Charity Registration CIO No. 1168379

DOMINICAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS CIO

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2025

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The Trustees herewith present their Report and the Financial Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Policies set out in note 1 of the accounts and comply with the Charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2011, and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK & Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

1. NAME, ESTABLISHMENT AND MAIN OBJECTIVE OF CHARITY

1.1 Name: The Congregation of the **Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** is an International Roman Catholic Religious Congregation. By 31st December 2025 the total number of sisters was 264 worldwide. The Congregation was founded in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) in 1891, where its motherhouse is. The General Administration has been in the UK since February 2006 and is based at 4 Gossops Green Lane, Gossops Green, Crawley, West Sussex, RH11 8BJ.

1.2 Establishment of Charity

History of the Charity

The Congregation was registered as a Charity, No. 231237, on 27th January1964 as "The Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" - correspondent details: The Prioress General, The Generalate, P.O. Box CY 1573, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe. This Charity was established by a Charitable Trust Deed on 31st July 2005. The previous Charity merged with its Generalate (Congregational Headquarters) to form a new Charity in 2006. The result was a slight change in name and a different registration number, 1114375. In July 2016, the Charity was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and acquired a new name **Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and acquired a new number 1168379.**

- **Areas of Benefit:** National and Foreign to include Colombia, England, Germany, Kenya, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

1.3 Objectives of Charity

The objective of the CIO is the advancement of the Roman Catholic Religion through the religious and other charitable work of the Congregation as the trustees, with the approval of the Prioress General, shall from time to time think fit, including but not limited to;

a) The education and instruction of children, youth, and adults in accordance with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic faith and the carrying out of such work amongst the population of the people we serve.
b) The relief of poverty and the advancement of education and health throughout the world.
c) Promoting and defending the dignity of vulnerable people, especially women and children.
d) Promoting and defending - Care of the Earth and the Integrity of Creation

2. CHARITABLE PURPOSE AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

2.1 The primary objective of the Charity is the upholding of the Roman Catholic Religion and meeting the needs of the people in our time as manifested in the Southeast London and West Sussex areas in the UK, but also to help others in the areas listed above, wherever possible and as far as our resources allow.

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The underlying value is the belief in the uniqueness of each person and the holistic development of their potential at every level. Wherever possible the Charity collaborates with other Christian bodies. Facilities like the chapel, the meeting rooms and the convent grounds are available to the public.

2.2 The Mission Statement: The Mission statement is OUR VISION which we update in every General Chapter to make it brief and sharper, to guide and inspire the charitable activities which extend beyond the UK, to three continents of Europe, Africa, and South America.

The Congregation's VISION for 2021-2027:

We are Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
We contemplate God's Word and honour His presence
in one another and in all creation
United in our diversity,
we respond to emerging needs and safeguard the dignity of all,
especially the vulnerable and marginalised.
We are accountable and transparent
in managing financial and natural resources
and collaborate with others wherever we are missioned.

2.3 Public Benefit

The Charity's trustees have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. They have considered how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

3. GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

3.1 Governance of this International Missionary Congregation

In terms of Canon Law, the Congregation is governed at an international level by the Prioress General and her General Council. They monitor all legal acts and transactions and coordinate all Congregational activities according to their Constitutions and Directory and in line with the Charity Laws of England and Wales.

The Dominican Missionary Congregation ministers in six different countries: Colombia, England, Germany, Kenya, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

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NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS HOUSES AND NUMBERS OF MEMBERS ACCORDING TO COUNTRY AS ON 31.12.25

COUNTRY	HOUSES	NOVICES	PROFESSED TEMPORARY	PROFESSED PERPETUALLY	TOTAL
COLOMBIA	1	0	0	4	**4**
ENGLAND	2	0	0	8	**8**
KENYA	5	6	10	12	**28**
GERMANY	2	0	7	52	**59**
ZAMBIA	10	4	19	60	**83**
ZIMBABWE	14	5	11	66	**82**
TOTAL	**34**	**15**	**47**	**202**	**264**

All the Countries were visited physically. The Trustees held Combined Council Meetings with the leadership of the Regions and Delegations. Workshops and meetings were held on various aspects including formation, financial management, peace & justice and integrity of creation, safeguarding, education, health, leadership, handover to the incoming formators in the novitiate and assignations. The Trustees have continued studying materials on how a charity functions. They have also attended several workshops organised by investors to familiarise themselves with the duties and responsibilities of trustees as well as the trends in the financial world.

