Parishes registered as a charity on 28 February 2019.

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### CHARITY OVERVIEW AND TRUSTEES' REPORT - CONTINUED

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#### CONNECTED CHARITIES

The following charities are linked to the Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick and have similar or related charitable objectives but are separately registered with the Charities Regulator:

- **The Diocese of Limerick Clergy Benevolent Fund:** The Charity's principal activity is the provision of assistance to sick, elderly and retired clergy.
- **The Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick Parishes:** On 28 February 2019, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick Parishes registered as a charity. The Charity's principal activity is to promote the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion in the parishes of the Diocese of Limerick.

On 18 September 2019, St. Munchin's Limerick Diocesan Trust Company Limited by Guarantee was incorporated. The entity is related to the Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick due to common trustees and directors. It is anticipated that the Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick will transfer legal title of real property assets held by the Charity to St. Munchin's Limerick Diocesan Trust Company Limited by Guarantee. Beneficial ownership will not transfer.

#### MANAGEMENT

The Bishop is supported in the day to day management of the Diocese by the General Manager Catherine Kelly. The Finance Manager is Ms. Patricia Quirke.

The names of the Charity Bankers, Solicitor and Auditor are located on page 2.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income in 2019 was €1,852,096 (2018: €1,353,991), with administration expenses amounting to €2,501,550 (2018: €2,395,328) resulting in an operating deficit of €649,454 (2018: 1,041,337). The operating deficit was offset in the current year by investment gains of €1,966,823 (2018: losses of €320,653) resulting in overall net income for the financial for the financial year of €1,317,369 (2018: net deficit of €1,361,990).

While the Trustees are pleased with the investment returns in 2019, following the negative returns in 2018, they note that in line with the general downturn in global investment markets in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the 2019 investment gains have reversed year to date in 2020.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

The Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick has identified all major risks to which it is exposed and is satisfied that sufficient procedures and systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

#### RESERVES POLICY

The policy of the Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick is to ensure that it has adequate reserves to meet its charitable obligations and day to day requirements and to accommodate for short and medium term changes in future investment values and exceptional expenditure.

#### INVESTMENT POLICY

The objective of the Diocesan investment policy is to ensure that investments will be undertaken in a manner that helps to generate a level of investment income to subvent net operating costs, while seeking to ensure the preservation of capital, while mitigating against credit risk and currency risk.

With the guidance of the investment subcommittee, the Trustees engage independent investment managers to manage the Charity's investments.

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### CHARITY OVERVIEW AND TRUSTEES' REPORT - CONTINUED

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#### PLANS FOR THE FUTURE AND GOING CONCERN

The Charity will continue with its programme of work to meet its objectives and to ensure that it conforms to all best practice guidelines for charitable entities including compliance with the financial and reporting sections of the Charities Act 2009.

In early 2020, the existence of a new coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, was confirmed. The potential impact of COVID-19 on the Charity is monitored by the trustees on an ongoing basis and the trustees recognise the challenges presented by COVID-19. It is anticipated that income in the financial year ended 31 December 2020 will be impacted as collection of full annual parish levies will not be possible while all expenses have been reviewed in order to control overheads. The Charity has also availed of the Government Wage Subsidy Scheme. All staff are working from home during the crisis, maintaining full service to all stakeholders. The Charity is currently implementing on line platforms to facilitate non cash donations and collections. The trustees note the impact of COVID-19 on global financial markets and the fair value of the Charity's financial assets are monitored by the trustees on an ongoing basis. The trustees note the financial position of the Charity and have satisfied themselves that the Charity is a going concern having adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

*BRENDAN LEAHY*

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BRENDAN LEAHY  
Bishop of Limerick

*TONY MULLINS*

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TONY MULLINS  
Trustee

Date: 17 September 2020

## **THE CURIA OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LIMERICK**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

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The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2009.

The Act requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland ("relevant financial reporting framework").

