

The 144th Report for the period 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2023 for submission to the Annual General Meeting to be held at 6.45pm on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at the London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AY

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Message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Like many of you, I recall the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to this country in 2010 with great fondness and gratitude. The occasion of a formal Papal Visit to this country was extraordinary in many ways and is still bearing fruit.

I do not think that it is a coincidence that the years since that visit have seen a renewed growth and development of the Catholic Union and the expansion of its work. This is thanks to the hard work of many people, building on the efforts of lay men and women stretching back to 1870 when the Union was founded.

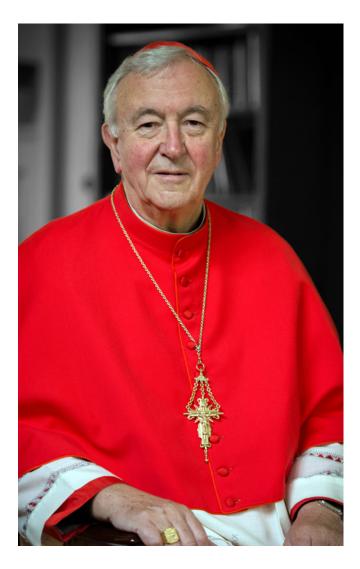
It was a great joy to celebrate Mass for members and supporters of the Catholic Union in February 2020 to mark its 150th anniversary. It was an opportunity to remind people of the importance of the Catholic Union and the need to support its work.

The central mission of the Catholic Union to be a witness to our faith in the public sphere and promote the common good is deeply needed and relevant in our society today. Drawing on the expertise and experience of its members, the Catholic Union makes a significant contribution to matters of concern to the Church – from family life to healthcare and education.

As well as having consultative status to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Catholic Union is a trusted friend and partner in our task of supporting the Catholic community in this country and in making the message of Christ heard in this land.

The Catholic Union has a very particular role in promoting our faith in Parliament and public life – giving expression to the words of Pope Benedict who said: "religion is not a problem for legislators to solve, but a vital contributor to the national conversation".

As we continue along the path towards being a synodal Church, where priests and lay faithful are called to walk together, groups like the Catholic Union will be even more important.



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Catholic Union so far. I encourage you to keep up your generosity, and urge others to join you, so that the work of the Union can continue for another 150 years to come.

With an assurance of my prayers and blessings.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

Review of the year

Introduction

It has been an exceptionally busy year for the Catholic Union. Extra resources in our public affairs and communications team have helped to expand our reach and we have seen more people than ever before engaging with our campaigns and events.

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Almost 2,000 people have taken part in one of our surveys or letter writing campaigns over the past year, well over 10,000 people have watched our media appearances, and our Weekly Briefing is fast becoming the most popular round-up of Catholic news and commentary in this country. We also launched

THE CATHOLIC UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Weekly Briefing

Deputy Director of the Catholic Union, James Somerville Health, writes:

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this year a Parish Briefing which is a shorter version of the Weekly Briefing designed for busy Parish Priests and containing items suitable to be pasted into parish newsletters. It is our ambition that every Catholic layperson and priest in Britain should have access to these Briefings.

This work is already bearing fruit with the Catholic Union increasingly seen as a trusted source of information and advice by politicians, journalists, and senior clergy.

"The Weekly Briefings from the Catholic Union are a brilliant way of keeping up to date with what is going on in Westminster and beyond. If you want to become more engaged in politics and Catholic causes, there is nowhere better to start"

However, this success comes at a cost and we now face a major fundraising challenge if we are to sustain and grow our capacity to inform, educate and to take action. You can read more about this challenge and how you can help on page 11.

Craigmyle Lecture

The Craigmyle Lecture took place at the University of Notre Dame in London on 28 November and was delivered in person and online by Baroness Sheila Hollins on "Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican". Baroness Hollins is a Vice President of the Catholic Union and a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.