3.2 Governance of Charity and Trustees

In terms of Civil Law, the Charity is governed by a constitution dated 22 July 2016 and is a registered Charity - Charitable Incorporated Organisation Registration No. 1168379. The Trustees of the Charity are five members of the General Council (by virtue of their election as General Councillors) and the Bursar General (by appointment by the Prioress General with the consent of her Council). The Trustees also meet with the Congregation's legal and accounting advisers to obtain a full briefing of their responsibilities and the Charity's position.

3.3 Structure and Management Reporting

The Trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities, and assets of the Charity. In fulfilment of their responsibilities, the Trustees had two meetings with the advisory committee and the Charity's auditors. The Trustees also attended the Catholic Charity Conference, the Association of Provincial Bursars' Annual Conference and other meetings organized by Buzzacott, Stone King, Hays Macintyre and BlackRock, in presence and online.

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The Trustees considered risks to the mission, to the health and safety of the Sisters and the assets of the Charity, and they continued taking steps to mitigate these and other risks. The membership of the English Delegation of the Congregation at the end of the year comprised 8 Perpetually professed members. The 8 members were distributed in two communities or houses of 2 and 6 respectively. Sacred Heart Priory Community is located at 38 Hyde Vale, Greenwich, London; while the Generalate Community is situated at 4 Gossops Green Lane, Crawley. The communities are situated in areas where it is believed that the Sisters' presence provides spiritual, emotional, moral and psychological support. The local superior in Greenwich is responsible for both the needs and the care of the Sisters in her community, and she liaises regularly with the Trustees.

The community at Gossops Green consist of members who are the Charity's Trustees. The five members who form the General Council and automatically become trustees were installed into office on 23rd August 2021.

4. OVERALL MISSION

4.1 Outreach in different countries

The Charity aims at supporting the religious and other charitable works carried on by the members of the Congregation and caring for its members throughout their lives, through annual visits and personal dialogue. The ministries of the Sisters of the Congregation, all of which benefit numerous members of the general public, fall into the following main areas:

- Formation (initial and ongoing)
- Education
- Provision of Health Care
- Social and Pastoral Work
- Media
- Justice and Peace, and Integrity of the Earth

The above take place mainly in Overseas Missionary Work, where most of the members of the Congregation live and work. Social and pastoral work, as well as activities of Formation, are also taking place in England.

4.2 Safeguarding:

The Trustees recognise the absolute necessity of ensuring the protection and safety of all those whom the Charity serves whether in Great Britain or overseas. Consequently, all Sisters engaged in any form of ministry in **Great Britain** have obtained clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service **(DBS)**. Equivalent safeguarding policies are applied overseas and all recipients of donations or other funding from the charity are required to confirm that they comply with the safeguarding measures applied by the charity. The Trustees remain fully committed to implementing and upholding all **safeguarding policies and procedures** with diligence and confidence.

4.3 Organisations the Sisters have worked with, and the Charity has cooperated with during the year are:

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4.3.1 The Charity also collaborates with other organisations, such as the Society of St Vincent de Paul **(SVP)** and CAFOD, as well as with public bodies in the areas of spiritual, social, psychological, and pastoral care. Spiritual and pastoral care are offered on an informal basis within the parishes, the neighbourhood, and beyond.

