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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS For the financial year ended on 31 August 2012



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Registered Charity N. 1047443 - Company No. 2965770

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31-08-2012

Reference and Administrative Details

Company name

Redemptoris Mater House of Formation

Company reg number

2965770

Registered office

11 Harewood Avenue, London NW1 6LD

Registered Charity No

1047443

Date of registration

22-06-1995

Object

To promote religion in accordance with the Roman Catholic faith and in particular to form young men and adults to the presbyterate for the new evangelisation and for that purpose to establish a

House of Formation (Memorandum of Association, §32)

Company secretary

Jean Martin

Directors of the Company

(= Members of Administrative Council)

Michael James Anderson Anthony Matthew Cook Francesco Donega

John Green

Terence Fergal Martin Peter John Wallach

Chief Executive Officer (Rector) Francesco Donega

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC Baker Street Branch

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Reporting accountant

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Bristol BS5 6XF

Solicitors

Carter Lemon Camerons 10 Aldersgate Street London EC1A 4HJ

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital Governing document memorandum and articles of association incorporated on 7th September 1994 (as amended by special resolution on 19th June 1995)

The members of the Pastoral Council (= Members of the charitable company) are appointed by the Archbishop of Westminster

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The members of the Pastoral Council give the general guidelines for the company activities, appoint the directors and other company officials and staff, adopt the accounts and represent the Redemptoris Mater House of Formation before the Archbishop of Westminster

The company is run by an Administrative Council, whose members are the directors of the company, who are also its trustees. The Administrative Council is chaired by the rector

The Rector of the House of Formation is the chief executive of the company. He is appointed by the Archbishop of Westminster and is ex officio member and chairman of both Administrative and Pastoral Council

All members of the Administrative Council (= the directors of the company) are appointed by the Pastoral Council, i.e. by the members of the company. No person other than a resigning member of the Administrative Council is eligible for election unless their nomination is made by a member of the Pastoral Council. Any member of the Pastoral Council is entitled to submit nominations (Cf. Articles of Association, §24)

Directors are chosen for their expertise in administration, legal matters and/or for their direct experience of working in the charity field. An induction process is carried out by other directors on a one-to-one basis, with the support of material provided by the Charity Commission.

Day to day administration is delegated to the Rector, who takes relevant advice from Council members and other professionals before making important decisions

Objectives and Activities

The main object of the charity is to promote religion in accordance with the Roman Catholic faith, in particular by forming young men as priests for the new evangelisation of Europe and the whole world (Cf Memorandum of Association, §3²)

For that purpose the company is renting a property known as St Edward's Convent, located at 11 Harewood Avenue, London NW1 6LD. The building houses the registered office of the charity and a House of Formation where the seminarians and some members of staff are in residence. The House is run under the direct supervision and responsibility of the Rector.

The seminarians in residence attend courses of General English, Philosophy and Theology in preparation for the priesthood. The House of Formation provides them with food and lodging, meets their expenses (studies, clothing, health care, travelling in London and abroad, etc.) and offers them a training programme which includes studies, pastoral activities and spiritual formation.

Seminarians training at Redemptoris Mater are introduced to the universal dimension of the Church mission. They prepare to serve not only in the United Kingdom but anywhere in the world. Alongside with receiving intellectual and spiritual formation, they are helped to be actively involved in serving the people to whom they will be ministering after ordination. After a few years in formation the seminarians dedicate two or more years to itinerancy, a period of full time missionary service in any country of the world where their services are needed, as part of a small team made up of some lay missionaries – single men and women or couples with their children – and a priest. The main activity carried out is adult catechesis, within a programme of human and Christian formation which includes assistance and support to families and young people.

The same activities are undertaken by the staff of the House of Formation and by the students residing in London spiritual and human assistance to families, ministry in hospitals and assisting young people, both in schools and in parish-based groups and initiatives

Redemptoris Mater also welcomes priests returning from their missionary posts or preparing to go on a missionary post together with one of the students, offering them support, opportunity for

quiet periods in a prayerful environment, access to information and material related to their missionary work

Many activities of the House of Formation are carried out by volunteers. In the year 2011-2012 there have been 5 volunteers residing full time in the House, while another 6 have served part-time. They have been teaching auxiliary courses, offering learning support for foreign students, assisted in the library, and provided cleaning, cooking, administration and most maintenance works at St Edward's Convent. Their invaluable contribution not only drastically reduces the costs of running the house, but above all gives to the place a homely atmosphere which is felt and appreciated by seminarians and guests.

