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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	02	07	2024	To	31	12	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Apostolic Sisters of St John - Priory of Aberdeen SCIO
Other names charity is known by	Sisters of St John
Registered charity number	**SC053477**
Charity's principal address	104-106 High Street
	Aberdeen
	Postcode AB24 3HE

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Marielle Cesbron	Chair		
2	Lorie Ceniza	Treasurer		
3	Mingaile Adamonyte	Secretary		
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	SCIO Constitution
Trustee recruitment and appointment	As per constitution

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	The advancement of religion
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	The main activities in relation to the charitable purposes are: • to provide a place of prayer for the general public at St Peter's Priory and opportunities for structured and unstructured prayer times; • to provide faith formation and support for university students through involvement with the RC Chaplaincy for the Universities of Aberdeen, including running small groups and faith formation programmes, providing opportunities for structured and unstructured prayer times, organising day outings, days of recollection and retreat weekends, and providing student support through individual meetings; • to provide faith formation opportunities for children by working with several RC parishes in the city of Aberdeen providing catechesis and religious education, as well as hosting a faith formation event at the convent; • to provide faith formation opportunities for teenagers through involvement in a parish youth group in the city of Aberdeen; • to provide faith formation opportunities for young adults running a young adult group at St Mary's RC Cathedral; • to provide faith formation opportunities for adults through Bible studies, talks, parish retreats, days of recollection, and support for married couples and mothers; • to provide prayer and faith formation opportunities for immigrants and their families through coordinating the French Catholic Community, Filipino Catholic Community, and Lithuanian Catholics.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period	At St Peter's Priory, the Sisters welcomed adults for times of structured and unstructured prayer on a regular basis. We also organised a day retreat in December 2025. Two Sisters welcomed small groups on a regular basis for times of prayer and activities. One group was for primary school aged children, and another was for mums. The Sisters also organised an open day social event at St Peter's Priory in May 2025 to provide an opportunity for building community among the various groups that we serve, as well as thanking people for their support. Two Sisters worked at the RC Chaplaincy that serves both the University of Aberdeen and Robert Gordon University. Activities included organising structured and unstructured prayer times, running small groups for students who wanted to delve deeper into their prayer life and learn more about teachings of the Catholic Church, running a group for post-graduate students, organising retreat days and weekend retreats, and organising social events such as day outings, an end of the year barbecue and cultural dinners. We were also available to meet with students on an individual basis and provide classes to those preparing to receive sacraments in the Catholic Church. Two Sisters helped with religious education and sacramental preparation at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. One Sister organised the team of religious educators at St Mary's Cathedral. This included organising times of formation for the religious educators and retreats for the children preparing to receive sacraments. The Sisters also supported initiatives at two Catholic parishes in Aberdeen to run youth group for secondary schoolers. From time to time, the Sisters were asked to give talks to various groups on subjects relating to the Catholic faith. These took place both in person and online. One Sister was involved with the regular running of a group for young adults (ages 18-35) at St Mary's Cathedral. This involved organising regular meetings for formation on both a human and spiritual level, prayer times, retreat days, social events, and helping to lead pilgrimages both to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland in July 2024 and a diocesan pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in July/August 2025. Two Sisters ran a weekly online Bible Study for adults. One Sister ran a group for young married couples in order to support them on both a human and spiritual level at this stage in their life. Three Sisters helped support various immigrant communities through organising regular Catholic Masses and other activities for the French Catholic Community, Filipino Catholic Community, and Lithuanian Catholics. One Sister organised a pilgrimage to Rome for the Filipino Catholic Community in October 2025. The Sisters also regularly visited individuals and families in their homes, especially people who were alone and/or going through various difficulties. The Sisters also met with individuals regularly to offer a listening ear and advice (both on a spiritual and human level) when it was sought after. One Sister holds a position on the Scottish National Liturgical Commission, which is an advisory commission on liturgical matters for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Three Sisters undertook ongoing university education for continuing professional development in order to better respond to the needs of the people they serve in the context of today's society.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	All unrestricted funds held at the bank constitute the reserves of the charity. This is held for operating costs and arising or unexpected expenses of the convent and work the Sisters undertake.
Details of any deficit	
Donated facilities and services (if any)	

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Other optional information

The Apostolic Sisters of St John – Priory of Aberdeen SCIO would like to thank the Roman Catholic Diocese of Aberdeen for their ongoing support of our mission. We would also like to thank the many people in Aberdeen and beyond who support us with their friendship, prayers, and any material or financial support.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lorie Lynn Ceniza	Marielle Cesbron
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	28 September 2026	28 September 2026