



VC Viatores
Christi
Volunteering for a just world



Annual Report 2018
Covering the financial year 2017

MISSION

To recruit, train and place volunteers on projects identified by partners which meet the needs of beneficiaries.



VISION

A world of freedom, peace and justice, where everyone is empowered to live their lives with dignity, equality and respect

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Foreword by the President –

Dear Members

2017 I realise was certainly a year of travels for myself. At the end of June I headed to the U.S. with Sally Roddy for the Missionary Co-operation Plan (MCP). This is co-ordinated in every diocese of the US in association with the propagation of the faith. Each parish invites missionaries to speak at all the Masses on a weekend. It has many similarities with our own Parish Promotions Programme (PPP) in Ireland, but also some differences. While at home one missionary group is assigned a small diocese or part of a larger diocese, in the US, each diocese will invite several groups.



Thus Sally and I started our journey in Miami, where VC member Dan Ferguson flew up from El Salvador, to join us for the weekend. It was a great bonus to meet up with Dan and hear about his work. Miami is a linguistically challenging diocese and two of the three parishes we were assigned had Masses in 3 languages: English; Creole and Spanish. Mahalia, a Haitian lady, resident in Miami, kindly spoke on our behalf at the Creole Masses.

We said goodbye to Dan in Miami and headed to Minneapolis. Again we were thankful to local people, this time John and Susie Burns who ferried us to our churches outside the city for all the weekend Masses. Next stop was San Jose. After a fantastic 2-day train journey we were met in San Francisco by VC's American rep. Dianne Kavanagh. We enjoyed the support and hospitality of Dianne's family and of our other great friend in the area Anne Bader.

At home PPP was conducted in Cork and Ross and our group of dedicated speakers and helpers were out in force. Members and friends from the South of the country, including some recently returned from overseas got involved. Many thanks to all! In VC we are truly blessed with members, friends and connections old and new. It is a great reminder to us of the universality of the church and the ability of people of good will everywhere to be a source of kindness in our world.

As president I have the task and pleasure of reading our applications and reports for our Misesan Cara funded projects. Enormous gratitude and respect is due to our staff who so professionally carry out such painstaking work, and indeed to all our dedicated staff. I am full of admiration for our members on assignment and the commitment they show to working for the benefit of those with such a variety of needs in so many different ways. I assure them of my prayers and the prayerful support of many others in Viatores.

In September, Paul Sheridan from my own parish in Belfast, went to Zambia to work with Tom Casey SMA., brother of our VC member Nora. It was truly special for me to represent Viatores Christi in my local community, as together we prayed a blessing for Paul and sent him on his mission.

I will finish with a personal anecdote. My last trip of 2017 was with my work: a wonderful pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Deaf Community members across Ireland and indeed beyond. Like most pilgrims, we went to the river Jordan to renew our

baptismal commitment. Each group is allocated a little bay-like area. As we were there we could get a glimpse of the pilgrims in the next bay. In the next bay were a group of 130 plus pilgrims from my beloved Bolivia! I heard no voice from Heaven, but I certainly felt divine affirmation, as my mission in life has largely been with the Deaf Community and the people of Bolivia.

I hope like me you have felt the kindness of strangers and the touch of God in your life over the past 12 months. I pray that in Viatores Christi we will continue to be challenged by Jesus and his teachings and work to make a reality the words "Thy Kingdom come".

Denise Flack

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President

Overview by the Chief Executive Officer

I think I say it every year but it only seems like last month When I was writing the 2016 roundup. 2017 was the penultimate year of the current strategic plan and as such a lot of it was about checking to see if we were on track and evaluating what exactly we had achieved. But achieved we had! In this report you will see the results of all the hard work with over 158,000 people assisted during the 12 months, an increase of 183% in people benefiting directly as a result of our engagement overseas. That's a far cry from the 28,000 we had in the first year of the plan. We were also successful thanks to the hard work of our projects team Susan Lakes, Niamh Caffrey and Rose Bavuga, with a 100% success rate in our applications to our main funder Misesan Cara, a total of 17 projects were approved. The team too have been busy working on getting reports from the field.



As the year progressed a monitoring trip to 4 partners in Haiti and Dominican Republic was followed in the autumn by an intensive 10 partner visit to Uganda and Kenya to review many of our new partners for the first time from Dublin. The resulting reports and follow-ups were to keep us busy for months!

One of our key challenges at VC is to keep the balance between pure development and the faith-based missionary approach which is our legacy. To this end, we were so grateful to the Archdiocese of Dublin who sponsored our Missionary Support Fund for nine missionaries, over three years, allowing us to concentrate on missionary partners who are not able to cope with the demands of large funding applications. BBC TV producer, Paul Sheridan was the first of these lay missionary workers to head to the SMA media centre in Ndola Northern Zambia for 12 months where he is actively engaging the local community in media training and video production. Audiologist Annie McMahon was next to go and take up a role with a community based project in Cochabamba, Bolivia. She is already

making a huge difference assisting people with severe hearing loss to communicate, and when on outreach to those in the rural areas, enabling individuals from poor and marginalised communities to hear again through assistive technologies.

At base, VC continued to implement and develop systems and processes so that it continues to be on top of its game. The year saw the introduction of Salesforce; a computer software system that will allow each person on staff to input, connect, monitor, manage and support each other on everyday tasks. This followed process mapping of every function in the office manually and then translating this to computer supported processes. It is hoped that this will streamline and continue to professionalise what we do on a day to day basis. My thanks to Tessa Cornally and her work with EncludeIT to move this along.

Financially it has been a challenging year, as Misesan Cara cancelled its second round of funding in September reducing the number of support opportunities considerably. Thankfully prudent planning with regard to the use of a buffer account enabled us to get through this period. We also said goodbye to our accountant stalwart Stephen Burke during the year who wished to move on to pastures new. We are ever grateful for his support over the last number of years. As a result of this gap, a major financial review was held towards the end of the year undertaken by Bernadette Murtagh. Her engagement with the Finance Department has been useful not least in assistance with the streamlining of the TAS accounting software.

Our training programme expanded to take in three new online modules which were added during the year. Child Safeguarding, Technical Writing and Research Methods were all added to the course as a result of constant monitoring and evaluation by the team.

A major area of interest is the future of our biggest stakeholder that of the Irish Church and to this end, in April, VC set about organising a series of seminars on the Future of Church in Ireland. Three speakers obliged; Bishop Emeritus Willie Walsh, Fr Mark Patrick Hederman and Patricia Coyle. The events were well supported and assisted in boosting VC's under-promoted role in the Irish Church. On the subject of Church and faith, a faith development programme with staff was introduced at VC providing a much needed opportunity for reflection and spiritual growth. *The Gift: A Life in the Spirit Course* was followed by the *Strength to Strength Course*, enabling people to put into practice the learnings in their day to day life outside the office.

My thanks as always must go to the hard working staff and Council at VC for their total commitment to the vision and of course, to the many trainees, volunteers and lay missionaries that continue to pass through our doors.

Shane Halpin
CEO



Strategic Report

VC at a glance

Viatores Christi (VC) is an Irish-based development organisation supporting and working within the faith-based international development sector. First established as a Lay Missionary Association, under the Catholic Church in Ireland in 1960, today, VC works with over 30 partners across a wide range of sectors in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. VC works with its partners to identify and address clearly defined needs ensuring that the root causes of poverty within communities are addressed, and real and sustainable futures sought for the projects' beneficiaries. VC addresses these needs through clearly defined development interventions and when needed, through the recruitment, training and placement of highly-skilled long-term volunteers.

VC also specialises in the area of grant support (proposal writing), monitoring and implementation of projects, as well as in the recruitment of experts/consultants for clearly defined projects in developing countries. The organisation is needs-driven, focusing on assignments in projects identified by its partners in the field which meet the needs of their beneficiaries. VC are members of Mísean Cara, an Irish Aid supported funding organisation and are signatories to the Comhlámh *Code of Good Practice* for volunteer sending organisations.

