

ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST
(Registered Charity No. 1110069)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

**ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST
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YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

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**ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST
TRUSTEES' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

The trustees present the 19th Annual Report of the Archbishop Romero Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023.

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 October 14th 2022 Archbishop Nolan of Glasgow presided and preached at a special Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in Edinburgh to celebrate the fourth anniversary of Archbishop Romero's canonisation. Archbishop Cushley of Edinburgh concelebrated. The Mass was followed by the first Romero-Rutilio Lecture given by Fr Martin Maier, a Jesuit theologian, who is Director of the German pastoral agency Adveniat. He took as his theme 'The Life, Loss, and Legacy of St Oscar Romero'. The event was arranged by the Edinburgh Jesuit Centre in conjunction with SCIAF, the Scottish Justice and Peace Commission, and the Romero Trust. It is hoped that this might become an annual Scottish Church event linked to the canonisation anniversary.

'Responding to the Cry of the Poor Today: The inspiration of St Oscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador' was the theme chosen by the Trust for Romero Week in March 2023. In conjunction with local parishes and networks the Trust coordinated the arrangements for a series of meetings and celebratory liturgies in Cardiff, Glasgow, Liverpool, Leeds, and Birmingham. They were co-sponsored by CAFOD, SCIAF, Missio, Christian Aid, Pax Christi, the Conference of Religious, and the National Justice and Peace Network. The guest speaker was Peggy Healy, a veteran campaigner for social justice and human rights in Central America. She was known personally to Archbishop Romero and the Jesuit and Maryknoll martyrs of El Salvador. Her passion and sensitivity inspired everyone who heard her on her week-long journey across Britain. This culminated in a Mass and talk at St Thomas parish in Canterbury on March 24th, Oscar Romero's Feast Day and the anniversary of his assassination. On the same day an illustrated lecture entitled 'Oscar Romero – the Witness of Relics', arranged in conjunction with Champion Hall and the Laudato Si Research Institute, was given at Pembroke College, Oxford, by Dr Jan Graffius, one of our Trustees. Peggy Healy's visit was bookended by the Service of Choral Evensong in St Alban's Cathedral on March 19th, at which Bishop Nicholas Hudson, also one of our Trustees, preached on Oscar Romero; and, on March 25th, the National Ecumenical Service to commemorate the martyrdom of Romero at the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields at which Dr Maria Exall, the then President of the British TUC, delivered the Address.

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On March 27th Archbishop Wilson of Southwark 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 cathedral's Romero Shrine and the presentation of Oscar Romero Award certificates to qualifying schools in the diocese.

2023 will mark the tenth anniversary of the Romero Shrine. The inaugural meeting of the Guardians of the Shrine was held at the end of 2022 and sought the Trust's assistance in promoting the Shrine as a place of pilgrimage that would attract and inspire young people. In February the Trust organised a ten-day pilgrimage to the martyrial sites in El Salvador for the Archbishop of Southwark, his Cathedral Dean - who is Administrator of the Shrine - and two other members of the diocesan clergy. On his return Archbishop Wilson secured the agreement of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to raise the status of the Romero Diocesan Shrine to that of a National Shrine.

Communications

In late 2022 the Trust, in conjunction with the Jesuit Fund for Social Justice, arranged for the subtitled Spanish film 'What Lucia Saw' to be shown in Jesuit parishes and communities. In the form of a non-fiction drama, the film portrays the 1989 assassination at the UCA university in San Salvador of the six Jesuit priests and two women - and the subsequent kidnapping of the sole witness to the atrocity by agents of the United States.

The Trust has frequent posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter coordinated by Stephen Davies. These posts often include quotations from St Oscar Romero's Sunday homilies and so enable a wider audience to become aware of the richness of the saint's reflections. The social media posts offer links to the Trust's website whenever appropriate. There are approximately 2,200 members of the Romero Trust Facebook Group, around 2,700 followers on Twitter and 900 on Instagram – representing a substantial increase on the previous year.

