

**DIOCESE OF FERNS**  
**CENTRAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

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APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The attached financial statements of the Diocesan Central Fund in respect of the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 are hereby approved on the recommendation of the Diocesan Finance Committee at its meeting of the 2021.

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Eugene Doyle,  
Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. Eugene Doyle, Chairman

Ms. Annette McCarthy  
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SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	<u>Appendix</u>	<u>2020</u> €	<u>2019</u> €
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	1	474,306	605,183
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<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
Parish Support Costs	2	159,048	195,913
Other Support Costs	3	76,007	87,414
Administration Costs	4	188,051	225,004
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		423,106	508,331
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<b><u>OPERATING SURPLUS FOR YEAR</u></b>		51,200	96,852
Supplementary Budget – surplus	5	48,673	47,337
Settlements and Legal Costs		-	(5,990)
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<b><u>SURPLUS, TO RESERVES</u></b>		99,873	138,199
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APPENDIX 1: INCOME

	<u>2020</u> €	<u>2020</u> €	<u>2019</u> €	<u>2019</u> €
Parish Envelope Contributions		406,964		414,313
<u>Education Income:</u>				
Diocesan Collection	2,674		9,845	
Donations & Legacies	-		-	
St Joseph's Young Priests Soc	3,000		3,000	
Investment Income	539		695	
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		6,213		13,540
Catechetics, Parish Receipts		26,141		38,998
Conference Fees (Net)		2,281		2,642
Bishop's Contribution		2,765		10,000
Annual Directory		700		700
Miscellaneous Receipts		5,368		763
Donations/Bequests		2,000		62,223
Safeguarding Income		-		1,009
Charities Act – Income	36,570		47,030	
- Expenditure	(39,696)		(36,035)	
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		(3,126)		10,995
Investment Fund Management Fee		25,000		50,000
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		474,306		605,183
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APPENDIX 2: PARISH SUPPORT COSTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€	€	€
<u>Education &amp; Formation:</u>				
Seminarians	37,838		32,988	
Laity Education	-		2,084	
Sabbaticals, Ongoing Education	3,333		-	
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		41,171		35,072
Priest Supports		879		12,076
Family Life Service		13,967		33,800
Regional Marriage Tribunal		15,456		15,456
<u>Catechetics:</u>				
Primary Level	13,719		18,283	
Second Level/Diocesan Centre	23,617		18,489	
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		37,336		36,772
<u>Pastoral Development:</u>				
Salaries & Office Expenses		9,950		17,509
<u>Pastoral Outreach/Safeguarding:</u>				
Salaries & Expenses		40,289		45,228
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		159,048		195,913
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APPENDIX 3: OTHER SUPPORT COSTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
National Bishops' Conference	63,510	73,261
Special Needs Support	3,811	3,811
Ecumenism	300	-
World Meeting of Families	8,386	10,342
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	76,007	87,414
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APPENDIX 4: ADMINISTRATION COSTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Light & Heat	9,200	12,680
Security	1,657	1,702
Postage	6,108	7,502
Stationery & Printing	3,196	2,073
Telephone & Internet	5,505	5,169
Insurance	3,791	3,791
Rates & Service Charges	544	1,680
Salaries, Pensions & Training	69,923	89,611
Housekeeping & Hospitality costs	16,320	19,678
Building repairs & maintenance	5,811	17,441
Subscriptions, Library and Presentations	13,981	11,926
Accountancy	-	5,435
Audit Fees	2,500	3,075
Data Protection Compliance	18,279	19,645
Meetings, Travel, Subsistence	4,595	4,352
Legal Fees	3,208	-
St. Aidan's Trust costs	1,448	1,471
Promotion Costs	3,681	1,600
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,175	1,883
Computer & Website Expenses	12,131	7,356
Equipment lease & maintenance	2,000	1,347
Bank interest and charges	1,998	5,587
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	188,051	225,004
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<u>SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET, EXPENSES FUNDED BY DIOCESE AND FRIENDS OF FERNS</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
<u>Income:</u> St Peter's Campus	80,000	60,000
Friends of Ferns	26,220	35,080
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	106,220	95,080
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<u>Expenditure:</u> Towards Healing	25,500	11,328
Bank Term Loan Interest	32,047	36,415
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	57,547	47,743
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<u>Net Surplus</u>	48,673	47,337
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 <u>STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN RESERVES</u>	€	€
Surplus from Income & Expenditure Account	51,200	96,852
Surplus, Supplementary Budget	48,673	47,337
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<u>Operating Surplus</u>	99,873	144,189
Settlements & Legal Costs Paid & Provided	-	(5,990)
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<u>Surplus, to Reserves</u>	99,873	138,199
Reserves, Opening Balance (Deficit)	(1,509,353)	(1,647,552)
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<u>Reserves, Closing Balance (Deficit)</u>	(1,409,480)	(1,509,353)
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**BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>31/12/2020</u> <u>€</u>	<u>31/12/2019</u> <u>€</u>
<b><u>TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</u></b>	3	-	-
<b><u>FINANCIAL ASSETS</u></b>			
Diocesan Investment Funds	3	250,943	200,404
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
Debtors, falling due within one year	4	103,808	156,194
Cash at Bank and on Hand		63,221	53,064
		167,029	209,258
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Creditors, falling due within one year	5	(504,308)	(634,778)
<b><u>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		(337,279)	(425,520)
<b><u>CREDITORS, not falling due within one year</u></b>	6	(1,323,144)	(1,284,237)
<b><u>TOTAL NET LIABILITIES</u></b>		(1,409,480)	(1,509,353)
<b><u>REPRESENTED BY:</u></b>		€	€
General Reserve, Deficit		(1,409,480)	(1,509,353)