Baroness Hollins delivering the Craigmyle Lecture

Also in November last year, our AGM took place in a new venue, the *Aula Magna* (a beautiful former chapel) at the London Jesuit Centre at Farm Street. The meeting was addressed by our President Sir Edward Leigh and our Chairman Rob Flello (by video) among others. We will hold our AGM there again this year on 28 November.

"...the Catholic Union is a trusted friend and partner in our task of supporting the Catholic community in this country and in making the message of Christ heard in this land."

Sr Judith Russi, Director EducareM

Cardinal Vincent Nichols



(I to r) James Somerville-Meikle, Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Nigel Parker

Visits

When Bishop Robert Barron from the USA visited London in February, the Catholic Union was asked to organise the political elements of his visit. This included a dinner with MPs and peers, Mass in the Chapel in Parliament, and a visit to No 10 Downing Street.

We also helped organise an address in Parliament given by Bishop Barron to civil and political leaders. Our efforts gave Bishop Barron maximum exposure to UK parliamentarians on his visit, making sure that those in public office were able to benefit from his teaching and reflections.

We have also organised two high profile visits to Parliament through the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Holy See. In May, we welcomed Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, leader of the Ukrainian Catholic community in the UK, and in July we welcomed the UK Ambassador to the Holy See, Chris Trott.

On 24 April, the Solemnity of St George, the Catholic Union and the Friends of Westminster Cathedral hosted a joint fundraising event. Over 30 members of the Catholic Union took part in a private tour of Westminster Cathedral conducted by Professor Andrew Sanders, a former Vice-Chair of the Friends. It was another example of the Catholic Union successfully partnering with other organisations as well as helping to support the Cathedral.



Westminster Cathedral visit

Pub Talks

In January we launched a new series of Pub Talks which have taken place at the *Windsor Castle* pub (formerly known as *The Cardinal*) behind Westminster Cathedral. These talks give people the opportunity to meet and hear from a Catholic figure in public life. We have so far had excellent talks from Lord Alton, Ruth Kelly, Ann Widdecombe, and Catherine McKinnell MP.



Rt Hon Ruth Kelly speaking at a Pub Talk

Webinars

We have increased the frequency of our webinars so that members in every part of the country can actively participate in our work. This year's webinars have included a panel discussion on the Synod on Synodality, another panel on Catholic Education in 21st century Britain, the work of the Social Mobility Commission and "God in No 10 –the Personal Faith of the 20th century Prime Ministers".

"The Catholic Union has played a key role in defending the common good and helping to shape the national conversation."

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England

St Thomas More Circle

On 15 June this year, close to his Feast Day, we welcomed Supporters and Benefactors of our St Thomas More Circle and other guests to Mass and a Reception at St Mary's Cadogan Street, close to the former home of St Thomas More in Chelsea.



Sir Edward Leigh speaking to Supporters of the St Thomas More Circle

Summer Gathering

We held our Summer Gathering in July at Douai Abbey where, after Mass in the old parish church, forty members and guests heard talks, took part in discussions and enjoyed a tour of the Abbey including the Abbey Church with its stunning blend of old and new architecture.



Douai Abbey

The talks included one by Catholic Union member Peter Frost, a solicitor who gave an account of the recent Higgs v Farmor's School judgment which dealt with a new approach on how to resolve disputes about the manifestation of religious beliefs at work.

Media

We remain active on social media (especially Twitter) and have continued to get excellent coverage for our news stories in the Catholic media as well as regular slots in the Universe Catholic Weekly and on Radio Maria England. We owe a particular debt of gratitude to the Universe Catholic Weekly for their sponsorship of our Pub Talks, St Thomas More Circle Reception and Summer Gathering in the year under review. We also have close relationships with Independent Catholic News, the Tablet and the Catholic Herald with whom we collaborated in compiling their annual list of UK Catholic Leaders. The year was notable also for our appearances on TV and coverage in the national press.

Education

Another area where the voice of Catholics needs to be heard is in education. Working with the Catholic Education Service, we launched a major new campaign to "scrap the cap" on new Free Schools, which is preventing the Catholic Church from taking part in this flagship education policy.