Ethos Statement of Viatores Christi

Our vision is a world of freedom, peace and justice, where everyone is empowered to live their lives with dignity, equality and respect. Challenged by Gospel values and committed to freedom, peace and justice in the creation of a better world, we share life's journey with the poor and marginalised. True to our Catholic tradition we aim to uphold Christian values in everything we do.

VC Offer:

- * An opportunity for trainees irrespective of faith to learn about and explore mission and development today in a Christian context, and reflect on their own motivation and gifts;
- * Accompaniment in making an informed decision about undertaking a suitable overseas placement, which we help source with a mission partner;
- * Practical facilitation of all stages of an assignment, including holistic support while overseas and on return;
- * Awareness of the needs and opportunities for active involvement in social justice and global development.

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VC: Measuring our impact in 2017



30 VDWs



23 Partners



11 Countries



5 Sectors



158,016 beneficiaries

Number of -

Volunteer Development Workers in the field	30
Development workers trained:	22
Projects visited for M&E:	14
Successful applications developed/funded	17
Outsourced partner agreements	3
Partner requests from the field	13
% Increase in number supported	183%
Funds raised for partners:	€512,211

(Inc. some funds to be spent in 2018)

**VC speaker series attracted
great interest**

*Fr Mark Hederman addresses the gathering
on the Future of Church April 2017*



Breakdown of Volunteers per Country and Beneficiaries Reached

VC 2017 Volunteer Information						
#	Volunteer Name	Partner/ Project Name	Country	Beneficiaries		
				Direct Male	Direct Female	Direct Total
Uganda						
1	Rita Formolo	Caritas Kampala	Uganda	6,960	10,440	17,400
2	Patrick McGee	Hoima Diocese Uganda	Uganda	989	1071	2,060
3	Hellen Carvahlo	JPC Hoima	Uganda	989	1071	2,060
4	Tom Ryan	Mityana	Uganda	70143	37768	107,911
5	Sanita Lielbarde	Moyo	Uganda	8	25	33
6	Brian Lynch	SFFHP project	Uganda	520	790	1,310
7	Aoife Bulman	BMCTI	Uganda	4000	5400	9,400
8	Sarah Oates	Adraa	Uganda	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kenya						
9	Victor Okongo	FMSJ Kenya	Kenya	37	45	82
South Africa						
10	Aisling Foley	Home of Hope	South Africa	49	129	178
11	Carmel Bradwell	Xaveri	South Africa	750	500	1,250
12	Suzanne Halligan	MSA Enkuthasweni	South Africa	250	250	500
Zambia						
13	Brian Sheridan	FMDM Kasanka	Zambia	18	12	30
14	Paul Sheridan	SMA Media Centre	Zambia	1,385	1,305	2,690
15	Emma Edgeworth	Presentation sisters Mongu	Zambia	50	211	261
Swaziland						
16	Eoin Hickey	Manzini Youth Care BYAC	Swaziland	72	48	120
17	Mick Shea	Manzini Youth Care	Swaziland	72	48	120
Rwanda						
18	Frank Murray	Vjeko Training Centre	Rwanda	68	16	84
Cambodia						
19	Pat Mooney	Partners in Compassion	Cambodia	1,266	2,184	3,450
20	Deirdre Ryan	Xavier School (Jesuits)	Cambodia	750	500	1,250
21	Aoife Jenkins	Xavier School Jesuits	Cambodia	750	500	1,250
Guatemala						
22	David Deegan	Kano'j	Guatemala	100	100	200
Dominican Republic						
23	Laura Conry	NPH DR	Republic	150	170	320
Haiti						
24	Gena Heraty	NPFS - Haiti	Haiti	747	1220	1,967
25	Annette Johannsson	NPFS - Haiti	Haiti	747	1220	1,967
26	Anne Heffernan	RJM Haiti	Haiti	93	96	189
27	Michelle Johnson	NPHI Haiti	Haiti	747	1220	1,967
28	Tracy Keogh	NPHI Haiti	Haiti	747	1220	1,967
El-Salvador						
29	Daniel Ferguson	ANADES	El-Salvador	84	57	141
Mexico						
30	Hazel Daly	NPH Mexico	Mexico	4000	4500	8500
Total						
30 VDW		12 Countries		91,969	66,047	158,016

Important Achievements for the year

Received: Governance Code approval for work done to ensure world class accountability and governance standards



Introduced: New online modules to our training programme in Child Safeguarding, Research Methods and Technical writing.

Reorganised: how VC works and manages all its various elements including donors, funders, partners, members, trainees, and potential supporters and partners using Salesforce customer relationship management system. Phase 1 completed which included process mapping and design.

Prepared for GDPR As part of our preparation for the introduction of new strict data protection laws, VC began a process of updating policies around the holding of data at VC working towards the May 2018 deadline.

Developed: Missionary Support Fund to support VC missionaries engaged with pastoral projects over a three year period.



Engaged: First in-country recruit for FMSJ Sisters in Nairobi. Victor Okonga from Kenya was interviewed in both Nairobi and Dublin before taking up a 3 year role as Development officer with the FMSJ.

Promoted: VC held a series of high profile seminars on the Future of Church in Ireland



VC VDW Victor Okonga with Sr Margaret FMSJ at their Development Office in Nairobi Kenya

Strategic Goals 2013-18:

VC's delivery approach is informed by its values as a faith-based organisation, its extensive experience training and deploying specialists, and its organisational learning about what works best.

VC's five year strategy was introduced in 2013 and was undertaken in a pivotal moment in the Association's history, as it moved from a committee-based management approach to a CEO-led organisation. This was built upon a number of strategic goals;

- *Deliver the vision and mission of VC;*
- *Always strive to serve the poor and marginalised, in a world which is unjustly divided, aiming at equality, capacity building, participation, partnership and sustainability;*
- *Work to address the basic and immediate issues of our time, such as Poverty Reduction, Food Security, Health, Education and Human Rights and together with other agencies, play our role in the achievement of the Global Goals for Sustainable Development;*
- *Deepen collaborative relationships with mission partners, peer organisations, funders, and all stakeholders;*
- *Provide high quality training to those who wish to volunteer overseas, and prepare them for overseas assignments;*
- *Select suitable candidates for overseas assignments and to match them with a specific role identified by a mission partner which meets the needs of the beneficiaries;*
- *Demonstrate and promote the development impact of our work;*
- *Provide appropriate support to volunteers throughout the entire volunteer cycle;*
- *Demonstrate value for money;*
- *Develop and strengthen the overarching ethos of VC based on Gospel values, ensure effective governance arrangements so that Council can properly guide and control the organisation at a strategic level, and that the organisation has the right mix of skills and necessary resources at both Council and staff level to achieve its mission.*

VC's Projects underpinned by this strategy



VC EDUCATION PROJECTS 2017

Religious of Jesus and Mary, Haiti: Anne Heffernan –

Provision of IT skills training and resources to teachers and disadvantaged children and remote communities in Jean Rabel. Providing them with access to technology and enhanced learning.

Xavier School (Jesuits), Cambodia: Deirdre Ryan & Aoife Jenkins

Working to improve the quality of education in Cambodia through an integrated and multi-faceted education programme targeting children and youth living in poverty.

Franciscan Brothers Adraa Agricultural College, Uganda: Sarah Oates

Working to contribute to the quality of life of rural communities and refugees in northern Uganda through education, training and research provision, promoting sustainable agriculture.

***Asociación Nuevo de El Salvador* – Protection and development of youth in El Salvador: Dan Ferguson**

Training software engineers and setting up a Software Development Social Enterprise, which will tender for work internationally. Also part of a pastoral team providing Youth Leadership, Educational scholarships and support for catechists and disadvantaged youth in both rural El Salvador and neighbouring Honduras.

Kiyinda Mityana Diocese, Education Secretariat, Uganda: Tom Ryan

The development of a diocesan school inspection plan and scoping of this project in central Uganda.

Kano’j, Guatemala: David Deegan

David is currently working as a teacher and exploring the setting up of a scholarship project to allow youth from disadvantaged communities to attend school.

Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Juba, Weaver Nest Early Childhood Training Institute: Sanita Lielbarde - Moyo Uganda Early Childhood Development training programme in Northern Uganda

Fort Portal Diocese Uganda, Education projects: Julie Maguire

volunteered on a short term basis with a number of projects in the diocese.

VC HEALTH PROJECTS 2017

Bishop Magambo Counsellor Training Institute, Uganda: Aoife Bulman

Addressing the psychological needs of local individuals through the provision of counselling services and through the running of masters, diploma and certificate level training on counselling. Outreach projects in local community, research and Awareness Raising in areas such as Domestic Violence.

Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph (FMSJ): Victor Okonga

Development office of FMSJ Nairobi coordinating project support in-country for FMSJ's health projects.



VC SPECIAL NEEDS PROJECTS 2017

Home of Hope, South Africa: Aisling Foley

Designated Child Protection Organization which provides protection, education and support to children in-need, including societies most vulnerable; child victims of abuse, abandonment, neglect, HIV or Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). Aisling is dedicating her time to advocacy and awareness raising on the problem of FASD, which is very prevalent in South Africa.



Nos Petits Freres et Soeurs (NPFS) Haiti: Gena Heraty, Annette Johansson, Tracy Keogh, Michelle Johnson and Dominican Republic: Laura Conry; Mexico; Hazel Daly

Translated as 'Our Little Brothers and Sisters'. Located in Port-au-Prince and Kenscoff in Haiti; San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic and Cuernavaca in Mexico. VC volunteers work with children, many with special needs. The project provides shelter, healthcare, therapy and education through various projects, targeting children stemming from the poorest of the poor families and communities. They are also involved in outreach training for teachers and therapists in the surrounding remote areas.

Presentation Sisters Mongu Cheshire Home, Zambia: Emma Edgeworth -

Early Childhood development - The only facility in the Western Province of Zambia that caters to the unique medical and educational requirements of children with special needs, particularly cerebral palsy, through interventions such as physiotherapy, plastic & orthopaedic surgery and prosthetic fittings.

Missionary Sisters of the Assumption MSA Enkuthazweni Centre for Special Needs, South Africa: Suzanne Halligan -

Empowering children with physical and psychological challenges through a skills centre to become independent as far as possible, where their environment makes them susceptible to stigma, poverty and high unemployment rates.



Partners in Compassion, (PC) Cambodia: Pat Mooney – Development Support and Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction Programmes including vocational training and livelihoods in Rural Communities. Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) project, caring for children orphaned through, HIV/AIDS, living in the community. PC is also involved in a hospice, medical centres and uses awareness raising activities and workshops to build local knowledge.

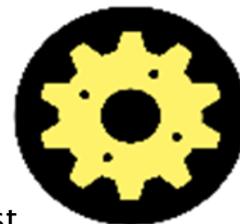
Caritas Kampala Uganda: Rita Formolo
Microfinance and Cooperatives support at Diocesan level. - Poverty reduction programme that empowers local communities to establish cooperatives; providing an alternative source of income from the traditional local businesses to alleviate localised poverty.

Hoima Diocese, Uganda: Patrick Magee/Hellen Carvalho – Strengthening of the Justice & Peace Commission in western Uganda to facilitate the network of Justice and Peace Commissioners in their advocacy and peacebuilding work with vulnerable members of the local community.

SMA Media Centre, Zambia: Paul Sheridan
The SMA works in 12 different parishes in an area between Lusaka in the centre and the Copper belt province in the central north. As well as producing programmes, SMA's Media centre provides basic media skills training to Zambians. Since 2009, over 90 people have been trained from a range of different ages, from all genders and backgrounds.

Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood FMDM, Kasanka, Northern Zambia: Brian Sheridan
Brian Sheridan visited this remote FMDM outstation in July 2017 to carry out a detailed business plan for the community of Kasanka to become more self-sustaining through agriculture, fishing and garden crops.

Missionaries of Africa affiliate Xaveri Youth, Pretoria, South Africa: Carmel Bradwell
Marketing and development support for a youth development and empowerment organisation in Pretoria.



Eoin Hickey – Manzini Youth Care & Bosco Youth Agricultural Training Centre, Swaziland

Development and Agricultural training - The Salesians

Bosco Youth Agricultural Centre (BYAC) is the country's first accredited agricultural training centre, which focuses on the provision of training, workshops and post-course employment opportunities to marginalised youth in the area.

Frank Murray – Padri Vjeko Vocational Training Centre, Rwanda

Carpentry training - Addressing Rwanda's shortage of vocational training and subsequent employment for local youth, through the delivery of hands-on training in carpentry and job support upon completion.

Monitoring and Learning



VC's approach to monitoring and learning

Evaluations and lesson learning forms a key element of VC's approach to ensuring good value for money. This includes learning in terms of the recruitment, deployment and management of VC specialists. It also means committing to making corrections and improvements as they are necessary. The primary tools that VC uses to monitor and prove that it is doing the right thing includes:

- Impact case studies
- Mid-term and final project reports
- External evaluations of partners
- Feedback surveys from beneficiaries
- External due diligence assessments of potential partners (including a review of their track record).

Why is it necessary

The level of effort that VC puts into monitoring and learning is necessary because it feeds into programme planning, implementation and decision-making. Recent Value for Money (VfM) decisions that have been informed by such learning include:

- Introducing impact case studies so that the holistic benefits of VC's specialists are better evidenced, including greater empowerment of the organisations and communities that they serve. These are also

used to generate greater awareness of VC's work across social media platforms.

- Strengthening the infield resource in Uganda to better serve partners as a result of feedback and identification of needs.
- Consolidating partnerships to mitigate against risks.
- Changing how intermediate outcomes are monitored and reported, so that the benefits of capacity transfer specialists are captured.
- Completing the formalisation of partnerships and due diligence processes to pro-actively manage expectations, risks and establish clear lines of accountability between projects and VC volunteers.

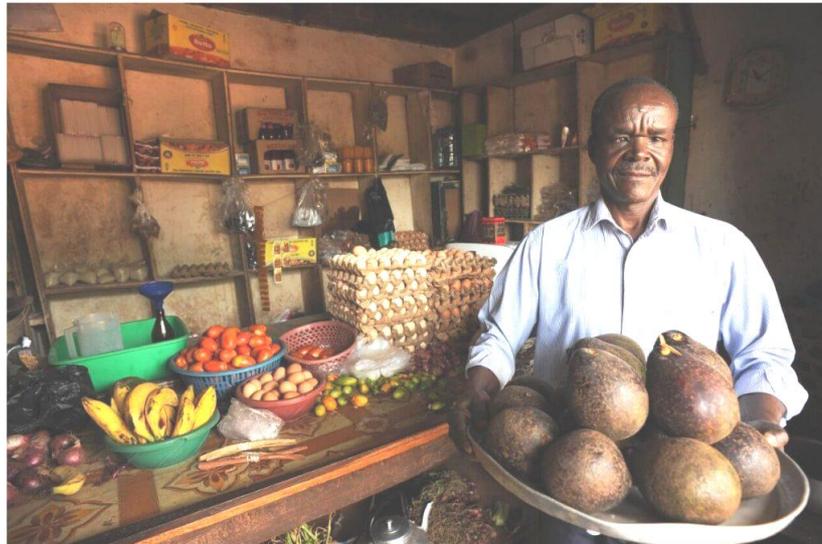
Projects visited in 2017

The following projects were visited and in-depth reports were written on the impact of VC's work in the region.