The 30th and 31st 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 2022 and January 2023.

Financial review

With the assistance of the Carmelite Friars in Britain and other individual donors, the Trust once again made a grant (£6,784) towards the running costs of the Divine Providence Cancer Hospital in San Salvador. The grant was used to pre-finance the purchase of an urgently needed replacement autoclave steriliser for the hospital, for which the parish of St James the Great in Petts Wood is currently raising funds, having chosen it as their latest parish development project.

From an earmarked legacy left by the late Michael Lewis, a major additional grant of £32,785 was made to the Hospital to finance the installation of solar panels on the roof of the hospital buildings.

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Responding to a request from the Canonisation Office of the archdiocese of San Salvador a grant of US\$7,000 (£5,610) was made to finance a new communications App, 'St Romero for Everyone', which will enable simple access to literature and audio materials on Archbishop Romero.

Total income for the year came to £21,686 (2022: £23,342), comprising restricted income earmarked for specific programmes of £6,663 (2022: £17,174) and unrestricted income of £15,023 (2022: £6,168). Unrestricted expenditure amounted to £18,572 (2022: £6,729), giving a deficit for the year in unrestricted funds of £3,549 (2022: £561).

The balance sheet as at 5 April 2023 shows total funds held of £28,588 (2022: £68,111), comprising restricted funds totalling £22,744 (2022: £58,718) and unrestricted funds of £5,844 (2022: £9,393).

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 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 2023 amount to £5,844, slightly in excess of the policy requirement. The Trustees continue to exercise careful oversight of the Trust's activities and commitments so that the Trust remains financially resilient.

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 Trust employs no staff and its activities are carried out entirely by trustees and other volunteers.

The trustees met three times during the financial year. Following a review of board responsibilities, the trustees elected Julian Filochowski, Stephen Davies and Clare Dixon as co-chairs for the period October 2022 to September 2024. In making decisions and exercising their powers, the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

By order of the Board



Julian Filochowski
Co-Chair
20 July 2023

**ARCHBISHOP ROMERO TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023**

	Note	Year ended 5 April 2023			Year ended 5 April 2022		
		Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	Total £	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	Total £
Receipts:							
Donations		3,663	13,600	17,263	4,431	5,258	9,689
Grants	2	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Legacies		-	-	-	9,743	-	9,743
Sale of books		-	1,423	1,423	-	910	910
		<u>6,663</u>	<u>15,023</u>	<u>21,686</u>	<u>17,174</u>	<u>6,168</u>	<u>23,342</u>
Total							
		<u>6,663</u>	<u>15,023</u>	<u>21,686</u>	<u>17,174</u>	<u>6,168</u>	<u>23,342</u>
Payments:							
Grants	3	42,313	3,590	45,903	9,743	-	9,743
Promotion of Romero's name	4	324	14,140	14,464	2,273	6,125	8,398
Administration and governance	5	-	842	842	-	604	604
		<u>42,637</u>	<u>18,572</u>	<u>61,209</u>	<u>12,016</u>	<u>6,729</u>	<u>18,745</u>
Total							
		<u>42,637</u>	<u>18,572</u>	<u>61,209</u>	<u>12,016</u>	<u>6,729</u>	<u>18,745</u>
Surplus / (deficit)		(35,974)	(3,549)	(39,523)	5,158	(561)	4,597
Funds brought forward		58,718	9,393	68,111	53,560	9,954	63,514
		<u>58,718</u>	<u>9,393</u>	<u>68,111</u>	<u>53,560</u>	<u>9,954</u>	<u>63,514</u>
Funds carried forward		22,744	5,844	28,588	58,718	9,393	68,111
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
5 APRIL 2023