4.3.2 The Roman Catholic Dioceses of Southwark and Arundel & Brighton:

The Dominican Missionary Sisters have continued to collaborate in the life and Mission of the Dioceses of Arundel and Brighton and Southwark. The following has happened in 2025:

The Sisters remained actively engaged in the life and mission of the Dioceses they serve. They participated consistently in both online and in-person seminars and workshops organized by the Dioceses, such as:



a. The Ecumenical Day of prayer.
b. Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers' Day of Recollection, Readers' Day of Prayer, and preparation sessions for the sacraments.
c. The convent doors were kept open to individuals and small lay groups, welcoming them for prayer in the chapels, meetings in the sitting rooms, and gatherings in the convent grounds for prayer and recollection days.
d. Visitors have felt comfortable using the grotto in Gossops Green at any time for private prayer, fostering a welcoming space for personal devotion

4.3.3 The Crawley Parish (St Anthony and St Francis)



a. The Sisters were part of the parish's Cultural Day planning committee, an event held once every year. The event took place on 30th June 2025, and all the Sisters were present. During the event, they remained actively involved and participated in different organising groups.

b. Individuals brought their prayer intentions for the sisters to pray for them.

c. On 8th June 2025, the Sisters invited members of the local community for a cup of tea in the convent grounds. It was a joyful occasion of reunion and fellowship, providing an opportunity for people to meet, share, and get to know one another better.



d. The Sisters served as Eucharistic Ministers at the bringing of Holy Communion weekly to the elderly, the sick, and the housebound which was highly

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appreciated. They also assisted the priest in distributing Holy Communion during Mass.





e. The Sisters prayed for parishioners, their families, and the world at large, especially during Sunday Adoration and Prayers. As such our liturgies remained very meaningful, particularly as we prayed for the end of wars in conflict-stricken countries, for the poor, and for the whole Church.

f. Christians visit the grotto at any time of their choosing to pray, whether to offer personal prayers or to pray the Rosary.

g. The Sisters actively participate in the parish choir and also supervise the 'Angels' Choir' for the children.

4.4 The Sisters have continued to:

a. Apart from their involvement in the parish, the Sisters meet monthly with the Fraternal Group of Lay Dominicans.
b. The Sisters also listen to parishioners who occasionally phone or come to the convent seeking a listening ear or asking for prayers. The Sisters always make themselves available for this service.
c. After Mass at the parish, the Sisters give time to those who wish to speak with them and be listened to.



The presence of the Dominican Sisters in the parish is highly appreciated, especially for the services they render to the parish community.

4.5 Interdenominational/Interfaith

a. The Sisters attended and took part in the World Day of Prayer **for women**, where they shared responsibilities with Christians from other denominations in preparing and leading a meaningful time of prayer.

b. The Sisters also attended the Dominican workshop in Leeds and later shared the fruits and insights of the workshop with the wider community.

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4.6 England and Wales:

a. The Sisters attended meetings of the Conference of Religious, both online and in person.

b. Collaboration with the Dominican Family was further strengthened. The Prioress General is actively involved in the Dominican Association of Britain and Ireland as part of the wider Dominican Family.

4.7 The World:

a. The Sisters are proactive in the activities of Dominican Sisters International **(DSI)** and International Union of Superiors General **(UISG),** helping to connect the Charity with issues of concern at the international level.

b. Whenever new information was received, the Prioress General shared it with the Congregation so that the sisters could remain informed about what is happening in other parts of the world.

c. Between July and August 2025, three Trustees visited the sisters in the Delegation of Kenya. The Sisters were very happy to receive news from other parts of the world, particularly from places where the Trustees had visited.



d. Three Trustees also visited the Zambia Region for the **Canonical General Visitation**. Each Sister had the opportunity to share with the Trustees, and the visit also provided a joyful occasion to celebrate the **Perpetual Profession of Vows** of some sisters.

e. During the year, some Trustees visited Germany, and Colombia for various activities, including Canonical Visitations.

f. The Prioress General attended meetings in South Africa, United States, and Germany, and subsequently shared the information and insights gained with the various Regions and Delegations.