Achievements and performance

In the year 2011-2012 sixteen seminarians from a number of countries in Europe and America have been training at the House of Formation Nine of them have been residing full-board in St Edward's Convent, two were placed in two London parishes (Stonebridge and White City) in preparation for their ordination as Deacons, while five others were on missionary placements abroad and returned to the house only for stages in their formation, assessment and periods of rest

The seminarians continued their academic preparation with good results. Two of them successfully completed the full course of studies obtaining the Bachelor of Divinity at Heythrop College (London University) and also the Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology awarded by the Pontifical University of Leuven, Belgium

An essential and fruitful element in the seminarians' formation is their missionary activity when on placements abroad. One seminarian began his mission supporting Christian communities throughout Madagascar as part of a team made up of local catechists. A second one worked in Israel, assisting in the local Palestinian parishes and working on a project aimed at fostering the dialogue and mutual knowledge between Christian pilgrims and Jews. A third was placed in Estonia, preparing the ground for establishing a community made up of missionary families near Tallinn. Another two seminarians were attached to itinerant teams assisting families and Christian communities in Ireland and in the UK respectively.

The seminarians who have been continuing their studies in London have been involved in pastoral activities on a weekly basis. One of them has been working among Travellers in North-East London, others undertook youth ministry in various London parishes while others were initiated into the pastoral care of the sick and housebound.

In June 2012 Oscar Ardila and Fortunato Pantisano were ordained Deacons and have been appointed to serve at Westminster Cathedral and in Chiswick Catholic Parish respectively. Ivano Millico and Lorenzo Andreini were ordained priests on 7 July 2012 and are presently assistant priests in the parishes of Holy Rood (Watford) and Our Lady of Victories (Kensington).

Financial Review

The charity has adopted a policy on reserves, thereby designating a £5,000 fund to be used in the event of winding up, to meet legal and administrative expenses and settle payments to staff (if any no paid staff are presently employed)

Direct charitable expenditure refers to funds used exclusively for

- (a) covering the maintenance costs for the House (rent, electricity, gas, water, telephone, repairs, etc.),
- (b) paying for food, travel, studies and any other expenses necessary to provide the required training and ensure adequate living conditions for the beneficiaries,

- (c) paying travel expenses for the students involved in missionary work abroad,
- (d) providing food for the voluntary helpers (the rector, spiritual director and five others) who have been living full-time in the House for the sole purpose of running it in accordance with the charitable object of the Company,

In the previous year (2010-2011) the financial situation of the charity was affected by the negative trend in the economy, with a 24 5% fall in income from voluntary donations, and a resulting deficit of over £70,000 in August 2011 In 2011-2012 our regular donors responded with great sense of responsibility to our appeals, their generosity, together with the good results of a more systematic programme of fund-raising initiatives and a substantial legacy received in 2012, have produced a 35 95% increase in receipts from voluntary donations, which brought our income back to the levels prior to 2010 A careful monitoring of expenses, with the cancellation of less urgent projects, made it possible to cut back the total charity expenditure to levels prior to 2010, in spite of the increased unit price of various commodities and services. As a result, the 2011-2012 accounting year ended with a balance of £19,017 in credit. The positive trend appears to be continuing in the present financial year

None of the directors or members were remunerated Money spent for the charity management and fundraising amounted to £90

The funds made available to the charity during the year 2011-2012 came from unrestricted voluntary donations from individuals (including a legacy), while £1690 were given as a contribution by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

Plans for the future

The plan for the immediate future is to continue running the House for the academic year 2012-2013, and to make provision for the studies, pastoral activities and field-work training in the UK and abroad for the students attached to the House

Students and staff will continue to carry out pastoral activities and assistance in various London parishes, hospitals and schools

Students on missionary placements will be working in Israel, Madagascar and in various countries in Europe

Redemptoris Mater will continue to support its former students who have been ordained priests, offering services, advice and an appropriate environment for prayer and days of quiet

The House of Formation will also continue to offer hospitality to missionary priests and lay people who work with the students on itinerancy

The programme aimed at broadening and diversifying the fundraising activities will continue and be further developed. It will include the production of newsletters during the year, a legacy campaign, contacts with grant-making organisations and seeking to involve the seminarians' families more in the financial support of the House of Formation

Approved by the Directors of the Company on and signed on their behalf by

16 May 2013

Francesco Donega

(Rector)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Redemptoris Mater House of Formation Charitable Company

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2012 which are set out on pages 6 to 10

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility.

- to examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006,
 and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the
 accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods
 and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by
 Charities

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

David Griffiths F C A

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Date 16 May 2013

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended on 31 August 2012

	2012 £	2011 £
Income and Expenditure		
Incoming Resources		
Donations (unrestricted) (note 1a)	124,037	105,065
Legacies	18,876	-
Other income (note 7)	14,907	1,300
Bank interest received	86	102
Total Incoming Resources	157,906	106,467
Resources Expended		
Direct Charitable Expenditure	138,799	176,798
Fund raising	40	95
Charity management	50	104
Total Resources Expended	138,889	176,997
Net Movement of Funds	19,017	(70,530)
Balance brought forward	100.200	250,020
from 31 August 2011	189,390	259,920
Total carried forward at 31 August 2011	208,407	189,390
Reserves analysis		
Restricted Funds	-	-
Designated liquidation reserve (Note 6)	5,000	5,000
General Funds	203,407	184,390
Reserves at year end	208,407	189,390