- Caritas Kampala Cooperatives Project
- Weaver Nest/West Nile Early Childhood Training Project
- Kiyinda Mityana, Diocesan School Inspection Project
- Hoima Diocese Justice and Peace Project
- Foundation of Hope, Street youth project, Masaka
- Partnership visit to LCDI – Lwannunda Community Development Initiative
- Partnership visit to Muhabura Diocese Uganda
- Partnership visit to Adraa Project Franciscan Brothers
- FMSJ – Development office Kenya
- NPH-Physiotherapy Unit Dominican Republic
- RJM – IT teacher training and support Jean-Rabel Haiti
- NPFS – Physiotherapy and Project Management, Haiti
- St. Damian Hospital- Equipment maintenance Haiti



Examples of significant changes in the projects as a result of VC's engagement



*Mr. Joseph Akugizibwe and his business, benefited from KADCOS Nsambya Cooperative loans
Caritas Uganda
(Photo credit – Lar Boland Photography)*

Caritas Kampala Uganda

A number of significant changes have been brought about as the Caritas Kampala (CK) Co-operatives office has provided direct support to 60% of the 37 co-operatives they formally identified within the catchment area, and to their members. Other project changes include:

- There is better communication between the Archdiocese and the Co-ops; and between the individual Co-ops; and the Caritas Kampala Co-operatives office has become more relevant and vibrant. There is greater visibility of Caritas as a partner that assists the Co-ops.
- Awareness of co-ops and their benefits has increased. Membership has been encouraged through a range of Community events. Clear guidance now exists on how to access the services of co-operatives, member and Co-op rights and obligations, and membership benefits for the community; as literature has been designed and distributed. Longer term financial stability of the family has been facilitated/promoted as financial knowledge of Co-operative members has increased through structured training.
- Co-ops have been upskilled with targeted business skills training.
- Sustainability has increased through linkages and partnerships which were formed and developed as part of the project

Weaver Nest, Moyo, Uganda

Ten students have had access to Early Childhood Development (ECD) training and have successfully passed their exams: 6 of them will return to complete their second year, the 4 remaining, successfully completed the programme and are set to receive their certificates in childcare. It is expected that a steady increase in trained ECD teachers in Moyo District will lead in the long-term to better access to pre-primary schooling for poor children in the area. This will result in an increase in early literacy rates and reduced dropout rates during middle-primary education.



A list of learning resources was created in line with the Ministry of Education and Sports and some of them have been sourced.

- With the help of Sanita Lielbarde - the VC Development Worker (DW), the school has created a list of possible partnerships that will contribute towards construction of the school at its acquired piece of land that is spacious. For example, concept notes to Jesuit Refugee Services, Japanese Embassy and Polish Embassy have been submitted.
- As regards advocacy, the VCDW created a Facebook page for the school and linked this to the SSHJ congregation website. They also designed T-shirts and leaflets with information about the school and educational opportunities offered. They hope to start group meetings at local Churches especially after Mass on Sundays.
- The child protection policy was revised and posters on the schools safeguarding statement, reporting lines and contacts pinned in public places around the school. For example, all classes and notice boards had such posters for everyone to see.
- The VCDW also delivered a child protection workshop for students and is in the process of helping these students develop their respective Child Protection Policy copies that they will share with their communities and schools after graduation.

Religious Sisters of Jesus and Mary, Haiti

The school teachers are now using their new computer skills to prepare lesson plans and class tests which has helped them in their work, and they have expressed positive feedback on the training received. This paves the way for future phases where enhanced teachers' capacity enables them to teach IT skills to the school children and to other community members. The computer training for teachers carried out to date puts RJM in a good position to add computer skills to the RJM school curriculum.



In continuing the IT Education project

in the coming year, RJM hope to break the cycle of poverty in the area by committing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) regarding information and communications technology (ICT) - to *“develop a global partnership for development: including making available, in cooperation with the private sector, the benefits of new technologies - especially information and communications technologies - to all.”*

Engaging with our partners

Direct engagement with partners is one of the major investments in terms of time and resources by VC. As with its specialists, it is essential that VC has a strong relationship with partners and understands partners' needs and capacities.

VC Due Diligence all new Mission Partners undergo a robust due diligence process to ensure the capacities and capabilities of the organisation are critically assessed, focusing on stewardship, transparency and accountability in the use of public funds. VC's Due Diligence Policy also features a separate section to determine Mission Worker safety in-country and a completed risk assessment table.

Each of the key tasks for successful partnership work is described below:

Vetting partners

- **What is it?**

In order to make sure that VC is working with appropriate partners and understand their needs, each new partner is subject to a vetting process by VC. This vetting process entails identifying key risks, building a structured approach

to partnership development, and serves as an important transparent record of VC's partnership process. Where possible the vetting process includes a valuable baseline exercise.

- **Why is it necessary?**

The vetting process serves as a form of risk assessment to ensure that partners are suitable and work in line with VC's objectives. The insights into the needs of partners through the vetting process enables VC to develop applications that meet the real strategic needs of partners, not simply perceived needs. The baseline exercise helps to meet data needs, so that VC is not just relying on out of date country figures which are often too broad to be useful in any case.

- **How VC knows its approach is effective?**

Some potential partners are passing VC's vetting process and others are not. The baseline element of the vetting process is successfully feeding in new information into the project proposals as well as providing up to date figures on the number and the marginalisation status of beneficiaries that VC's partners reach. For those projects who do not manage to meet the vetting standards all is not lost, as VC offers expertise and support to assist those who are under resourced to the extent that they cannot fulfill this initial function. These categories may well be more suited to the recruitment of a lay missionary worker in the first instance, where the LMW volunteer is often self-funding.

VC Missionary Support Programme



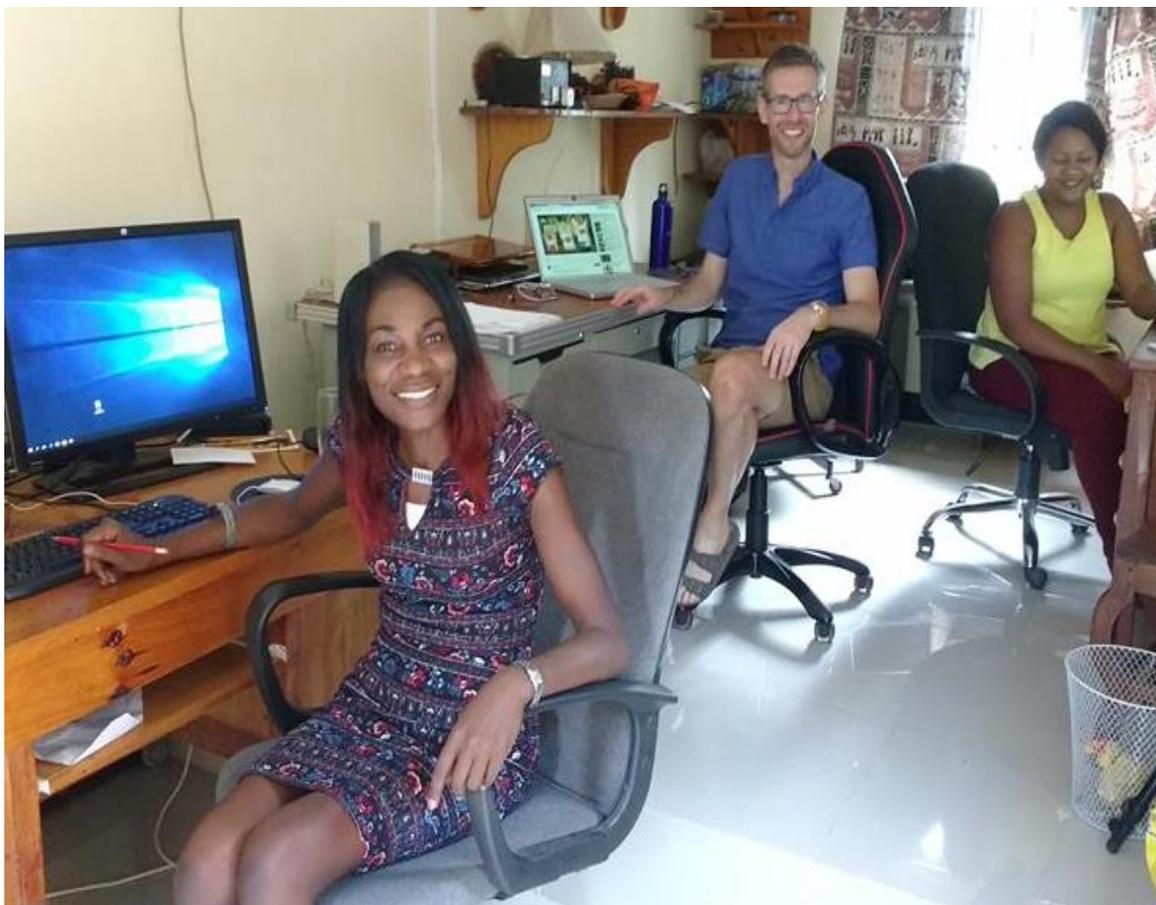
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Ard Deoise Atha Cliath

In collaboration with the Archdiocese of Dublin

Introduction:

In 2017 VC applied to the Archdiocese of Dublin for assistance with their faith based initiatives, particularly focusing on partners looking for a pastoral or missionary volunteer to assist with their work. This three year programme was generously supported allowing for VC to support three people each year. The first of these lay missionary workers was Paul Sheridan a TV producer from Northern Ireland. Paul was requested by the SMA Fathers in Northern Zambia to work as a media trainer and advisor in the SMA Media Centre in Ndola.

