

## Derry Comitium

### Independent examiner's report to the charity members of Derry Comitium

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

#### Respective responsibilities of charity members and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

#### Basis of Independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act.

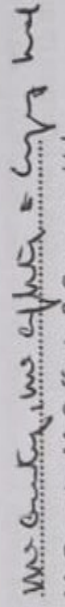
Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from you as charity members concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters 1 - 4 listed above and, in connection with the following Directions of the Charity Commission Northern Ireland; we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

  
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### Members report

The Management Committee present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

### Objectives and activities

The active works undertaken by legionaries include the following: apostolate in the parish, home visitation, promotion of enthronement of the Sacred Heart in homes, making the parish census, hospital visitation including visits to psychiatric institutions, work for the most wretched & dejected of the population, works for the young, promoting prayer, retreats, promoting the celebration of the sacraments including the Eucharist, promoting adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Management Committee

The members of the charity for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the members.

The members serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Gerard Gallagher  
Margaret Mullian  
Theresa Mc Ginley  
Thomas MC Dermott

### Public benefits

The direct benefit which flows from this purpose is to promote the glory of God through the holiness of its members, developed by prayer & active co-operation, acting under ecclesiastical guidance, in Mary's and the Church's work of overcoming evil & advancing the reign of Christ. These benefits are evidenced through increased numbers of volunteers & volunteering opportunities, feedback form volunteers & committee involved in events and training and regular evaluation of all work carried out. There is no harm following from this purpose. The beneficiaries are residents within Northern Ireland (Primary Schools, Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, Homes for the elderly & the general public). A private/personal benefit may arise to committee members who may from time to time avail of training programmes in matters such governance, but this is necessary for professional standards to be maintained to carry out the work of the Legion of Mary and ensure the benefit is provided to our beneficiaries.

### Risk Management

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

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Members report

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**Financial review**

The financial performance is summarised in the enclosed accounts.

**Members Responsibilities In Relation To The Financial Statements**

The members are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the members to prepare the financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The members are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the necessary legislation. The members 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.

By Order of the Management Committee:

Member S. Ward

Date: 20/3/24

Member Tha M. J. J. J.

20/3/24