5. ACTIVITIES, SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND RELEVANT POLICIES

5.1 Specific objectives

The Charity's objectives for 2025 were:

5.1.1 The Advancement of the Roman Catholic Religion:

Involvement in Parish activities remains one of our priorities.

5.1.2 The formation and training, maintenance, and support of the members of the Congregation:

a. Formation of the members remains one of the priorities. Therefore, Sisters preparing for perpetual profession in Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe were given the space needed and time for discernment. Well-planned sessions were held. The General Councillors were all involved in the process of giving input.

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b. Ongoing Formation for Leadership is a priority of the charity. The leadership in the various Regions and Delegations availed themselves to online and in person training.

5.1.3 The education of the youth and the instruction of children in accordance with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Faith, the carrying out of such work amongst the population of people we serve.

a. The Trustees visited the Delegations/Regions of England, Kenya, Germany, and Zimbabwe to monitor, mentor and encourage and support the Sisters in their apostolates.

b. Earmarked donations were ministered accordingly. Unrestricted funds were utilised in areas of great need i.e. in formation, education, health, social ministries, and the care of the earth and integrity of creation.

5.1.4 The Relief of Poverty and Advancement of Education and Health throughout the World.

The photographs below illustrate this work.













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6. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

6.1 **Policies:** To continuously study, evaluate, update the policies i.e. Governance and Management, Operational Risks, Reputational Risks, Laws, Regulations and Environmental Risks.

6.2 **Website:** The website continues to be a platform for anyone desiring to access information on the Congregation. The Regions and Delegations uploaded the information and activities of interest like final vows, jubilees and many others.

6.3 **Financial Advisory Committee Meeting:** The Trustees held two meetings.

6.4 **Virtual Meetings:** The Trustees utilised technology and held various meetings on spiritual life and general affairs of the Congregation.

General Visitations: The Congregational Leadership conducted the Canonical Visitation in Zambia and England.

MORE ACTIVITIES IN PICTURES

Colombia: *pilgrimage'* to the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá together with the youth.





Canonical General Visitation

Harvest Sunday









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Internation Women's Day of Prayer



Music Marimba Club



Conservation Club



Grateful to God for the gift of life







Students' Career Day



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7. FINANCIAL REVIEW:

Total income for the year amounted to £182,266, comprising £162,968 of unrestricted income and £19,298 of restricted income. Expenditures totalled £263,724, of which £258,894 related directly to charitable activities and £4,830 to governance costs.

The year-end reserves stood at £4,187,843, including £38,059 of unrestricted funds and £845 of restricted funds. At year-end, the charity's unrestricted reserves represent approximately 1.7 months of operating expenditure. This is below the charity's target of maintaining 6-12 months of free reserves. However, the trustees also hold £4,148,939 in designated funds, representing freehold property and other assets which have been set aside to support the long-term sustainability of the charity. Although designated funds are not part of free reserves, they remain under trustees' control and the non-property funds can be utilised if required. The existence of these designated funds provides a financial buffer and mitigates the risks associated with lower than target unrestricted reserves.

8. Independent Examination:

In consultation with Affinia (Crawley), an independent examination of the accounts was conducted since the Charity's income was not above the threshold of £250,000.00 for the year ended 31st December 2025.

In reviewing the 2025 Accounts, the following were highlighted:

a. Going Concern: The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees consider their Reserves to be sufficient to cover all expenses and enable the sisters and Trustees to carry on delivering the objects of the Charity for the next 12 months.

b. The Accounts are in good order, and an independent examination of the accounts was conducted because the income was not above the audit threshold.

c. The Report is thorough, covers all aspects of the Charity, and is depicted in pictures.

d. The Trustees are not reliant on selling the investments for cash flow in the short term since they still receive steady dividends quarterly.

e. The level of the reserves has been maintained throughout the year, and this ensures the Charity's activities continue while consideration is given to ways in which the additional funds may be raised.

f. Systems are in place to mitigate exposure to Major Risks.

