

ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST
(Registered Charity No. 1110069)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

**ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST
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YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

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**ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

The trustees present the 18th Annual Report of the Archbishop Romero Trust (also known as the Romero Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2022.

Objectives

The purposes of the Trust are:

- a) to advance the education of the public in the life and works of Oscar Romero, the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador, and his principles of human rights, social justice and the relief of poverty;
- b) to advance religion by promoting liturgical celebrations including commemorations of the life of Oscar Romero and prayer for the recognition of his sanctity in the Christian Church; and
- c) the relief of poverty and the promotion of human rights and social justice (as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent United Nations Conventions and Declarations and in *Gaudium et Spes*, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World of the Second Vatican Council) in Latin America in memory of Oscar Romero.

Activities and achievements

On Saturday 14 August 2021, the Trust once again arranged a special Mass in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, to mark the 104th anniversary of Oscar Romero's birth. Bishop Nicholas Hudson presided and preached taking the theme 'St Oscar Romero – Transfigured by Justice'. There was a substantial congregation, and the Mass was live streamed via the Trust website. As has become the Trust's standard practice, the recording of the service was posted on the Trust website.

On Thursday 14 October 2021, the third anniversary of Archbishop Romero's canonisation, the twice-postponed Service of Choral Evening Prayer, arranged by the Trust, took place in Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon presiding. During the service a first-class relic of Oscar Romero was presented by the Trust to the Archbishop for permanent display in the Cathedral alongside the Romero bust. Over 100 people were in attendance and the service was watched live on-line via YouTube.

On 22 January 2022, the Trust was represented in San Salvador at the much-delayed beatification ceremony for Rutilio Grande SJ, his two lay companions - Manuel Solórzano and Nelson Lemus – and Cosme Spessotto OFM. The Trust had collaborated with the Jesuit Postulator in Rome and his Salvadoran colleagues in advancing the Cause for their recognition as martyrs of the Church. The Trust managed to secure a red chasuble-stole set, specially designed for the beatification ceremonies. This was subsequently presented to the Sacred Heart parish in Edinburgh, which houses a shrine with relics of both St Oscar Romero and Blessed Rutilio Grande. The Trust offered interviews and made available photographs and background material to the British media, thereby securing significant coverage of these Salvadoran martyrs.

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The celebratory events in March 2022, organised by the Trust to mark St Oscar Romero's Feast Day and the anniversary of his martyrdom, were focused on the inspiration Romero offers in an ecumenical framework and the huge relevance of his message for the present time. Dr Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Dean of the Divinity School at Duke University, North Carolina, travelled to Britain as the Trust's guest speaker. During his ten days' stay he gave a series of lectures, talks and sermons in Durham Cathedral, St Albans Cathedral, Newman University in Birmingham, at the National Ecumenical Service at St Martin-in-the-Fields in London, and at Wesley's Chapel. Additionally in Cardiff, on Saturday 26 March, he delivered the Gethin Abraham-Williams Memorial Lecture at the invitation of CYTUN (Churches Together in Wales) on 'Romero – an ecumenical inspiration for the 2020s'.

Following an intensive education drive and 'Romero Cross Competition' in the local schools of Waterloo and Seaforth, a special Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon on 23 March to formally inaugurate the new parish of St Oscar Romero within the archdiocese of Liverpool.

On Thursday 24 March Southwark's Archbishop, John Wilson, presided at the lunchtime eucharist in St George's Cathedral. Organised in conjunction with the Diocesan Education Commission and the Oscar Romero Award Trust, the service included visits by class groups to the Romero Shrine in the cathedral and the presentation of Oscar Romero Award certificates to qualifying schools in Southwark.

In recent years, the Trust has pressed for formal canonical recognition of the four U.S. women martyrs murdered in El Salvador in December 1980 and the many lay martyrs, catechists and Delegates of the Word, killed during the civil war in the 1980s. The Trust therefore celebrated the news that the Bishops' Conference of El Salvador (CEDES) has agreed to open a collective Cause for the 'Martyrs of El Salvador'. This Cause, to which the Trust has offered its collaboration, will be designed to take forward, as a single group, a significant number of these candidates for beatification.