"As Chair of the Catholic Education Service, I am very pleased to support the new campaign launched by Catholic Union to lift the 50 percent admissions cap on new free schools with a religious designation."

Bishop Marcus Stock

Our open letter to the Education Secretary received a terrific response from Catholics across England, including teachers, parliamentarians, and Bishops. Having demonstrated the strength of feeling about this policy, we hope the Government will listen.



Sir Edward Leigh presents the Catholic Union's open letter to Education Secretary Gillian Keegan

We made this point to political staff from No 10 Downing Street at a private tour we arranged for them of Westminster Cathedral. We have plans for a roundtable meeting with senior Labour politicians later this year.

Our Education

Committee has held regular meetings chaired by Professor John Lydon and Dr Caroline Healy of St Mary's University, Twickenham. Along with work to promote and protect our Catholic schools and to remove the "faith cap" on new free schools, we hope in the year ahead to make the Catholic Union better known among headteachers and their staff in Catholic schools and also among parents of children at those schools.

Medical Issues

We continue to liaise closely with the Catholic Medical Association (CMA) who hold regular meetings on medical ethics. One of the major challenges of the year has been the continued provision of "abortion pills by post", introduced as a temporary measure during Covid. This means that medical staff may not able to assess whether

information they are given is true or whether the woman requesting the pills is being coerced. Also, the permissibility of prescribing progesterone to reverse the process of medical abortion remains contested and unresolved. Other issues included challenges to the right of conscientious objection and continued opposition to assisted suicide.

We would welcome any Catholic Union members with experience of the legal aspects of medical ethics to join our Joint Medical Ethics Committee with the CMA.

Assisted Suicide

We are continuing our work to promote the dignity of all human life. When a parliamentary inquiry was launched at the end of 2022 into assisted suicide, the Catholic Union was able to respond robustly on behalf of our members and supporters using the results of a survey we carried out.

 88% of responders to a Catholic Union survey thought that introducing assisted suicide would make it harder for Catholics and other people of faith to enter the medical profession

Both the Isle of Man and Jersey are considering the introduction of assisted suicide. The Catholic Union has been making the interests and concerns of Catholics known every step of the way. The most recent consultation response from the Jersey Government quoted evidence submitted by the Catholic Union.

We are also working with the Scottish Bishops' Conference and pro-life groups ahead of a Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide expected in the Scottish Parliament before the end of the year.

The Family and Taxation

Ahead of the Budget in March 2023, we organised a letter signed by 25 MPs on the need to reduce the tax burden on families. Catholic Union President, Sir Edward Leigh, was the lead signatory of the letter. He quoted from our briefing note during the Budget debate in Parliament.

Our letter gained national media coverage, including in the Sunday Telegraph. Catholic Union Deputy Director, James Somerville-Meikle, was interviewed on national TV to talk about the letter and ways of making the tax and benefit system fairer for families in this country.

"The Catholic Union has helped me and other Catholic parliamentarians from all parties, raise the profile of issues that Catholics care about."

Sir Edward Leigh, President of the Catholic Union

Religious Freedom

We also gained national media coverage for a survey we carried out on religion in the workplace. The survey found that almost a third of people had felt disadvantaged at work because of their faith. The results were covered by The Week as one of their top ten stories for the day and has sparked a much wider debate about freedom of religion at work.

We have taken up the findings of our survey with Ministers, public bodies, and a parliamentary inquiry which is looking into human rights at work. For the first time, the Government has recognised the legitimacy of "gender critical" views in the civil service with draft guidance published in July.

• 31% of responders to a Catholic Union said they had felt disadvantaged at work because of their faith

As well as challenging unfairness against Catholics, it's also right we celebrate the progress we have made. The King's Coronation in May was the first time since the Reformation that Catholics have played a role in the ancient ceremony. The Catholic Union provided commentary and a broadcast interview about what this historic day meant to the Catholic community in this country.