9. Finance Administration and Management:

9.1 Responsibility of the Bursar General:

The Bursar General is responsible for the administration of all financial affairs and material assets, the immovable property, and the General Fund of the Congregation, under the laws of the Church, State, and Congregation. The Bursar General acts under the direction of, and in close cooperation with, the Prioress General and is accountable to her (Can 636)

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9.2 **Advisory Finance Committee Meetings:** Two meetings took place during the year under review.

9.3 **The financial reserves:** The reserves are to serve the Charity's present and future needs relating to the education of the younger members and the care for the elderly and sick members. The Charity's principal asset comprises listed investments, the value of which is dependent on movements in the UK and world stock markets. The investments have been managed by BlackRock who adhered to a policy incorporating ethical considerations agreed upon by the Trustees. The Trustees have formal meetings with BlackRock. In 2025, The Trustees had two meetings with BlackRock in presence and online.

9.4 **Budget:** The Budget for the Charity is approved annually by the General Council. The report with the investment managers, and the manager's performance and that of the portfolio were monitored. The investment strategy is assessed by the Advisory Committee to ensure it remains appropriate to Charity's needs - both now and in the future.

9.5 **A Gift Aid Schedule for donations:** There were no donations received that would have warranted a gift aid claim.

10. PLANS FOR 2026

10.1 **Policies:** The Trustees study, update and continue the process of implementing all the policies.

10.2 **Congregational Website:** To continue updating the Website with new materials and keeping it up to date.

10.3 **Congregational Workshops:** The Trustees, to continue nurturing, promoting, supporting, and encouraging Dominican stewardship, the Congregation will hold workshops for sisters in education on "*Celebrating the Dominican Legacy: Shaping Education for the 21st Century"* and a safeguarding workshop for Sisters in the different fields of work.

10.4 **Combined Councils Meetings (CCM):** The Congregational Leadership to hold CCM with individual Regional/Delegational Leadership to discuss the life and mission of the Region/Delegation. Also, to mentor and encourage the sisters in their leadership roles.

10.5 **Canonical General Visitations:** The Congregational Leadership to conduct the Canonical Visitation in Germany, Kenya and Zimbabwe.

10.6 **Celebrating membership and other milestones in Sisters' lives:**

a. Perpetual Profession in Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
b. First Profession in Zambia
c. Jubilee of Religious Profession in Germany, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

11. Impact of the wars between Russia & Ukraine, Israel & Palestine, other Regional conflicts in the Middle East and other waring parts of the world, on the Charity:
The ongoing wars have impacted negatively on the world economy. The high inflation

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rate affected the Charity negatively. The charity's investment were impacted by movements in world stock markets.

12. **CONCLUSION**

The Trustees wish to record their recognition of the commitment of the individual members of the Congregation. Their dedication, professionalism, selfless service, and positive approach to the advancement of the Congregation's Mission Statement.

Looking back on 2025, the Trustees are grateful to the Finance Advisory Committee Members for their commitment and diligence in assisting the Trustees in their role. Gratitude is extended to the benefactors, and collaborators whose generosity assisted the Congregation in fulfilling its mission's objectives. The Trustees look forward to future collaboration.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