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Financial Statements 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 the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Charity keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Charity, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Charity to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Trustees' report comply with the Charities Act 2009 and enable the financial statements to be audited. 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.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CURIA OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LIMERICK**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion on the financial statements of The Curia of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick (the 'Charity')**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at 31 December 2019 and of the net income for the financial year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework.

The financial statements we have audited comprise:

- the Statement of Financial Activities;
- the Statement of Financial Position;
- the Statement of Changes in Funds;
- the Cash Flow Statement; and
- the related notes 1 to 15, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out in note 1.

The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council ("the relevant financial reporting framework").

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below 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 Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

#### **Other information**

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CURIA OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LIMERICK**

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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 (Ireland) 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity (or where relevant, the group) to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE CURIA OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LIMERICK**

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that the auditor identifies during the audit.

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with our engagement letter. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Gerard Casey  
For and on behalf of Deloitte Ireland LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm  
Deloitte & Touche House  
Charlotte Quay  
Limerick

Date: 5 October 2020

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2019 Restricted €</b>	<b>2019 Unrestricted €</b>	<b>2019 Total €</b>	<b>2018 €</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	3	<b>799,475</b>	<b>1,052,621</b>	<b>1,852,096</b>	1,353,991
Administrative expenses		<b>(506,765)</b>	<b>(1,994,785)</b>	<b>(2,501,550)</b>	(2,395,328)
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>292,710</b>	<b>(942,164)</b>	<b>(649,454)</b>	(1,041,337)
Investment income	4	-	<b>9,479</b>	<b>9,479</b>	4,736
Change in fair value of investments	8	-	<b>1,957,344</b>	<b>1,957,344</b>	(325,389)
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	5	<b>292,710</b>	<b>1,024,659</b>	<b>1,317,369</b>	(1,361,990)
<b>TOTAL MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>292,710</b>	<b>1,024,659</b>	<b>1,317,369</b>	(1,361,990)

All the above result from continuing operations.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2019</b> €	2018 €
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	7	<b>7,670,415</b>	7,788,135
Financial assets	8	<b>20,911,026</b>	20,327,778
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		<b>28,581,441</b>	28,115,913
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	9	<b>742,209</b>	805,552
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>1,707,892</b>	1,011,775
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<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>2,450,101</b>	1,817,327
<b>CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within one financial year)</b>	10	<b>(1,094,772)</b>	(1,313,839)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,355,329</b>	503,488
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>29,936,770</b>	28,619,401
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Restricted funds		<b>1,458,952</b>	1,166,242
Unrestricted funds		<b>28,313,716</b>	27,289,057
Revaluation reserve		<b>164,102</b>	164,102
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<b>TOTAL CHARITABLE FUNDS</b>		<b>29,936,770</b>	28,619,401
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 17 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

*BRENDAN LEAHY*

*TONY MULLINS*

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BRENDAN LEAHY  
Bishop of Limerick

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TONY MULLINS  
Trustee

**THE CURIA OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LIMERICK**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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	<b>Restricted Funds €</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds €</b>	<b>Revaluation reserve €</b>	<b>Total €</b>
AT 1 JANUARY 2019	1,166,242	27,289,057	164,102	28,619,401
Net income for the financial year	292,710	1,024,659	-	1,317,369
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<b>AT 31 DECEMBER 2019</b>	<b>1,458,952</b>	<b>28,313,716</b>	<b>164,102</b>	<b>29,936,770</b>
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<b>In respect of prior financial year:</b>				
	<b>Restricted Funds €</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds €</b>	<b>Revaluation reserve €</b>	<b>Total €</b>
AT 1 JANUARY 2018	1,186,405	28,630,884	164,102	29,981,391
Net expenditure for the financial year	(20,163)	(1,341,827)	-	(1,361,990)
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AT 31 DECEMBER 2018	1,166,242	27,289,057	164,102	28,619,401
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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>		
Net income/(expenditure) for the financial year	<b>1,317,369</b>	(1,361,990)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<b>154,729</b>	148,153
Decrease in debtors	<b>63,343</b>	36,669
Decrease in creditors	<b>(219,067)</b>	(106,487)
Change in fair value of investments	<b>(1,957,344)</b>	325,389
Investment income	<b>9,479</b>	4,736
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	<b>-</b>	(3,206)
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<b>Net cash outflow from operations</b>	<b>(631,491)</b>	(956,736)
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<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Investment income	<b>(9,479)</b>	(4,736)
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	<b>(37,009)</b>	(1,103,950)
Realisation of financial assets	<b>1,374,096</b>	1,338,050
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets	<b>-</b>	14,400
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<b>Net cash inflow from investing activities</b>	<b>1,327,608</b>	243,764
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<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>-</b>	-
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<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>696,117</b>	(712,972)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	<b>1,011,775</b>	1,724,747
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	<b>1,707,892</b>	1,011,775
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted by the charity are as follows:

##### GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick is a charitable trust, governed by a Deed of Trust (The Deed of Trust was formally adopted on 1 January 2019). The registered charity number is CRA20014728 and the address of the registered office is Limerick Diocesan Centre, St. Munchins, Corbally, Limerick.

The objective of the Charity is to promote the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion by enabling the Bishop to fulfil his canonical responsibilities.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The functional currency of The Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick is considered to be euro because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the charity operates. These financial statements are separate financial statements. All figures in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest euro for presentation purposes.

##### TANGIBLE ASSETS

Land and buildings which are carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation plus subsequent additions at cost and less subsequent accumulated depreciation and any subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Fixed assets other than land are stated at valuation/cost net of depreciation and any allowance for impairment. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of assets on a straight line basis over their expected useful lives as follows:-

Buildings	2% straight line
Office equipment	15% straight line
Furniture and fittings	15% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line
Computer equipment	20% straight line

##### INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Investment properties are stated at market value and are not depreciated.

These properties are not held for consumption but for investment and the trustees consider that systematic annual depreciation would be inappropriate. Changes in market value are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

##### FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any provision for diminution in value. Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

**HERITAGE ASSETS**

Heritage assets are currently not reflected in the Statement of Financial Position. Information on their cost or valuation is not available and to obtain such information would be costly and not beneficial to the value of the financial statements. This is because of the diverse nature of objects held, the number of objects and the lack of comparable market values.

**REVENUE RECOGNITION**

**Parish Income**

Income from parishes is recognised on an accruals basis.

**Investment Income**

Includes income arising from financial assets and deposit income. Income from financial assets is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the funds and it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Deposit income is recognised as it is earned.

**Other**

Includes legacies and donations which are recognised on a cash receipts basis. The trustees consider that this is not materially different from an accruals basis.

**2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts 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 if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**Critical judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in applying the charity's accounting policies**

The following are the critical judgements and estimation uncertainties that the trustees have made in the process of applying the entities accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**Recoverability of debtors**

The recoverability of debtors and the necessity, where appropriate, to make provision involves judgement. When facts and circumstances indicate that a provision is required, a formal estimate of the recoverable amount is performed and an allowance made to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

**Useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets**

The annual depreciation on tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reviewed annually.

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<b>3. INCOME</b>	<b>Restricted €</b>	<b>Unrestricted €</b>	<b>2019 €</b>	<b>2018 €</b>
Parish income	-	<b>628,021</b>	<b>628,021</b>	632,217
Other	<b>799,475</b>	<b>424,600</b>	<b>1,224,075</b>	721,774
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	<b>799,475</b>	<b>1,052,621</b>	<b>1,852,096</b>	1,353,991
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<b>4. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			<b>2019 €</b>	<b>2018 €</b>
Investment income			<b>9,479</b>	4,736
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			<b>9,479</b>	4,736
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<b>Investment income:</b>				
Dividend income from financial assets			<b>9,199</b>	4,736
Deposit interest income			<b>280</b>	-
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			<b>9,479</b>	4,736
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<b>5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>			<b>2019 €</b>	<b>2018 €</b>
Net expenditure for the financial year is stated after charging/(crediting):				
Depreciation of tangible assets			<b>154,729</b>	148,153
Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets			-	(3,206)
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<b>6. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS</b>			<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
The average monthly number of employees was:			<b>18</b>	18
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The staff costs are comprised of:			<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Wages and salaries			<b>812,381</b>	823,797
Social welfare costs			<b>86,626</b>	87,034
Retirement benefit costs			<b>12,374</b>	9,509
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			<b>911,381</b>	920,340
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All staff costs were expensed during the current financial year and prior financial year.				
			<b>2019 No.</b>	<b>2018 No.</b>
The number of higher paid employees was:				
In the band €80,000 - €90,000			<b>1</b>	2
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The total remuneration for key management personnel for the financial year totalled €167,536 (2018: €162,169) being remuneration disclosed above.