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012

	2012			2011	
	£	£	£	£	
Fixed Assets (note 1c and 5)					
Initial cost of tangible Fixed Assets	23,439		24,250		
Accumulated Depreciation	(22,403)		(19,791)		
		1.027		4 450	
		1,036		4,459	
Current Assets					
Pre-payments (note2)	13,285		644		
Cash at Bank (unrestricted)	173,774		168,462		
(restricted)	-		-		
Cash in Hand (incl. prepaid cards)	899		643		
Credit Card Balance	(60)		(70)		
		187,898		169,679	
Recoverable Gift Aid (note3)		20,027		18,021	
Creditors		-		(83)	
Accrued Liabilities (note 4)		(554)		(2,686)	
Net total assets		208,407		189,390	

The accounts for the year ending 31 August 2012 were prepared in accordance with the following exemptions

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The company is exempt from the requirements relating to preparing audited accounts in accordance with section 477 of the Companies Act 2006

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

Approved by the Administrative Council on 16 May 2013 and signed on its behalf by

Michael Anderson Director

Francesco Donega Director

REDEMPTORIS MATER HOUSE OF FORMATION Registered Charity N. 1047443 - Company No. 2965770

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT For the year ended on 31 August 2012

		2012		2011
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations (UK)	117,780		99,075	
Legacies	18,876		,	
Donations (overseas)	6,257		5,990	
Other income (note 7)	14,907		1,300	
Bank Interest Received	86		102	
Total	157,906	157,906	106,467	106,467
Resources Expended				
Bank Charges	64		123	
Books/Newspapers	1,253		918	
Motor Expenses	10,778		10,750	
Household	2,839		4,446	
Office stationery and computer	529		1,029	
Taxes & Rates	621		757	
Food	13,352		13,947	
Education	5,851		7,004	
Services & Repairs	925		380	
Rent	50,004		50,004	
Electricity	3,732		4,477	
Gas	16,764		15,997	
Telephone & Internet	1,650		1,788	
Water (& Gen Rates)	3,666		3,745	
House refurbishments	-,		15,330	
Urban Travel	6,062		5,670	
Other Travel	10,256		23,853	
Seminarians Personal	2,579		2,412	
Medical	281		546	
Liturgical	988		2,291	
Pastoral	847		5,647	
Sundries & gifts	1002		390	
Depreciation	3,423		5,124	
Legal & Admin Charges, Visas	1,333		170	
Charity management	50		104	
Fund raising	40		95	
Total	138,889	157,906	176,997	106,467
Net (Loss) Income for the year		19,017		(70,530)

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended on 31 August 2012

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" revised in 2005 ("SORP") and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) under the historical cost convention, modified by the revaluation of investments

a) Donations

Donations received for the general purposes of the Charity are included as unrestricted funds. Donations for activities restricted by the wishes of the donor are taken as restricted funds. No restricted donations were given in the year covered by these accounts.

b) Resources expended

These are accounted for on an accrual basis

c) Depreciation

Depreciation of assets in the category "Household appliances" is calculated straight line over three years

Depreciation of assets in the category "Renovations" is calculated over 5 years from the date of completion of renovation works

2 Prepayments

Prepayments include September 2012 Council tax (£68) and make allowance for £13,217 excess utilities charges incurred by Redemptoris Mater between 1/9/09 and 31/8/12 due to building works carried out by the landlord in the property occupied by the Charity (the above amount includes the 10% of gas and electricity charges which the landlord refunds annually under normal circumstances). An agreement on the repayment and on the exact amount of the charges could only be reached after completion of the works, that is, after the end of the 2011-2012 accounting year. Since the amount refunded refers to charges which span over three accounting years, it has been entered in the 2012 accounts as "Other income" and, given that the charges were refunded by the landlord only in 2013, it has been accrued as pre-payment at 31/08/2012

3 Recoverable Gift Aid

Gift aid attracted by UK donation prior to 31 August 2012 and not yet claimed at the end of the accounting year

4 Accrued Estimated Liabilities

£ 554 estimated liabilities for outstanding utility bills

5 Assets

Assets include

- 1 "Household appliances" with initial value greater than £ 400 Depreciation is calculated straight line over 36 months
- "Renovations" ie capital expenditures for renovation works of St Edward's Convent, where the House of Formation is located The depreciation period of five years is calculated on the basis of the earliest possible termination date of the tenancy for St Edward's Convent (12 November 2013, in case a break clause is invoked) under the ten-year lease contract agreed with the Sisters of Mercy, owners of the building

6 Reserves

A £5,000 reserve has been designated to cover the costs in the event of the dissolution of the Charity

7 Other Income

Other income include

- 1 £1,690 contribution from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster, a registered charity
- II A £13,217 refund paid by the landlord for excess utilities charges incurred by Redemptoris Mater between 1/9/09 and 31/8/12 due to building works carried out by the landlord in the property occupied by the Charity (see note 2 above)