M.M.Musonda

Sr. Margret Musawa Musonda OP

Chairperson of the Trustee

Approved by the Trustees on: 09-10-2026

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity 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 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.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the constitution. 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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOMINICAN MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the relevant version of the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn. I understand that this has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:						
Donations	**3**	111,951	-	19,298	131,249	293,981
Other trading activities	**4**	120	-	-	120	1,614
Investments	**5**	50,897	-	-	50,897	44,235
Total income		162,968	-	19,298	182,266	339,830
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	**6**	175,363	69,908	18,453	263,724	399,660
Total charitable expenditure		175,363	69,908	18,453	263,724	399,660
Net income / (expenditure) before investments gains		(12,395)	(69,908)	845	(81,458)	(59,830)
Net gains on investments	**10**	-	116,510	-	116,510	89,461
Net income / (expenditure) before transfers		(12,395)	46,602	845	35,052	29,631
Gross transfers between funds		(3,756)	3,756	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(16,151)	50,358	845	35,052	29,631
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		54,210	4,098,581	-	4,152,791	4,123,160
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		38,059	4,148,939	845	4,187,843	4,152,791

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Prior financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations	**3**	181,652	-	112,329	293,981
Other trading activities	**4**	1,614	-	-	1,614
Investments	**5**	44,235	-	-	44,235
Total income		227,501	-	112,329	339,830
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	**6**	216,592	70,679	112,389	399,660
Total charitable expenditure		216,592	70,679	112,389	399,660
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains		10,909	(70,679)	(60)	(59,830)
Net gains on investments	**10**	-	89,461	-	89,461
Net (expenditure)/income before transfers		10,909	18,782	(60)	29,631
Gross transfers between funds		(6,126)	6,186	(60)	-
Net movement in funds		4,783	24,968	(120)	29,631
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		49,427	4,073,613	120	4,123,160
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		54,210	4,098,581	-	4,152,791

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		2,610,161		2,676,313
Investments	13		1,538,778		1,422,268
			4,148,939		4,098,581
Current assets					
Debtors	15	15,663		23,604	
Cash at bank and in hand		27,019		41,959	
		42,682		65,563	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(3,778)		(11,353)	
Net current assets			38,904		54,210
Total assets less current liabilities			4,187,843		4,152,791
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	17		845		-
Unrestricted funds - general			38,059		54,210
Unrestricted funds - Designated	18		4,148,939		4,098,581
			4,187,843		4,152,791

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 09-10-2026

M.M. Musonda

Sr. Margret Musawa Musonda OP

Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information
Dominican Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Accounting convention
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". 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 applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 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 investments which are included at market value, and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees consider the reserves to be sufficient to cover all expenses and enable the members and Trustees to carry on delivering the objects of the Charity.

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

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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.

Income
Donations and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Trading income relates to income from the charity shop and hospitality and is accounted for on a received basis.

Sister's pension income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which it relates.

Income from investments is included in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is receivable.

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1 Accounting policies

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.

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable activities relate to the cost of serving the community and that of carrying out the charity's international aid work. These expenses have been allocated directly to functional headings as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Charitable activities
Costs of charitable activities are incurred on the Charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Support costs now include governance costs which are costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include independent examination fees, accountancy fees, legal and professional fees and bank charges.

Allocation of support costs
The main activity of the charity is to provide religious services to the community, so all costs related to this are classed as direct charitable costs and all other costs are allocated as support costs.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

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.

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.

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1 Accounting policies

Financial instruments
The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Basic financial assets
Debtors
Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Cash at bank and in hand
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Basic financial liabilities
Creditors
Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

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

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for the use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on the expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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.

Critical judgements

Depreciation
The trustees have made assumptions and estimated depreciation rates in the respect of showing a true and fair view of the assets at the balance sheet date.

Investments
Valuation of investments at market value, based on calculation by the investment fund manager. The investments comprise unit funds, the underlying investments of which are all shares listed on a recognised stock exchange and have an easily identifiable market value.