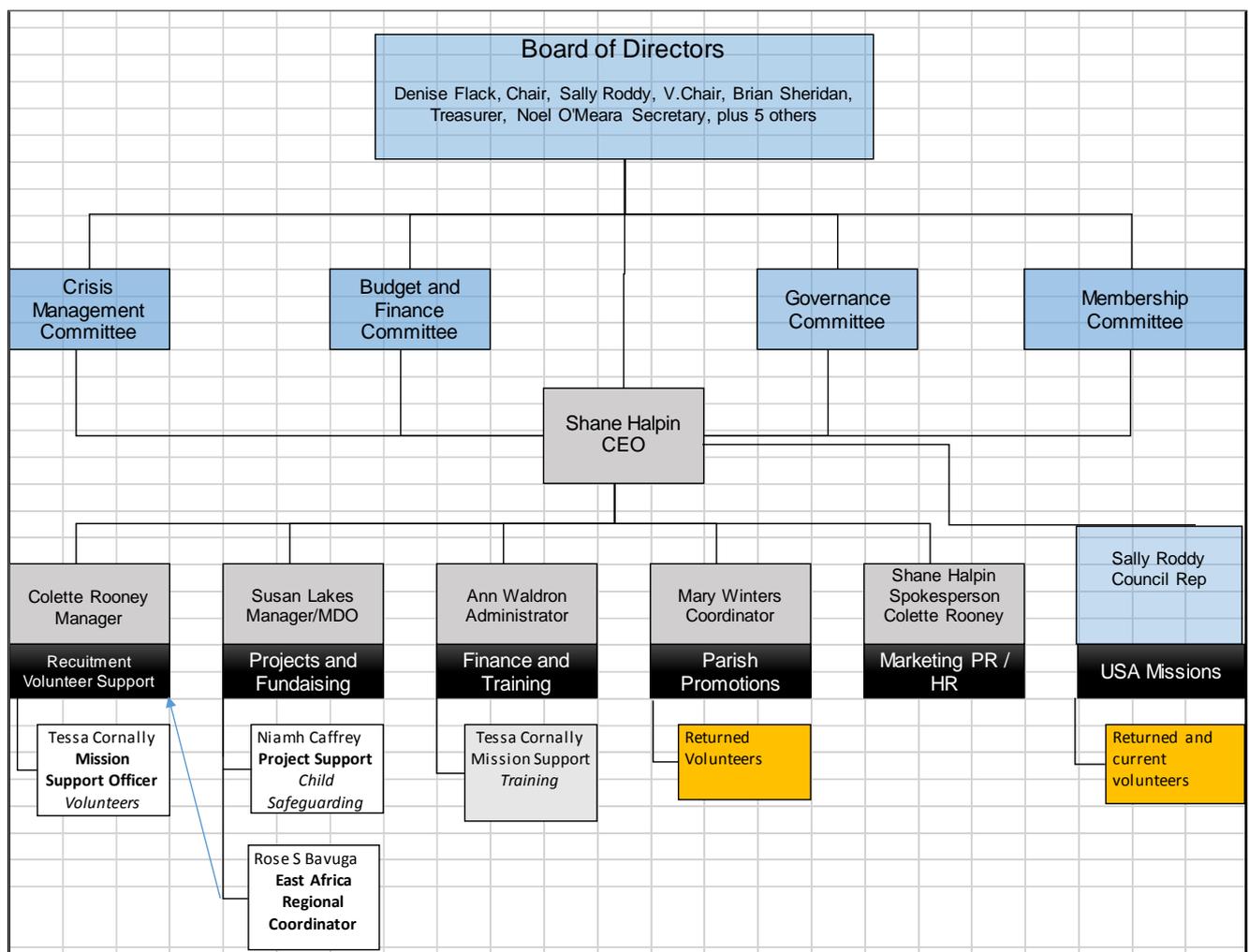
The SMA in Zambia work in 12 different parishes in an area between Lusaka in the centre and the Copper belt province in the central north. As well as producing programmes, SMA's Media centre provides basic media skills training to Zambians. Since 2009 over 90 people have been trained from a range of different ages, from all genders and backgrounds.



VC Structure, Governance and Management

VC was set up as a Lay Catholic Association in Ireland in 1960. It has a fulltime CEO and is governed by a Council/Board of Directors elected from the membership at the AGM. Council is made up of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary and up to six additional members, who are specialised in their professions. It meets ten times a year and is responsible for policy and other governance issues, including approving membership of the association.

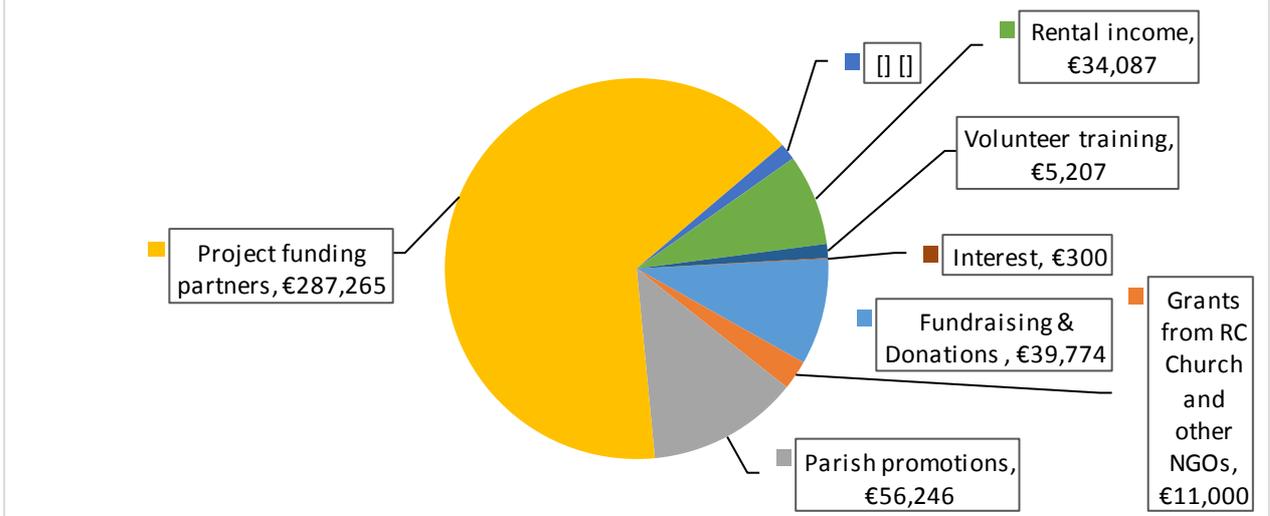
VC are signatories to the Comhlámh Code of Good Practice; a set of standards for organisations in Ireland involved in facilitating international volunteer placements in developing countries, to ensure good practice in the sector. VC is a member of AMRI, Misean Cara and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin is its patron. Viatores Christi CLG Company Limited by Guarantee No. 68333. It is also a registered charity No. 5526 and CRA0008444.



