



Diocese of Cork & Ross

Summary of the Financial Report

for the year ended 31st December 2011

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The Diocese of Cork & Ross administers funds as part of its pastoral mission. The Funds which are provided by the faithful of the Diocese and elsewhere are in the trust of the Bishop of Cork and Ross. Annual Accounts are prepared by Declan O'Connell FCA, Financial Administrator. These accounts are independently audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Extracts from Audited Financial Statements

The following statement of financial activities and balance sheet has been extracted from the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2011 which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

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Comparative overview of the income and expenditure of diocesan funds for 2011 (Extracted from the audited financial statements)

Statement of Financial Activities				
Year ended 31 December 2011				
	Restricted Funds €000's	Unrestricted Funds €000's	Year Ended 31/12/2011 €000's	Year Ended 31/12/2010 €000's
Incoming Resources				
Church Collections, Donations & Bequests	691	201	892	1,386
Contributions from Parishes & other Dioceses	425	802	1,227	1,374
Contributions from Priests	101	-	101	111
Investment Income	144	108	252	168
Other Income	0	199	199	219
	1,361	1,310	2,671	3,258
Resources Expended				
Central Services	231	1,033	1,264	1,336
Assistance to Diocesan Activities and Beneficiaries of Funds	528	530	1,058	1,628
Payments to Sick & Retired Priests	702	0	702	681
Increase in other provisions	0	250	250	0
Provision for write down in value of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	68
	1,461	1,813	3,274	3,713
Surplus /(deficit) for year on ordinary activities	(100)	(503)	(603)	(455)
Realised & Unrealised (loss) / gain on Investments	(73)	22	(51)	252
Surplus/(deficit) for year	(173)	(481)	(654)	(203)

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Balance Sheet at 31st December 2011

(Extracted from the audited financial statements)

	31-Dec-11	31-Dec-10
	€000's	€000's
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets- Properties	8,941	9,299
Development Expenditure	1,856	1,095
Investments	6,620	6,766
Total Fixed Assets	<u>17,417</u>	<u>17,160</u>
Current Assets		
Bank Balances	1,152	1,138
Receivables & Prepayments	1,043	1,039
Payables & Provisions	(627)	(146)
Loans	(1,528)	(1,080)
Net Current Assets	<u>40</u>	<u>951</u>
Total Assets	<u>17,457</u>	<u>18,111</u>
Represented by:		
Fund Balances		
Restricted Funds:	6,247	6,420
Unrestricted Funds:	11,210	11,691
	<u>17,457</u>	<u>18,111</u>

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Other Financial Information

As in previous years, the Diocese has six groups of funds which are accounted for separately and reflect particular purposes for which they were established. The funds which are explained below have been classified between restricted and unrestricted.

Fund Headings

Specific Funds (restricted):

This is a group of separate accounts which serve specific charitable purposes, according to the intention of the donor or initiated by the Bishop for a specific reason. Each account is used for the purpose for which it is intended. Annual and once off special collections are part of this fund.

Mission Funds (restricted):

The Diocese of Cork & Ross took pastoral responsibility for missions in Trujillo, Peru in the 1960's and for parishes in Manta, Ecuador in 1993. Funds were set up by the Diocese to fund these missions. Income is received from mission boxes in the churches, donations, bequests and fundraising by individuals and groups, as well as bank interest. Ongoing financial support is provided to the parishes of Manta and Trujillo and the Mercy & Bon Secours Sisters in Peru.

Priests Funds (restricted):

The clergy of the Diocese contribute annually to a Benevolent Fund which provides a stipend for priests who are retired, ill or unable to derive a stipend otherwise. An annual parish levy, (presently 8% of ordinary income from collections) also contributes to the fund. The fund also pays nursing home costs for priests.

Priesthood Education Fund (restricted):

The annual collection for the education of seminarians is part of these funds. Donations and bequests for the education of priests are held in this fund. It also finances the cost of postgraduate study for priests of the Diocese.