The Catholic Union has consultative status with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and a representative attends our Parliamentary and Public

Affairs Committee meetings. At the request of the Conference, we assisted in drafting a response from the Bishops to the Government's consultation on mandatory reporting in relation to safeguarding which may have implications for the Church and the seal of confession. In addition, the Union made its own response explaining the relevance of religious freedom and the value of the seal, and also calling for training of priests so that they could respond appropriately to what is said in the confessional.

Looking Ahead

With a General Election on the horizon, the work of the Catholic Union will only become more necessary over the year ahead. There is the important task of briefing potential MPs on the Catholic viewpoint in so many areas and helping lay Catholics to play their part as engaged and active citizens. The year ahead is likely to be even busier than the last.

Faith is 'blind spot' in workplace harassment

By Gabriella Swerling SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS EDITOR

RELIGIon is a "blind spot" in workplace discrimination, compared with disputes that arise over race, sex and disability, a peer has warned.

Lord Alton, 72, a crossbench peer and vice president of the Catholic Union, claimed that people of faith were being discriminated against at work, adding that they should not feel the need to conceal "an essential part of who they are".

His comments come as a Catholic Union survey found that four in 10 people do not believe religious discrimination is taken as seriously as other protected characteristics such as age, race, sex and sexuality. Almost a third of

had felt disadvantaged at work because of their faith. with the vast majority of these instances (73 per cent) occurring in the public

Almost half (48 per cent) said they felt unable to talk about their faith openly with colleagues. The survey also highlighted particular problems in hospitals, universities and police forces.

One lay chaplain in an NHS hospital spoke of a "pathological closing down" of chaplaincy work, while another worker was subject to a formal complaint for say-

ing "God bless" to a patient.

Lord Alton said: "There is still a blind spot when it comes to religion. Ignore discrimination or prejudice and it readily morphs into persepeople (31 per cent) said they ing crimes against humanity."

Our Membership

The Chairman and Council wishes to express its thanks to all our Members and Supporters whose commitment allows the Catholic Union to flourish.

Welcome to our 82 New individual Members (1 July 2022 to 31 July 2023)

Mr D Anson, Mr H Arundel, Mr GF Bennett, Mr L Bignell, Mr A Blatchford, Mr C Bonfante, Mr F Bradley, Mr R Broadhurst, Ms S Chambers, Mr A Clarkstone, Mr P Connolly, Mrs B Cookson, Mrs W Coumantaros, Fr F Coveney, Mr D Daly, Mr G Day, Miss I De Minvielle Devaux, Mr J P De Quay, Mrs A Emblem, Mrs L Evans, Mrs C Farrow, Mr D Fenton-Smith, Miss A Fleischer, Mr M Fox, Mr JJ Fox, Ms I Freiin-Von-Weitershausen, Mr S Gallacher, Mrs M Glindon, Mr J Grehan-Bradley, Mr P Hall, Mr M Houston, Mrs E Howard, Professor L Howard, Mr J Jones, Mrs I Keogh, Mrs CM Knowles, Mr Kwok, Mr L Lancaster, Mr A Lloyd, Mrs G Luff, Mr R Luff, Miss M Lynch, Miss S T Mackenzie Pereira, Mr T McGeever, Mr B McGurran, Mr D McKeown, Mr D McLoughlin, Mr J O'Brien, Miss R E M O'Connor, Miss A R Okoiye, Mr P O'Neil, Ms E O'Rafferty, Mrs AJT Osborn, Mr FJL Osborn, Miss C Parkinson, Mr M Parkes, Miss GD Parodi Garner, Fr R Parsons, Mrs L Payne, Mr M Rebeiro, Mr I Rice, Miss Robinson, Mr C Ross, Mr DJ Sarsfield, Mr G Scullion, Mr FG Sephton, Professor J Sloboda, Miss A Smyllie, Miss L Somuah, Miss Stevens, Mr RDP Sturman,