	Note	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	5 April 2023 Total £	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	5 April 2022 Total £
Assets:							
Cash at bank		22,744	5,844	28,588	58,718	9,393	68,111
Restricted funds:							
Fe y Alegria School, La Chacra	6	-	-	-	724	-	724
Hospital Divina Providencia		5,786	-	5,786	6,707	-	6,707
Hospital Legacy Project		16,958	-	16,958	49,743	-	49,743
Jesuit Fund for Social Justice		-	-	-	324	-	324
Romero Solar Park Arcatao		-	-	-	1,220	-	1,220
St. Romero for Everyone		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds		22,744	-	22,744	58,718	-	58,718
Unrestricted funds		-	5,844	5,844	-	9,393	9,393
Total funds		22,744	5,844	28,588	58,718	9,393	68,111

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Michael Egan
Treasurer
20 July 2023

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1. Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared on a cash basis.

2. Grants received

	Year ended 5 April 2023			Year ended 5 April 2022		
	Rest- stricted	Unrest- stricted	Total	Rest- stricted	Unrest- stricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Carmelite Province of GB	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>

3. Grants paid

	Year ended 5 April 2023			Year ended 5 April 2022		
	Rest- stricted	Unrest- stricted	Total	Rest- stricted	Unrest- stricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fe y Alegria School, La Chacra	724	-	724	-	-	-
Hospital Divina Providencia	6,784	-	6,784	4,743	-	4,743
Hospital Legacy	32,785	-	32,785	-	-	-
St. Romero for Everyone	2,020	3,590	5,610	-	-	-
Oscar Romero Award Trust	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>42,313</u>	<u>3,590</u>	<u>45,903</u>	<u>9,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,743</u>

4. Promotion of Romero's name

	Year ended 5 April 2023			Year ended 5 April 2022		
	Rest- stricted	Unrest- stricted	Total	Rest- stricted	Unrest- stricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Events and memorial services	324	2,373	2,697	2,273	-	2,273
Romero News	-	2,747	2,747	-	1,893	1,893
Purchase of books	-	1,544	1,544	-	2,024	2,024
Publicity materials	-	730	730	-	1,650	1,650
Website and digital archive	-	328	328	-	221	221
Travel and subsistence	-	6,418	6,418	-	337	337
	<u>324</u>	<u>14,140</u>	<u>14,464</u>	<u>2,273</u>	<u>6,125</u>	<u>8,398</u>

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5. Administration and governance

	Year ended 5 April 2023			Year ended 5 April 2022		
	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	Total £	Rest- ricted £	Unrest- ricted £	Total £
Postage and stationery	-	472	472	-	455	455
IT	-	295	295	-	80	80
Telephone	-	75	75	-	69	69
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	842	842	-	604	604

6. Movements on restricted funds

	6 April 2022		Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	5 April 2023	
	£	£				£	£
Fe y Alegria School, La Chacra	724	-	-	(724)	-	-	-
Hospital Divina Providencia	6,707	5,863	5,863	(6,784)	-	5,786	5,786
Hospital Legacy Project	49,743	-	-	(32,785)	-	16,958	16,958
Jesuit Fund for Social Justice	324	-	-	(324)	-	-	-
Romero Solar Park	1,220	-	-	-	(1,220)	-	-
St. Romero for Everyone	-	800	800	(2,020)	1,220	-	-
Total restricted funds	58,718	6,663	6,663	(42,637)	-	22,744	22,744

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 benefit of the 'Hospitalito'. Grants from this fund in 2022-23 paid for the purchase and installation of 80 solar panels for the roofs of the hospital buildings, which 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.

Romero Solar Park: to support the establishment of a renewable energy facility in the district of Chalatenango, El Salvador. As this project has been indefinitely postponed, the original donors (Jesuit Missions) agreed that the balance of this fund can be transferred to the St. Romero for Everyone fund.

St Romero for Everyone: to support the canonisation office of the Archdiocese of San Salvador in creating an online application, which will gather and make publicly available all relevant written and audio material concerning the canonisation of Archbishop Romero and the causes of the martyrs of El Salvador.