



***DIOCESE OF CORK & ROSS***

***Financial Report  
Year to June 30th, 2005***

***(Summary)***

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The Diocese of Cork and 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, Financial Administrator. These accounts are independently audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

This presentation of accounts covers the financial year to 30th June 2005 (with comparative figures from June 2004).

The diocese has six groups of funds which are accounted for separately and reflect particular purposes for which they were established.

*Fund Headings*

*SPECIFIC FUNDS:* 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 only used for the purpose for which it is intended. Annual and once-off special collections (e.g. Trócaire appeals) are part of this fund.

*MISSION FUND:* The Diocese of Cork and Ross took pastoral responsibility for missions in Trujillo, Peru, in the 1960s and for parishes in Manta, Ecuador, in 1993. Funds were set up by the diocese to finance 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 and Bon Secours Sisters in Peru.

*PRIESTS’ FUND:* 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 (6% of ordinary income from collections) also contributes to the fund. The fund also pays nursing-home costs for priests.

*PRIESTHOOD EDUCATION FUND:* The annual collection for the education of seminarians is part of these funds. Donations and bequests for education of priests are held in this fund. It also finances the cost of post-graduate study for priests of the diocese.

*CENTRAL FUND:* The Central Fund of the diocese supports the centralised activities of the diocese, including providing personnel and running costs for the Cork and Ross Offices, Redemption Road (Bishop’s office, Education offices, Communications office, archives); The Cork and 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:* These are charitable funds which have been contributed for charitable and pastoral needs for disbursement at the discretion of the bishop.

Comparative overview of the income and expenditure of diocesan funds from July 1, 2002 to June 30th, 2005 (all amounts are in thousands of euro).

**Consolidated Fund Movements**

(Year end is June 30th.)

	2005 '000	2004 '000	2003 '000
<b>Opening balance at beginning of year</b>	<b>8,402</b>	<b>7,454</b>	<b>7,395</b>
<i>Income</i>			
Church collections, donations and bequests	1,487	1,318	1,797
Contributions from parishes and other dioceses	951	1,022	788
Contributions from priests	59	69	54
Income from investments/financial assets	493	350	
Gains on revaluation of investments (loss in brackets)	629	201	(445)
Sundry Income	68	-	-
	<hr/> 3,687	<hr/> 2,960	<hr/> 2,194
<i>Expenditure</i>			
Assistance to parishes	98	102	106
Assistance to other diocesan activities and beneficiaries of funds, including pastoral services	1,210	1,099	1,166
Central services	989	593	692
Payments to sick and retired priests	246	218	171
	<hr/> 2,543	<hr/> 2,012	<hr/> 2,135
<b>Closing balance at end of year</b>	<b>9,546</b>	<b>8,402</b>	<b>7,454</b>

## Fund movements to year ended 30 June 2005

	Specific Funds €'000	Mission Funds €'000	Priests Funds €'000	Priesthood Education Fund	Central Funds €'000	General Funds €'000	2005 Total €'000	2004 Total €'000
Opening balance at 1 July 2004	1,532	546	2,485	545	1,975	1,319	8,402	7,454
Church collections	437	19	-	94	81	-	631	601
Donations and bequests	69	48	216	1	36	486	856	717
Contributions from other dioceses	8	-	-	-	131	-	139	293
Contributions from parishes	-	-	336	-	463	13	812	729
Contribution from priests	-	-	59	-	-	-	59	69
Investment income	123	13	97	-	113	110	456	316
Hierarchy grants	-	-	-	-	-	22	22	-
Bank interest (net)	12	5	3	8	8	1	37	34
Profit/(loss) on revaluation of investments	96	-	414	-	-	119	629	201
Sundry income					46	-	46	
Assistance to parishes	(8)	-	-	-	(69)	(21)	(98)	(102)
Assistance to other diocesan activities and beneficiaries of funds	(501)	(96)	(8)	(1)	(279)	(129)	(1,014)	(875)
Pastoral services	-	-	(13)	(11)	(171)	(1)	(196)	(224)
Payments to sick and retired priests	-	-	(245)	(1)	-	-	(246)	(218)
Central services	(1)	(1)	(27)	(135)	(714)	(111)	(989)	(593)
<b>Closing balance at 30 June 2005</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>3,317</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>9,546</b>	<b>8,402</b>

### *Observations & Notes*

The account of the funds held by the diocese as presented in the previous pages is extracted from the PricewaterhouseCoopers auditor's report. These extracts give an overview of the finances of the diocese for the period up to June 2005.

When combined with the comparative summary figures from the previously published accounts for the year to June 2004, the following observations (not the auditor's) can be made:

1. The total value of all the funds at June 2005 (€9.5m) shows an increase of €1.1m since June 2004 (€8.4m). The increase arises principally from investment income and bank interest (€493,000) and from the revaluation of investments (€629,000). Donations and bequests (€856,000) also contributed to the increase.
2. Over 64% (€6.1m) of that total is in funds over which the bishop has no discretion regarding spending. Funds for the missions, the training of priests, the care of retired priests, stipends donated for Masses, and the proceeds of collections for purposes such as Peter's Pence, can only be disbursed for those purposes.
3. The Mission Fund was established to support the diocesan mission in South America. The annual collection for this fund is now discontinued and the remaining funds are being disbursed to Peru and Ecuador. The loss in this fund is intended.
5. The Central Fund which deals with day-to-day expenditure of the diocese shows a deficit of €355,000 over the year. Among the contributory factors are the increased costs of building repairs and the shift in costs from parishes to diocesan activities to fund pastoral services.

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