As of 31 July 2023	2023	2022
Paying Members		
Annual Single	437	416
Annual Joint	113	106
Life Single	491	501
Life Joint	114	120
Subtotal	1,155	1,143
Non-Paying Members		
Honorary	23	25
Student/Under 25s	129	112
Subtotal	152	137
Total	1,307	1,280

Mr C Sumner, Mr D Tallo, Miss A Thomas, Mr A Thomas, Miss EC Thornley, Mr M Van der Lande, Mr AJ Williams, Miss L Williams, Mr P Winand, Mr B Withey, Mr JG Woodward

We are sorry to report that 38 of our members have died (1 July 2022 to 31 July 2023)

Mr PS Anderson, Sir James Anderton, Mrs SM Bearcroft, Mr MCA Boot, Mr J Bowes-Lyon, Dr JA Bryden, Mr WP Capstick, The Lord Carbery, Mr F Cullen, Mr JC Davis, Mr PJ Doherty, Mr RM Festing, Mr CJ Gillham, Mr M Hodgetts, Mr PO Hudson, Dr JM Jackson, Mrs VA James, Mr RJ Kidson, Mr B Kilkerr, Mr NOE Lakin, The Baroness Masham of Ilton, Brigadier M Matthews, Cdr Wg DT McCann, Mrs DE McQuiggan, Mr WT Monaghan, Mr T Murphy, Miss R Nixon, Mr JB O'Connell, Mr DJ O'Driscoll, Mr BP Pender, Mr ES Poyser, Mr FCJ Radcliffe, Mr GC Rafferty, Sir Reginald Secondé, Mr LT Simmonds, Mrs H Tempest, Mr HR Tempest, Mr GJ Waddingham

May they Rest in Peace.

All of our members, past and present, will be remembered at Holy Mass preceding the AGM.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

		2022			2021		
	£	£	£	£	£	£ £	£
INCOME							
SUBSCRIPTIONS							
Annual subscriptions			13,196			12,716	
Transfer from Life Fund			1,734			1,738	
				14,930			14,454
ST THOMAS MORE CIRCLE							
Benefactors & Supporters			3 7,958			51,280	
Donations			_			1,530	
				37,958			52,810
INVESTMENT INCOME							
Allianz UK Equity Income Fund A Income			1,090			884	
Aberdeen Std UK Income Equity Fund Income A Share			1,066			877	
JPM UK Equity Income Fund B Income			242			218	
Janus Henderson Global Equity Income Fund A Income			2,578			2,290	
Barclays UK Equity Income (Ser.2) Fund (Class A Inc. Shares)			1,024			1,140	
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME				6,000			5,409
DONATIONS				1.077			/15
DONATIONS				1,873			415
TOTAL INCOME				60,761			73.088
EXPENSES							
	Income	Costs	Net		Income Cos	sts Net	
Events	856	3,238	2,382		1,986 3,4	15 (1,429)	
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Staff costs			42,658			45,765	
Rent			1,601			1,601	
Postage and Telephone			1,223			1,606	
Website and IT, incl database			2,800			3,009	
Printing			1,598			3,573	
Audit & accountancy fees			1,314			1,320	
Travel & Conference Exps			544			1,296	
Office Expenses			1,879			847	
Hire of office equipment			3,900			2,557	
Other expenses			406			1,026	
TOTAL EXPENSES				60,305		<u> </u>	64,029
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE REVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS				456			9,059
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments in the year				(3,880)			16,736
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR				(3,424)			25,795