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Land €	Buildings €	Investment properties €	Motor vehicles €	Furniture & fittings €	Office equipment €	Total €
<b>COST</b>							
At 1 January 2019	941,000	5,825,289	1,295,000	26,000	98,065	161,805	8,347,159
Additions	-	18,172	-	-	9,137	9,700	37,009
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>941,000</b>	<b>5,843,461</b>	<b>1,295,000</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>107,202</b>	<b>171,505</b>	<b>8,384,168</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>							
At 1 January 2019	-	414,281	-	5,200	24,598	114,945	559,024
Charge for financial year	-	116,861	-	5,200	14,406	18,262	154,729
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>531,142</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>39,004</b>	<b>133,207</b>	<b>713,753</b>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE: At 31 DECEMBER 2019</b>	<b>941,000</b>	<b>5,312,319</b>	<b>1,295,000</b>	<b>15,600</b>	<b>68,198</b>	<b>38,298</b>	<b>7,670,415</b>
At 31 December 2018	941,000	5,411,008	1,295,000	20,800	73,467	46,860	7,788,135

Land, buildings and investment properties have been valued at open market by Power & Associates, auctioneers and Independent Valuers as at September 2016. The trustees consider the carrying value of Land and Buildings does not differ materially from the open market value at the balance sheet date.

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<b>8. FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
At 1 January	<b>20,327,778</b>	21,991,217
Withdrawals	<b>(1,374,096)</b>	(1,338,050)
Change in fair value of investments	<b>1,957,344</b>	(325,389)
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At 31 December	<b>20,911,026</b>	20,327,778
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<b>9. DEBTORS</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Debtors	<b>332,047</b>	319,230
Parish loans (note 13)	<b>410,162</b>	476,322
Other debtors	<b>-</b>	10,000
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	<b>742,209</b>	805,552
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<b>10. CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within one financial year)</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Trade and sundry creditors	<b>90,600</b>	116,713
Accruals	<b>66,320</b>	161,017
Tax and social welfare	<b>27,271</b>	26,528
Incomes Pool	<b>342,387</b>	441,387
Parish funds (note 13)	<b>568,194</b>	568,194
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	<b>1,094,772</b>	1,313,839
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Tax and social welfare are made up of the following:		
PAYE/PRSI	<b>27,271</b>	26,528
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Trade creditors and accruals are payable in accordance with standard commercial credit terms.

Taxation is payable in accordance with the statutory provisions.

The incomes pool is the property of the priests of the Diocese. It is an income equalisation fund for priests and contributions are made from priests income to support those priests whose income falls short of a predetermined level.

Parish funds relate to amounts received from The Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick Parishes. The funds are invested by the Curia of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick and are recorded within Financial Assets (Note 8).

**11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Diocese from time to time may be involved in legal proceedings, inquiries from or discussion with authorities, that are incidental to their operations and which could give rise to a liability for costs or damages in the future. Due to inherent uncertainties associated with the existence of any liability and the timing of same, no accurate quantification of any liability can be made and accordingly no provision for such liabilities is made in these financial statements. The trustees estimate that the maximum contingent liabilities do not exceed €350,000 as at the balance sheet date.