Central Fund (unrestricted):

The central fund of the Diocese supports the centralised activities of the diocese, including providing personnel and running costs for the Cork & Ross Diocesan Office, Redemption Road (Bishops Office, Education Offices, Communications Office, Child Protection and Archives); The Cork & Ross Family Centre, 34 Paul Street; The Cork Regional Marriage Tribunal, The Lough; and the Office for Parish Pastoral Development. These funds are principally financed by contributions from the parishes, contributions from other Munster dioceses for the services of the Marriage Tribunal, from income on investments and donations, and bequests by the faithful.

General Fund (unrestricted):

The general fund includes rental income from a diocesan property, and the associated costs of that property. It also includes charitable funds which have been contributed for charitable and pastoral needs for disbursement at the discretion of the Bishop.

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Fund Movements	Specific Funds €000's	Mission Funds €000's	Priests Funds €000's	Priesthood Educ. Fund €000's	Central Fund €000's	General Funds €000's	2011 Total €000's	2010 Total €000's
Opening Balance 01/01/2011	1,198	1,072	3,421	729	999	10,692	18,111	18,314
Church Collections	479	4	0	89	68	0	640	969
Donations & Bequests	0	15	66	38	14	119	252	417
Contributions from other Dioceses	0	0	0	0	160	0	160	162
Contributions from Parishes	0	0	425	0	642	0	1,067	1,212
Contributions from Priests			101				101	111
Investment Income	62	5	43	34	43	65	252	168
Hierarchy Grants	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	15
Bank interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Other Income	0	0	0	0	86	98	184	198
Total Incoming Resources	541	24	635	161	1,013	297	2,671	3,258
Assistance to other Diocesan Activities and beneficiaries of Funds	(395)	(133)	0	0	(240)	(36)	(804)	(1,311)
Pastoral Services	0	0	0	0	(246)	(8)	(254)	(317)
Payments to sick & retired priests	0	0	(702)	0	0	0	(702)	(681)
Central Services	(4)	0	(28)	(199)	(846)	(187)	(1,264)	(1,336)
Increase in other provisions						(250)	(250)	0
Provision for write down in value of fixed assets	0	0	0			0	0	(68)
Total Resources Expended	(399)	(133)	(730)	(199)	(1,332)	(481)	(3,274)	(3,713)
Surplus / Deficit	142	(109)	(95)	(38)	(319)	(184)	(603)	(455)
Gain/(Loss) on Investments	(29)	(5)	(39)	0	42	(20)	(51)	252
Total Deficit / Surplus for the period	113	(114)	(134)	(38)	(277)	(204)	(654)	(203)
Closing balance at 31st December 2011	1,311	958	3,287	691	722	10,488	17,457	18,111

Observations & Notes

The summary financial information presented in the previous pages provides an overview of the finances of the Diocese for the year ended 31 December 2011. There are number of points that should be noted:

- The Diocesan Accounts are prepared on the accruals basis.
- The Diocese accounts for all properties owned by the Diocese. Buildings have been depreciated by reference to estimated useful lives of 40 years. The land element of properties is not depreciated. Provision for diminution in value is created where there are indicators of a reduction in the carrying value of the asset
- Funds are classified as either restricted or unrestricted in accordance with the guidelines for accounting by charities.

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- The loss for the year ended 31st December 2011 amounted to €654K (2010:€203K). This loss includes an unrealised loss of €51K (2010: €252K gain) on investments. Adjusting for the loss on investments, an operating deficit of €603K arose in 2011 (2010: €455K).
- The total assets of the Diocese at 31st December 2011 amounted to €19.6 million (2010: €19.3 million). Properties valued at €10.8 million (2010: €10.4 million) are included in this figure. The remaining assets consist of Investments, Bank Balances & Receivables.
The total liabilities of the Diocese at 31st December 2011 amounted to €2.2 million (2010: €1.2 million). These consist of bank overdrafts, loans and amounts due to third parties.
The net assets of the Diocese at 31st December 2011 are comprised of restricted and unrestricted funds amounting to €6.2 million (2010:€ 6.4 million) and €11.2 million (2010: €11.7 million) respectively.