Financial Review

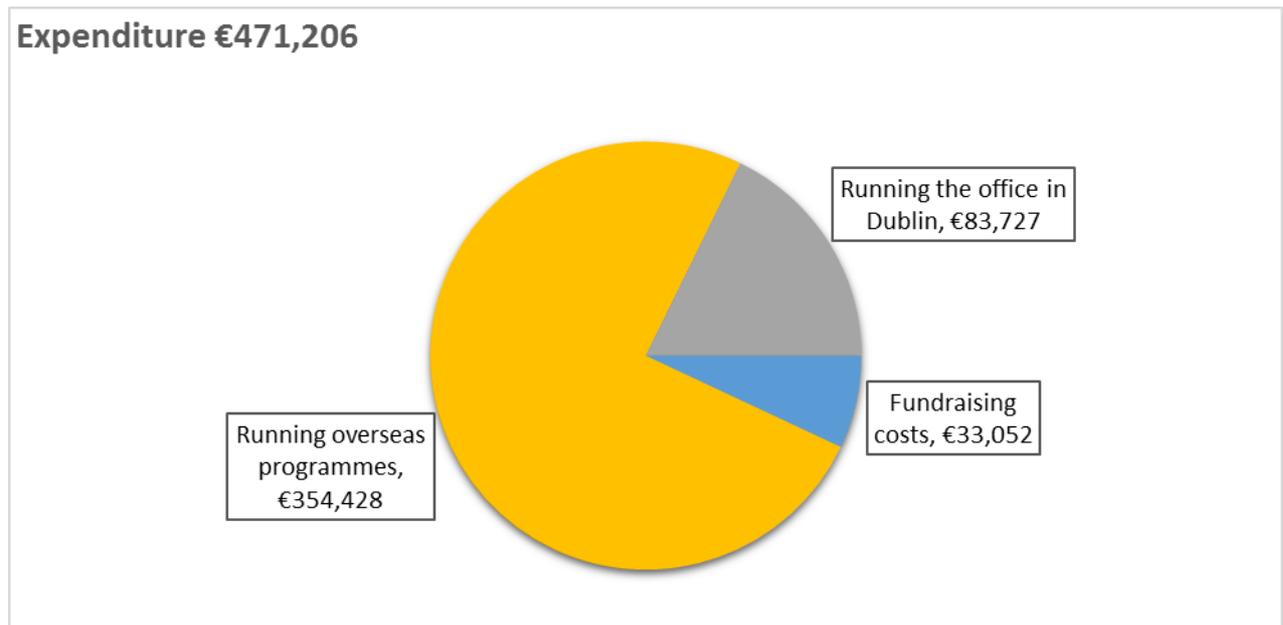
*Note: VC received a further €271,624 income and is in the bank but it won't be recognised in full until

Income €440,180*



2018/19 which is when the expenditure will be incurred. This includes deferred MC income and a grant of €89,370 from the Archdiocese of Dublin for three years support.

Expenditure €471,206



Financial Statements

The auditor's report and the financial information on the following pages have been extracted from the 2017 Directors Report and Financial Statements of Viatores Christi Company Limited by Guarantee. The full accounts have been signed and emailed to members on request and will be filed with the Registrar of Companies. This information will be made available on the website of VC following the Annual General Meeting.

Registered number: 68833
Charity number: CHY 5526
Charity regulator number: 20008444

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND
ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

Council Members	Denise Flack Charles Flynn Paula Ni Shlatarra Nora Casey (resigned 2 September 2017) Brian Sheridan Sally Roddy Stephen Burns Noel O Meara Maire Ni Bhroin (appointed 2 September 2017) David Jennings (appointed 2 September 2017)
Company secretary	Noel O Meara (appointed 2 September 2017) Charles Flynn (resigned 2 September 2017)
Chief executive officer	Shane Halpin
President	Denise Flack
Vice President	Sally Roddy
Treasurer	Brian Sheridan
Company registered number	CHY 5526
Charity registered number	68833
Charity regulator number	20008444
Registered office	8 New Cabra Road Phibsboro Dublin 7
Independent auditor	RBK Business Advisers Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm Boole House Beech Hill Office Campus Clonskeagh Dublin 4
Bankers	Bank of Ireland 2 College Green Dublin 2
Solicitors	David F McMahon & Company Solicitors 5/6 Upper O'Connell Street Dublin 1

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The Council Members (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2014) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Viatores Christi Company Limited By Guarantee (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2017. The Council Members confirm that the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

● CONSTITUTION

The Company is a registered charity incorporated in 1979 as a company limited by guarantee and not having share capital. The Charity was founded in 1960. The principal office of the Company is 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7. The Company's registered number is 68833 and the charity registration number is CHY 5526. Governance and management structures are set out in the Constitution. The principal activity of the charity is the recruitment and training of lay missionary personnel.

● METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Council Members who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Constitution.

● ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING

The charity is governed by its Council Members, which makes decisions regarding strategy in relation to the Charity. The Council Members have appointed Shane Halpin as Chief Executive Officer and have delegated a range of day to day decision making powers to the Chief Executive Officer.

● TAXATION STATUS

Viatores Christi CLG has charitable status and accordingly, any surpluses of income over expenditure are exempt from corporation tax.

● RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council Members have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Main risks facing the Charity

The Council Members considers long term funding and going concern as being key risks facing the Charity and has put in place strategic plans to manage these risks.

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

- **POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

Viatores Christi CLG recruits, trains and places skilled people on long term projects run by our mission partners in areas of need throughout the world. The Charity recruit and train people over 21 years of age from all backgrounds, of all faiths and none and offers full support to volunteers while they are on assignment and upon their return.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

- **GOING CONCERN**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Council Members have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

- **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

Gross income for the year was €451,058 (2016: €429,125). The principal source of gross income for the Charity is funding received from Mísean Cara. Income received from Mísean Cara in 2017 amounted to €281,402 (2016: €215,558). The Charity also raises funds through its Parish Promotion activities in both Ireland and the US, private donations and through other grants.

Expenditure in 2017 for charitable activities amounted to €442,665 compared to €378,240 in 2016. Costs of generating income in 2017 amounted to €39,419 (2016: €44,353). Overall costs amounted to €482,084 in 2017 (2016: €422,593).

Viatores Christi (Property) Designated Activity Company was a 100% subsidiary of Viatores Christi CLG. During the year ended 31 December 2017, the group underwent restructuring and a decision was made to liquidate Viatores Christi (Property) DAC and transfer the assets and liabilities of the property company subsidiary into the parent charitable company i.e. Viatores Christi CLG.

At the date of liquidation, the only asset or liability in Viatores Christi (Property) DAC was freehold property which was distributed and transferred at a value of €470,000. This is reflected in note 6 and note 11 to the financial statements.

In addition, prior to the restructuring and liquidation of the subsidiary, Viatores Christi CLG carried on the balance sheet an investment of €15,130 in its 100% wholly owned subsidiary. Given the fact that the subsidiary company has now been liquidated, Viatores Christi CLG have recognised an impairment on this investment in the current year and have written off this amount of €15,130. This is reflected in note 12 to the financial statements and shown on the face of the Statement of Financial activity.

- **INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE**

The objective of the Charity's investment policy is to maintain sufficient liquidity while ensuring maximum security, meeting ethical standards and achieving the highest possible returns. Interest earned is applied to the charitable causes of the Charity.

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

FINANCIAL REVIEW

● RESERVES POLICY

The Charity's available reserves at the year end were €608,152 (2016: €184,308).

The Council Members recognise the need to hold reserves to ensure the financial stability of the Charity. In particular, the Council Members recognise that the Charity is currently substantially dependent on one source of income to fund its activities. That source is Misesan Cara grants received.

In order to mitigate the risks associated with its income, it is the policy of the Charity to hold sufficient reserves to fund its activities for the year. The Council Members review this policy on an ongoing basis to ensure that it continues to be appropriate for the financial stability of the Charity.

The Council Members may also determine that a portion of reserves be utilised for particular or designated purposes or projects to advance the causes of the Charity. Such reserves, if any, are classified as designated reserves at the balance sheet date. At 31 December 2017 no reserves were classified as designated.

MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The Charity is a Company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of the members is limited as defined in the Company's Constitution and shall not exceed €1 in the event of a winding up or dissolution of the Company.

ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The measures taken by the Council Members to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records are the implementation of necessary policies and procedures for recording transactions, the employment of competent accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and the provision of adequate resources to the finance function. The books of account of the company are maintained at 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year end, which in the opinion of the council, require disclosure in the financial statements.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

There were no political contributions which require disclosure.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Council Members (who are also directors of Viatores Christi Company Limited By Guarantee for the purposes of company law and the 2014 Companies Act) are responsible for preparing the Council Members' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the Council Members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the Council Members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland ("relevant financial reporting framework").

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

Under company law, the Council Members must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the Council Members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charitable Company will continue in operation.

The Council Members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STATEMENT ON RELEVANT AUDIT INFORMATION

Each of the persons who are Council Members at the time when this Council Members' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Council Member is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditor is unaware, and
- that Council Member has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Council Member in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charitable Company's auditors

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The independent auditor, RBK Business Advisers, Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm, has indicated its willingness to continue in office in accordance with provisions of the 2014 Companies Act.

This report was approved by the Council Members, on 4/8/2018 and signed on their behalf by:

Denise Flack

Brian Sheridan

Denise Flack

Brian Sheridan

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Viatores Christi Company Limited By Guarantee (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2017 set out on pages 10 to 27. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable Irish law and Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard as issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Service Authority ("IAASA"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the Council Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
 - the Council Members have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.
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VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

OTHER INFORMATION

The Council Members (who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2014

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- the accounting records of the Charity were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited;
- the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records;
- the information given in the Council Members' Report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Council Members' report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Council Members' Report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of Council members' remuneration and transactions required by Section 305 to 312 of the Act and not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

As explained more fully in the Council Members' responsibilities statement, the Council Members (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Council Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

In preparing the financial statements, the Council Members are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Council Members either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Council Members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Council Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in my Auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my Auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY
GUARANTEE

THE PURPOSE OF OUR AUDIT WORK AND TO WHOM WE OWE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

This report is made solely to the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters that we are required to state to them in the audit report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company or the company's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ronan Kilbane
for and on behalf of
RBK Business Advisers
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm
Boole House
Beech Hill Office Campus
Clonskeagh
Dublin 4
Date:

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2017 €	Restricted funds 2017 €	Total funds 2017 €	<i>Total funds 2016 €</i>
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities	2	173,669	222,640	396,309	389,877
Other activities	3	54,749	-	54,749	39,248
TOTAL INCOME		228,418	222,640	451,058	429,125
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	4	39,419	-	39,419	44,353
Charitable activities	5	204,638	238,027	442,665	378,240
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		244,057	238,027	482,084	422,593
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT LOSSES					
Impairment of investments	12	(15,639)	(15,387)	(31,026)	6,532
		(15,130)	-	(15,130)	-
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES					
Exceptional item: other income	6	(30,769)	(15,387)	(46,156)	6,532
		470,000	-	470,000	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		439,231	(15,387)	423,844	6,532
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		130,174	54,134	184,308	177,776
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		569,405	38,747	608,152	184,308

The notes on pages 13 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE
REGISTERED NUMBER: 68833

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	€	2017 €	€	2016 €
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11		462,821		2,652
Investments	12		51,000		66,130
			513,821		68,782
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	6,159		64,496	
Cash at bank and in hand	18	404,023		154,011	
			410,182	218,507	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14		(315,851)	(102,981)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			94,331		115,526
NET ASSETS			608,152		184,308
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	15		38,747		54,134
Unrestricted funds	15		569,405		130,174
TOTAL FUNDS			608,152		184,308

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Council Members and signed on their behalf by:

Denise Flack

Brian Sheridan

Denise Flack

Brian Sheridan

Date:

The notes on pages 13 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 €	2016 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	17	250,012	<i>(114,902)</i>
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		250,012	<i>(114,902)</i>
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	18	154,011	<i>268,913</i>
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Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	18	404,023	<i>154,011</i>
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The notes on pages 13 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2017 €	Restricted funds 2017 €	Total funds 2017 €	<i>Total funds 2016 €</i>
Donations	18,575	-	18,575	22,827
Legacies	11,139	-	11,139	25,962
Parish promotions	37,132	-	37,132	51,037
Misean Cara funding (note 2.a)	64,625	216,777	281,402	215,558
Other grant funding	12,206	5,863	18,069	47,225
Other income	10,878	-	10,878	-
Missionary cooperation plan	19,114	-	19,114	27,268
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Total income from charitable activities	173,669	222,640	396,309	389,877
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<i>Total 2016</i>	180,790	209,087	389,877	
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

(2.a) Misesan Cara funding

	2017 €
NPFS Developing Services for People with Disabilities Project - Haiti 2015-2017	81,533
Structured Planning to optimise the effectiveness of St. Francis Family Helper Programme (SFFHP) Uganda.	9,227
Assessment and development of special needs programme, and capacity building of teachers and trainers in Enkuthazweni Centre for people with special needs in Nemato Township, Port Alfred SA	17,200
Provide early childhood education in San Pedro de Macoris, DR	8,100
Sustainable community based care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) including children affected by HIV and AIDS	41,344
Social protection for disadvantaged children & youths in Masaka District Uganda (FOHO)	7,922
Establish a Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph FMSJ East Africa Development Programme Office	20,000
Strengthening opportunities for employment at Padri Vjeko Vocational Training Centre in Kivumu Rwanda	7,941
Strengthening and capacity building of Caritas Kampala Cooperatives in the Archdiocese of Kampala	28,100
Strengthening and capacity building of the physiotherapy department at Village of Joy Centre for Disabled Children	8,130
IT expansion project to increase computer literacy in rural Haiti	10,019
Implementation of a Child Development Programme (covering children from early childhood up to 12 years old) incorporating and enhancing the existing Training Programme for young mothers and their children with developmental disabilities in Cheshire Home – Zambia	18,350
Viatores Christi Strategic in-house IT and Capacity Building Programme 2017	12,412
Agricultural Training Programme for Sustainable Livelihoods (Year II)- Bosco Youth Agricultural Centre (BYAC)	9,924
Monitoring & Evaluation pilot grant - Uganda	1,200
 Total Misesan Cara funding	281,402

3. FUNDRAISING INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2017 €	Restricted funds 2017 €	Total funds 2017 €	<i>Total funds 2016 €</i>
Training fees	5,207	-	5,207	7,304
Miscellaneous	49,542	-	49,542	31,944
	54,749	-	54,749	39,248
 <i>Total 2016</i>	39,248	-	39,248	

VIATORES CHRISTI COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

4. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2017 €	Restricted funds 2017 €	Total funds 2017 €	Total funds 2016 €
Fundraising costs	15,598	-	15,598	20,889
Training costs	6,367	-	6,367	6,519
Wages & salaries	17,454	-	17,454	16,945
	<u>39,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,419</u>	<u>44,353</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>44,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,353</u>	

5. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2017 €	Restricted funds 2017 €	Total funds 2017 €	Total funds 2016 €
Programme costs (note 5.a)	120,911	238,027	358,938	313,237
Support costs (note 5.b)	83,727	-	83,727	65,003
	<u>204,638</u>	<u>238,027</u>	<u>442,665</u>	<u>378,240</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>169,572</u>	<u>208,668</u>	<u>378,240</u>	

(5.a) Programme costs

	2017 €	2016 €
Misean Cara funding expenditure (note 5.c)	215,166	195,063
Wages & salaries	129,422	110,281
Other programme costs	13,932	7,203
Volunteer recruitment	418	690
Total programme costs	<u>358,938</u>	<u>313,237</u>

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(5.b) Support costs

	2017	2016
	€	€
Wages and salaries	41,490	40,518
Light & heat	5,184	5,719
Postage and stationary	1,668	1,429
Audit fees	4,305	4,705
Legal and professional fees	4,880	-
Telephone	2,349	1,789
Membership and subscriptions	889	825
Bank charges	835	1,254
Repairs and maintenance	3,115	1,637
Miscellaneous	5,710	4,881
Waste disposal	412	393
Travel expenses	260	174
Depreciation	9,831	930
Other governance costs	2,799	749
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Total support costs	83,727	65,003
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(5.c) Misesan Cara expenditure