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**12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<b>Restricted €</b>	<b>General purpose €</b>	<b>Total €</b>
Tangible fixed assets (Note 7)	-	7,670,415	7,670,415
Financial assets (Note 8)	733,436	20,177,590	20,911,026
Debtors (Note 9)	-	742,209	742,209
Cash at bank and in hand	727,523	980,369	1,707,892
Creditors (Amounts falling due within one financial year (Note 10))	(2,007)	(1,092,765)	(1,094,772)
Revaluation Reserve	-	(164,102)	(164,102)
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	<b>1,458,952</b>	<b>28,313,716</b>	<b>29,772,668</b>
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In respect of prior financial year:			
	<b>Restricted €</b>	<b>General purpose €</b>	<b>Total €</b>
Tangible fixed assets (Note 7)	-	7,788,135	7,788,135
Financial assets (Note 8)	808,538	19,519,240	20,327,778
Debtors (Note 9)	10,000	795,552	805,552
Cash at bank and in hand	349,855	661,920	1,011,775
Creditors (Amounts falling due within one financial year (Note 10))	(2,151)	(1,311,688)	(1,313,839)
Revaluation Reserve	-	(164,102)	(164,102)
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	<b>1,166,242</b>	<b>27,289,057</b>	<b>28,455,299</b>
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**Restricted Funds**

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund €773,776 (2018: €859,859)**

This fund is used to support the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Stipends Fund €439,738 (2018: €30,353)**

The fund relates to monies provided from donations and bequests to be used exclusively for Mass Stipends. The Diocese administers the stipends to priests that celebrate the Masses.

**Bequest for Studies for the Priesthood €245,438 (2018: €276,030)**

These funds relate to a specific bequest to be used for studies for the priesthood.

**General Purpose Funds**

*Incomes Pool*

An amount of €342,387 included in "Financial Assets" as part of General Purpose Funds are held on behalf of the priests of the Diocese. A corresponding amount is included in "Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)".

*Parish Funds*

An amount of €568,194 included in "Financial Assets" as part of General Purpose Funds are held on behalf of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick Parishes. A corresponding amount is included in "Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)".

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**12. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - Continued**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>01/01/2019</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>31/12/2019</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>				
Lourdes Pilgrimage	859,859	238,008	(324,091)	<b>773,776</b>
Mass Stipends	30,353	561,440	(152,055)	<b>439,738</b>
Bequests for student priests education	276,030	27	(30,619)	<b>245,438</b>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,166,242</b>	<b>799,475</b>	<b>(506,765)</b>	<b>1,458,952</b>
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**13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

At financial year end, the charity was due €Nil (2018: €Nil) from the Diocese of Limerick Clergy Benevolent Fund and owed €Nil (2018: €Nil) to the Diocese of Limerick Clergy Benevolent Fund. During the financial year, the Curia of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick made a donation of €50,000 (2018: €Nil) to the Diocese of Limerick Clergy Benevolent Fund.

During the financial year, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick Parishes registered as a charity. Transactions during the current financial year with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick Parishes are as per note 3. Balances as at financial year end are as per notes 9 and 10. Also included within debtors (note 9) is €19,465 (2018: €43,078) due from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Limerick Parishes in respect of diocesan needs.

**14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In early 2020, the existence of a new coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, was confirmed. The potential impact of COVID-19 on the Charity is monitored by the trustees on an ongoing basis and the trustees recognise the challenges presented by COVID-19. It is anticipated that income in the financial year ended 31 December 2020 will be impacted as collection of full annual parish levies will not be possible while all expenses have been reviewed in order to control overheads. The Charity has also availed of the Government Wage Subsidy Scheme. All staff are working from home during the crisis, maintaining full service to all stakeholders. The Charity is currently implementing on line platforms to facilitate non cash donations and collections. The trustees note the impact of COVID-19 on global financial markets and the fair value of the Charity's financial assets are monitored by the trustees on an ongoing basis.

There have been no other significant events affecting the Charity since the financial period end.

**15. COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS**

Some prior financial year comparatives have been restated on a basis consistent with the current financial year.