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**NOTES ON AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.
- These financial statements are denominated in Euro (€).

**TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS & DEPRECIATION**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and Buildings, freehold - 2% straight line

- (i) Freehold Land, is valued at fair value based on the current use value of the land as the Charity is in the not for profit sector. There are no land or buildings held for investment.
- (ii) Freehold buildings: functional buildings (i.e. that are for the purpose of the charity and are still in use). The original cost of buildings was not available, therefore the Charity has based its accounting policy on the insurance value of these assets as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 which was then discounted back to the year of acquisition or construction using the consumer price index (the CPI was benchmarked at the earliest date available 1922) to arrive at the estimate of the acquisition cost. The acquisition cost was then depreciated over the buildings' useful life to arrive at its current net book value.
- (iii) Office equipment, fixtures and fittings and computer equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Office equipment, fixtures and fittings and computer equipment costing over €5,000 are capitalized and depreciated in accordance with the policy set out below.

**Depreciation**

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation of other fixed assets is calculated using the straight line method over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Freehold Buildings	50 years (2%)
Office equipment, fixtures and fittings	5 years (20%)
Computer equipment	3 years (33.3%)

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each financial year.

The Central Fund accounts encompass the payments from parishes to the Diocese from the envelope collection, together with income from collections and investments allocated towards the education of priests, seminarians and laity, and other minor sources of income. The income of the Central Fund is used to fund the various programmes and services provided by the Diocese, and for administration and establishment costs.

With effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 the Central Fund accounts also incorporate the accumulated costs of child sex abuse settlements, expenses, and costs associated with the Government inquiries. These were previously financed by a number of bank loans, now consolidated into a single term loan facility as detailed in note number 7. Ongoing costs are dealt with through the supplementary budget, as set out in Appendix 5 of the financial statements.

The Diocese is responsible, through the Diocesan Finance Committee for maintaining proper books of account, and for ensuring the preparation of annual accounts, which present fairly the state of affairs of the Central Fund, and of its income and expenditure for that year.

In preparing these statements the Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Central Fund will continue in operation.

### 3. **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Freehold Land &amp; Buildings</u>	<u>Office Equipment, fixtures, etc</u>	<u>Total</u>
	€	€	€
Balance January 1 2020	49,684	62,894	112,578
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Balance December 31 2020	49,684	62,894	112,578
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<u>Depreciation</u>			
Balance January 1 2020	49,684	62,894	112,578
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Balance December 31 2020	49,684	62,894	112,578
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<u>Net Book Value</u>			
At December 31 2020	-	-	-
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At December 31 2019	-	-	-
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### 3 **DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Capital funds of the former Seminary	184,296	133,924
Education Bequest, M Donoghue	66,529	66,363
Unallocated Funds	118	117
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	250,943	200,404
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Income derived from the foregoing investments is credited under Appendix 1 in the detailed Income & Expenditure Account.

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NOTES ON AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, continued4 **DEBTORS**, falling due within one year:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Parish contributions	51,615	57,749
Other debtors and prepaid expenses	52,193	98,445
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	103,808	156,194
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5 **CREDITORS**, falling due within one year:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Creditors and accrued expenses	201,801	177,393
Parish loan	40,000	40,000
Other loans	29,358	32,353
Other short term funds held	74,753	94,585
Bank overdraft	20,581	153,843
Bank term loans, Bank of Ireland	137,815	136,604
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	504,308	634,778
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Short term funds held represent amounts lodged to Diocesan accounts for onward payment to other Church agencies and bodies.

Only that portion of bank loans repayable within twelve months of the balance sheet date is included as a current liability.

6 **CREDITORS**, not falling due within one year:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Bank Term loans, Bank of Ireland	966,098	924,237
Provision for future settlements, including legal costs	357,046	360,000
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	1,323,144	1,284,237
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7 **BANK TERM LOAN**

The term loan facility advanced by Bank of Ireland in respect of consolidated liabilities incurred in prior years is secured by a fixed charge on Bishop's House, Summerhill, Wexford, to a maximum amount of €1,804,000.