	2017 €
NPFS Developing Services for People with Disabilities Project - Haiti	66,922
Implementation of a Child Development Programme (covering children from early childhood up to 12 years old) incorporating and enhancing the existing Training Programme for young mothers and their children with developmental disabilities in Cheshire Home – Zambia	10,324
Capacity Development Transition Project, Partners in Compassion Cambodia	482
Development of Bosco Youth Agriculture Centre (BYAC)	1,152
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness and Training Program	17,500
Teacher Training and Project Management in Jean-Rabel, North West Haiti and IT expansion project to increase computer literacy in rural Haiti	781
Capacity Development of West Nile Early Childhood Development (ECD) Teacher Training Institute, Moyo town, Moyo District, Northern Uganda.	9,670
Structured Planning to optimise the effectiveness of St. Francis Family Helper Programme (SFFHP) Uganda	10,004
Assessment and development of special needs programme, and capacity building of teachers and trainers in Enkuthazweni Centre for people with special needs in Nemato Township, Port Alfred SA	11,700
Sustainable community based care for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) including children affected by HIV and AIDS	33,373
Establish a Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph FMSJ East Africa Development Programme Office	15,682
Strengthening and capacity building of Caritas Kampala Cooperatives in the Archdiocese of Kampala	19,950
Implementation of Recommendations from Coffey Organisational Evaluation	2,030
Viatores Christi Strategic In-field Capacity Building Programme	8,772
Viatores Christi Strategic in-house IT and Capacity Building Programme	1,650
Agricultural Training Programme for Sustainable Livelihoods (Year II)- Bosco Youth Agricultural Centre	5,174
Total Misesan Cara expenditure	215,166

6. EXCEPTIONAL ITEM: OTHER INCOME

	2017 €	2016 €
Transfer from Viatores Christi (Property) DAC*	470,000	-

* Viatores Christi (Property) Designated Activity Company was a 100% subsidiary of Viatores Christi CLG. During the year ended 31 December 2017, the group underwent restructuring and a decision was made to liquidate Viatores Christi (Property) DAC and transfer the assets and liabilities of the property company subsidiary into the parent charitable company i.e. Viatores Christi CLG.

At the date of liquidation, the only asset or liability in Viatores Christi (Property) Designated Activity Company was freehold property which was distributed and transferred at a value of €470,000. This transfer is reflected above as it constitutes an addition to reserves for the year ended 31 December 2017 and has also been included in fixed asset note 11 as an addition/transfer to Freehold land.

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7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2017 €	2016 €
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	<u>9,831</u>	<u>930</u>

During the year, no Council Members received any remuneration (2016 - €NIL).

8. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of €4,305 (2016: €4,305).

9. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017 €	2016 €
Wages and salaries	176,254	151,920
Employers PRSI	18,006	15,824
Pension costs	4,868	-
	<u>199,128</u>	<u>167,744</u>

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
Administration	6	5

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than €60,000 in either year.

10. TAXATION

The Charity is exempt from taxation under Sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property €	Fixtures and fittings €	Office equipment €	Computer equipment €	Total €
Cost					
At 1 January 2017	-	22,668	47,842	3,000	73,510
Additions/transfers*	470,000	-	-	-	470,000
At 31 December 2017	470,000	22,668	47,842	3,000	543,510
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2017	-	22,306	45,552	3,000	70,858
Charge for the year	9,400	52	379	-	9,831
At 31 December 2017	9,400	22,358	45,931	3,000	80,689
Net book value					
At 31 December 2017	460,600	310	1,911	-	462,821
At 31 December 2016	-	362	2,290	-	2,652

* Represents the transfer of freehold property from Viatores Christi (Property) DAC to its wholly owned parent on the date of liquidation of Viatores Christi (Property) DAC.

12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings €	Unlisted investments €	Total €
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2017	15,130	51,000	66,130
Impairment/write down and disposal*	(15,130)	-	(15,130)
At 31 December 2017	-	51,000	51,000

Subsidiary undertakings

Prior to liquidation, the following were subsidiary undertakings of the company:

Name	Holding	31 December 2017 €	31 December 2016 €
Viatores Christi (Property) Designated Activity Company	100%	-	15,130

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12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)

Name	Business	Registered office
Viatores Christi (Property) Designated Activity Company	Property holding company	8 New Cabra Road, Dublin 7

The aggregate of the share capital and reserves as at 31 December 2017 and of the profit or loss for the year ended on that date for the subsidiary undertakings were as follows:

Name	Aggregate of share capital and reserves €	Profit/(loss) €
Viatores Christi (Property) Designated Activity Company	-	-

*Represents a write down and impairment in the investment held by the company in its wholly owned subsidiary, Viatores Christi (Property) DAC which as a result of restructuring was liquidated during the year.

13. DEBTORS

	2017 €	2016 €
Other debtors	5,000	12,768
Prepayments and accrued income	1,159	51,728
	6,159	64,496

14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2017 €	2016 €
PAYE/PRSI/USC	11,830	13,166
Other creditors	4,000	4,000
Accruals and deferred income	300,021	85,815
	315,851	102,981

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15. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Balance at 1 January 2017 €	Income €	Expenditure €	Gains/ (Losses) €	Balance at 31 December 2017 €
Unrestricted funds					
General Funds	130,174	228,418	(244,057)	454,870	569,405
Restricted funds					
Restricted Funds	54,134	222,640	(238,027)	-	38,747
Total of funds	<u>184,308</u>	<u>451,058</u>	<u>(482,084)</u>	<u>454,870</u>	<u>608,152</u>

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Balance at 1 January 2016 €</i>	<i>Income €</i>	<i>Expenditure €</i>	<i>Balance at 31 December 2016 €</i>
General funds				
General Funds	124,061	220,038	(213,925)	130,174
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	<u>53,715</u>	<u>209,087</u>	<u>(208,668)</u>	<u>54,134</u>

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16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR

	Unrestricted funds 2017 €	Restricted funds 2017 €	Total funds 2017 €
Tangible fixed assets	462,821	-	462,821
Fixed asset investments	51,000	-	51,000
Current assets	95,308	314,874	410,182
Creditors due within one year	(39,724)	(276,127)	(315,851)
	<u>569,405</u>	<u>38,747</u>	<u>608,152</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2016 €</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2016 €</i>	<i>Total funds 2016 €</i>
Tangible fixed assets	2,652	-	2,652
Fixed asset investments	66,130	-	66,130
Current assets	87,128	131,379	218,507
Creditors due within one year	(25,736)	(77,245)	(102,981)
	<u>130,174</u>	<u>54,134</u>	<u>184,308</u>

17. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2017 €	2016 €
Net (expenditure)/income for the year before other recognised gains and losses (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(46,156)	6,532
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	9,831	930
Loss on disposal of investments	15,130	-
Increase in investments	-	(51,000)
Tangible fixed asset additions	-	(1,999)
Decrease in debtors	58,337	46,559
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	212,870	(115,924)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u>250,012</u>	<u>(114,902)</u>

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18. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2017 €	2016 €
Cash at bank and in hand	404,023	154,011
Total	<u>404,023</u>	<u>154,011</u>

19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at the year ended 31 December 2017 (2016: €nil).

20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the year ended 31 December 2017 (2016: €nil).

21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Charity operates a defined pension scheme contribution scheme for its staff. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in independently administered pension funds. Pension costs for the year ended 31 December 2017 amounted to €4,868 (2016: €Nil).

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No related party transactions took place during the year ended 31 December 2017.

23. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year end which, in the opinion of the Council Members, require disclosure in the financial statements.

24. CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no ultimate controlling party. The Council Members control the day to day running of the Charity on behalf of its members.

25. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the council on 4/8/2018 .

Our sincere thanks

**Rita Dunne,
Mary Kiernan
Christopher Oliver Green**
who left generous legacies to the
work of VC in 2017
May they Rest in Peace

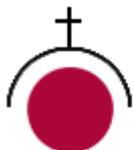


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