Communications

The Trust has frequent posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter coordinated by Stephen Davies. These postings often use quotations from St Oscar Romero's homilies for particular Sundays, helping people access the richness of the saint's reflections. The social media posts offer links to the Trust's website whenever appropriate. There are approximately 2,000 members of the Romero Trust Facebook Group, around 2,200 followers on Twitter and 750 on Instagram – representing a substantial increase on the previous year.

The 28th and 29th issues of Romero News, the Trust's twice-yearly newsletter edited by Clare Dixon, were distributed by post and email to some 900 'Friends of Romero' in September 2021 and February 2022.

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Financial review

With the assistance of the Carmelite Friars in Britain, the Trust once again made a grant of US\$6,000 (£4,743) towards the running costs of the Divine Providence Cancer Hospital in San Salvador. Following receipt of an unexpected legacy, the Trust was able to make a grant of £5,000 to the Oscar Romero Award Trust to enable it to extend its outreach into schools across the Southwark archdiocese. These grants contributed directly to the public good.

Total income for the year came to £23,342 (2021: £24,601), comprising restricted income earmarked for specific programmes of £17,174 (2021: £14,266) and unrestricted income of £6,168 (2021: £10,335). Unrestricted expenditure amounted to £6,729 (2021: £14,180), giving a deficit for the year in unrestricted funds of £561 (2021: £3,845). As a result, unrestricted funds of £9,393 will be carried forward to 2022-23. The balance sheet shows total funds held of £68,111, of which £49,743 is a restricted fund reserved for a capital project at the Divine Providence Cancer Hospital.

The Trust needs to hold reserves (i.e. unrestricted funds) to be able to continue to meet its obligations and deliver its programme of activities even in the event of a delay or shortfall in funding. The COVID crisis has led to the cancellation of many Trust events, but it is not anticipated there will be a significant impact on Trust income in the financial year 2022-23. The trustees estimate that reserves of not less than £5,000 are required to provide adequate mitigation against such risks; this estimate is reviewed as the programme of activities develops. Reserves as at 5 April 2022 are comfortably in excess of the policy requirement.

Structure, governance and management

Archbishop Romero Trust is a registered charity, number 1110069. It is governed by a Trust Deed executed on 6 September 2004 amended by a deed of variation dated 9 June 2005.

The trustees met three times during the financial year. All meetings were held remotely on Zoom due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. In making decisions and exercising their powers, the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The Trust employs no staff and its activities are carried out entirely by trustees and other volunteers. We are particularly grateful to Mr. Stephen Lloyd (Hon. Treasurer) and Ms. Madge Rondo (Membership Secretary), both of whom retired in October 2021 after many years of dedicated service to the Trust. Mr. Michael Egan (trustee) is the new Treasurer and Ms. Jenny Rossiter is the new Membership Secretary.

By order of the Board



Julian Filochowski

Chair

19 July 2022

**ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022**

	Note	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2022 Total £	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2021 Total £
Receipts:							
Donations		4,431	5,258	9,689	5,066	7,182	12,248
Grants	2	3,000	-	3,000	9,200	-	9,200
Legacies		9,743	-	9,743	-	-	-
Sale of books		-	910	910	-	3,153	3,153
		<u>17,174</u>	<u>6,168</u>	<u>23,342</u>	<u>14,266</u>	<u>10,335</u>	<u>24,601</u>
Payments:							
Grants	3	9,743	-	9,743	9,066	6,522	15,588
Promotion of Romero's name	4	2,273	6,125	8,398	-	7,133	7,133
Administration and governance	5	-	604	604	-	525	525
		<u>12,016</u>	<u>6,729</u>	<u>18,745</u>	<u>9,066</u>	<u>14,180</u>	<u>23,246</u>
Surplus / (deficit)		5,158	(561)	4,597	5,200	(3,845)	1,355
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(2,403)	2,403	-
Funds brought forward		53,560	9,954	63,514	50,763	11,396	62,159
Funds carried forward		<u>58,718</u>	<u>9,393</u>	<u>68,111</u>	<u>53,560</u>	<u>9,954</u>	<u>63,514</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
5 APRIL 2022