Notes to the Accounts Accounting Policies

- Life Subscription Fund. Income credited to the Life Subscription Fund on receipt is taken to the credit of the Income and Expenditure Account over a period of twenty five years in equal annual instalments commencing in the year in which the subscription is received.
- Annual Subscriptions. Annual subscriptions are taken to the credit of the Income and Expenditure account at the time of receipt.
- 3. Investment Income. Investment income is derived from securities listed on the London Stock Exchange.
- 4. Tangible Fixed Assets. Depreciation on office equipment is provided at 33% on cost per annum in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	2022				2021		
	Cost	Reval'n	Value	Cost	Reval'n	Value	
INVESTMENTS							
5414.80 units Barclays UK Equity Income Fund	2,214	19,348	21,562	2,214	19,786	22,000	
117,510.75 shares Janus Henderson Global Eq.Inc Fund	4,446	72,676	77,122	4,446	73,440	77,886	
11,797.77 units JPM UK Equity Income Fund B Income	1,292	4,157	5,449	1,292	4,689	5,981	
6512.06 units Aberdeen Standard UK Income Eq. Fund	3,198	20,818	24,016	3,198	23,546	26,744	
19861.18 units Allianz UK Equity Income Fund A Income	4,974	19,052	24,026	4,974	19,852	24,826	
26832.27 Fundsmith Sustainable Equity Fund T Inc	35,000	1,384	36,384	-	-	-	
	51,124	137,435	188,559	16,124	141,315	157,439	
OFFICE EQUIPMENT							
Cost		6,897			6,897		
Less: Depreciation to date		(6,896)			(6,896)		
			1			1	
CURRENT ASSETS							
Bank Current Account		41,058			77,036		
		41,058			77,036		
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Creditors		(1,500)			(1,500)		
		(1,500)			(1,500)		
NET CURRENT ASSETS			39,558			75,536	
LIEF CURCORIPTION FUND			228,118			232,976	
LIFE SUBSCRIPTION FUND		10.125			10.207		
Balance at 1 January Received during year		18,125 300			18,264 1,600		
Received during year		18,425			19,864		
		10,423			15,004		
Less: Transferred to subscriptions		(1,734)			(1,739)		
Balance at 31 December		(1,101)	16,691		(-,,	18,125	
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REVALUATION RESERVE							
Balance at 1 January		141,315			124,579		
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments in the year		(3,880)			16,736		
Balance at 31 December			137,435			141,315	
ACCUMULATED FUND							
Balance at 1 January		73,536			64,477		
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		456			9,059		
Balance at 31 December			73,992			73,536	
			228,118			232,976	

Approved by the Council on 19 June 2023 and signed on its behalf

Dr V Fulton FCA MA DSG Hon. Treasurer

Chartered Accountants Report to the Council on the Unaudited Financial Statements of the Catholic Union of Great Britain

In accordance with our terms of engagement, we have examined the financial statements of the Catholic Union of Great Britain for the year ended 31st December 2022, which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and the related notes, which have been prepared from your accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us. As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com/membershandbook.

This report is made solely to you, the Union's Council, as a body, in accordance with our terms of engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to examine the financial statements of The Catholic Union of Great Britain and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report in accordance with the guidance of ICAEW Technical Release TECH08/16AAF.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Union and its Council as a body for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

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19 June 2023

Fundraising for the Catholic Union

Can you help to continue to grow the work of the Catholic Union?

Membership Subscriptions

It would be very helpful if all annual members were to pay their subscriptions in full (£30 for individuals and £40 for a couple) and by standing order.

Donations to the Catholic Union Charitable Trust (CUCT)

Donations to the CUCT are eligible for Gift Aid relief and can be made online through CAF Donate. All donations are welcome, especially regular payments.

The St Thomas More Circle

The St Thomas More Circle is our circle of regular donors who are able to pledge a minimum annual payment of £120 (Friends), £1000 (Supporters) or £5000 (Benefactors). There are benefits applicable to each level of membership.

Legacies and Trusts

Would you like information about leaving a legacy to the Catholic Union Charitable Trust in your will? Or are you a trustee of a fund or trust which might be able to assist the Catholic Union? If so, please get in touch our Director at director@catholicunion.org.uk.

The Catholic Union Charitable Trust (CUCT)

The CUCT was established in 2015 to advance the Catholic religion and to support the work of the Catholic Union of Great Britain. We now invite all donations for the work of the Catholic Union (other than membership subscriptions) to be made through the Catholic Union Charitable Trust.

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