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3 Donations

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	131,249	293,981
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	111,951	181,652
Restricted funds	19,298	112,329
	131,249	293,981

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024
	£	£
Other income	120	1,614

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025	Unrestricted funds 2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	50,897	44,235

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2025	Charitable activities 2024
	£	£
Direct costs		
Depreciation and impairment	69,908	70,679
Donation giving	20,533	113,299
Sisters' living and administrative expenses	168,453	203,042
	258,894	387,020
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Governance	4,830	12,640
	263,724	399,660
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	175,363	216,592
Unrestricted funds - Designated	69,908	70,679
Restricted funds	18,453	112,389
	263,724	399,660

7 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Governance costs	4,830	12,640
Analysed between:		
Charitable activities	4,830	12,640

8 Net movement in funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	-	8,400
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	3,150	-
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	69,908	70,679

9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year or were reimbursed any expenses during the year (2024: none).

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The trustees are however also members of the community. Members of the community are maintained by the charity and premises, meals and other living expenses are paid by the charity.

10 Net gains on investments

	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £
Revaluation of investments	116,510	89,461

11 Taxation

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

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Computers equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 January 2025	3,945,784	285,077	22,132	28,558	4,281,551
Additions	-	578	3,178	-	3,756
At 31 December 2025	3,945,784	285,655	25,310	28,558	4,285,307
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 January 2025	1,284,903	270,984	21,363	27,988	1,605,238
Depreciation charged in the year	64,796	3,668	1,302	142	69,908
At 31 December 2025	1,349,699	274,652	22,665	28,130	1,675,146
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2025	2,596,085	11,003	2,645	428	2,610,161
At 31 December 2024	2,660,881	14,093	769	570	2,676,313

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13 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2025	1,422,268
Revaluation	116,510
At 31 December 2025	1,538,778
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2025	1,538,778
At 31 December 2024	1,422,268

The charity holds a single investment, BLK Catholic Charities Growth & Income A Inc which represents 100% of the investment portfolio at the year end. The investment is carried at fair value based on valuations provided by the fund manager. The historical cost of the assets held as at 31 December 2025 was £867,002 (2024: £867,002).

14 Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value	1,538,778	1,422,268

15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Accrued dividend income	12,669	10,922
Prepayments	2,994	12,681
	15,663	23,603

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Expense creditors	630	1,038
Accruals and deferred income	3,148	10,315
	3,778	11,353

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17 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Overseas Ministry Fund	-	19,298	(18,453)	-	845

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Overseas Ministry Fund	120	112,329	(112,389)	(60)	-

The Overseas Ministry Fund represents amounts earmarked for overseas mission toward Emerald Hill School for the Deaf, Emerald Hill Children's Home and Sr Rita-Maria's projects for the poor people in Zimbabwe and Kenya.

18 Unrestricted funds - Designated

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	At 1 January 2025	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Maintenance Fund	1,422,268	-	-	116,510	1,538,778
Tangible fixed assets	2,676,313	(69,908)	3,756	-	2,610,161
	4,098,581	(69,908)	3,756	116,510	4,148,939

Previous year:	At 1 January 2024	Resources expended	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Maintenance Fund	1,332,807	-	-	89,461	1,422,268
Tangible fixed assets	2,740,806	(70,679)	6,186	-	2,676,313
	4,073,613	(70,679)	6,186	89,461	4,098,581

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18 Unrestricted funds - Designated **(Continued)**

The Maintenance Fund was set up to help maintain the sisters in their old age and retirement. Included within the maintenance fund are unrealised gains on investments of £555,266 (2024: £465,805).

The Tangible fixed assets Fund represents the net book value of the charity's tangible fixed assets which are not liquid funds and hence do not constitute free reserves.

19 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2025 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	-	2,610,161	-	2,610,161
Investments	-	1,538,778	-	1,538,778
Current assets/(liabilities)	38,059	-	845	38,904
	38,059	4,148,939	845	4,187,843

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	-	2,676,313	-	2,676,313
Investments	-	1,422,268	-	1,422,268
Current assets/(liabilities)	54,210	-	-	54,210
	54,210	4,098,581	-	4,152,791

Included within the designated funds is £116,510 (2024: £89,461) relating to revaluation gains on the Investment portfolio held.

20 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025 (31 December 2024 - none).

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