	Note	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2022 Total £	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2021 Total £
Assets:							
Cash at bank		58,718	9,393	68,111	53,560	9,954	63,514
Restricted funds:							
Arcatao Radio	6	-	-	-	(250)	-	(250)
Fe y Alegria School, La Chacra		724	-	724	655	-	655
Hospital Divina Providencia		6,707	-	6,707	4,713	-	4,713
Hospital Legacy Project		49,743	-	49,743	45,000	-	45,000
Jesuit Fund for Social Justice		324	-	324	2,597	-	2,597
Llort Foundation		-	-	-	(375)	-	(375)
Oscar Romero Award Trust		-	-	-	-	-	-
Romero Solar Park Arcatao		1,220	-	1,220	1,220	-	1,220
Total restricted funds		58,718	-	58,718	53,560	-	53,560
Unrestricted funds		-	9,393	9,393	-	9,954	9,954
Total funds		58,718	9,393	68,111	53,560	9,954	63,514

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Michael Egan
Treasurer
19 July 2022

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

1. Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a cash basis. The trustees have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as permitted by section 133, Charities Act 2011.

The accounts are not required to be audited or independently examined under section 145, Charities Act 2011, as the gross income for the year does not exceed £25,000.

2. Grants received

	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2022 Total £	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2021 Total £
Carmelite Province of GB	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Jesuit Fund for Social Justice	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
Jesuits in Britain	-	-	-	1,200	-	1,200
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>9,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,200</u>

3. Grants paid

	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2022 Total £	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2021 Total £
Arcatao Radio	-	-	-	1,250	-	1,250
Arquidiocesis San Salvador	-	-	-	1,200	5,017	6,217
Hospital Divina Providencia	4,743	-	4,743	4,741	-	4,741
Llort Foundation	-	-	-	1,875	1,505	3,380
Oscar Romero Award Trust	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
	<u>9,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,743</u>	<u>9,066</u>	<u>6,522</u>	<u>15,588</u>

4. Promotion of Romero's name

	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2022 Total £	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2021 Total £
Events and memorial services	2,273	-	2,273	-	230	230
Romero News	-	1,893	1,893	-	2,646	2,646
Purchase of books	-	2,024	2,024	-	3,189	3,189
Publicity materials	-	1,650	1,650	-	880	880
Website	-	221	221	-	500	500
Travel and subsistence	-	337	337	-	(312)	(312)
	<u>2,273</u>	<u>6,125</u>	<u>8,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,133</u>	<u>7,133</u>

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5. Administration and governance

	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2022 Total £	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	2021 Total £
Postage and stationery	-	455	455	-	299	299
IT	-	80	80	-	80	80
Telephone	-	69	69	-	68	68
Bank charges	-	-	-	-	78	78
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	604	604	-	525	525

6. Movements on restricted funds

	6 April 2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	5 April 2022 £
Arcatao Radio	(250)	250	-	-
Fe y Alegria School, La Chacra	655	69	-	724
Hospital Divina Providencia	4,713	6,737	(4,743)	6,707
Hospital Legacy Project	45,000	4,743	-	49,743
Jesuit Fund for Social Justice	2,597	-	(2,273)	324
Llort Foundation	(375)	375	-	-
Oscar Romero Award Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Romero Solar Park	1,220	-	-	1,220
Total restricted funds	53,560	17,174	(12,016)	58,718

Arcatao Radio: to support the radio station in Arcatao, with which the Trust has been working to advance the Romero Solar Park initiative, during El Salvador's Covid-19 restrictions.

Fe y Alegria School, La Chacra: to support children's education in one of the poorest regions of El Salvador.

Hospital Divina Providencia: to support the running costs of the 'Hospitalito' for palliative patient care and the upkeep of the Romero relics pilgrim centre.

Hospital Legacy Project: from the estate of the late Michael Lewis, for the provision and installation of 80 solar panels for the roofs of the hospital buildings. This project should generate enough power to meet 90% of the hospital's needs.

Jesuit Fund for Social Justice: to support the costs of the March 2022 Romero week activities.

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6. Movements on restricted funds (continued)

Llort Foundation: to support the artisans at La Palma, Chalatenango, who produce the Trust's Romero Southwark crosses and who were suffering hardship, without work or income, as a result of El Salvador's Covid-19 restrictions.

Oscar Romero Award Trust: from the estate of the late Derek Partridge, for the Oscar Romero Award Trust's work with schools.

Romero Solar Park: to support the establishment of a renewable energy facility in the district of Chalatenango, El Salvador.