

widening the circle of inclusion

justice  
hospitality  
respect

privacy  
compassion

If you have some respect for people as they are, you can be more effective in helping them to become better than they are.

*John W. Gardner*



Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God  
Annual Review 2007

Faith is not about bending to an almighty will; it is about making sacrifices, about making a difference to the lives of those around you. Our **Mission of Hospitality** is grounded in this simple belief, following in the footsteps of our founding father, Saint John of God, to ensure all are treated with respect and dignity, regardless of their circumstances.

Brother Robert Moore, OH

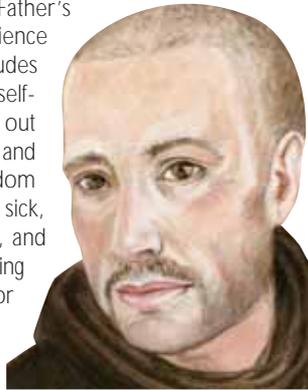


“God created us **different**  
to know **our need**  
for **one another.**”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu,  
Clinton Global Initiative - New York

## A Charismatic Order

The Constitutions of our Order define Charism as a gift. Our special gift is the gift of Hospitality. In virtue of this gift of charism, we are consecrated by the action of the Holy Spirit, which makes us participate in a special way in the Father's merciful love. This experience communicates to us attitudes of loving-kindness and self-giving, enables us to carry out the mission of proclaiming and bringing about the Kingdom among the poor and the sick, transforms our existence, and results in our lives manifesting the Father's special love for the weakest, whom we try to save after the example of Jesus.



# Introduction

from the Provincial



**'This is a holy and quite admirable work, where all are busy in charitable ways, pursuing the task begun by your founder Saint John of God... You show that love and compassion which you have rightly inherited from him.'**

*The Bishop of Granada to the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, 1581*

Reflecting on all that has happened over the year and being energised by the possibilities that lay ahead, these words of the Bishop of Granada to our Brothers back in 1581, only a few years after the death of Saint John of God, our founder, seem to encapsulate the sense of 'renewed energy' I have been experiencing from the Brothers for the mission of hospitality entrusted to us by the Church.

Much has happened to stimulate such a renewal. The General Chapter, the highest authoritative body within the Order, bringing together delegates, both Brothers and co-workers from all over the world, took place in Rome from the 2nd to 22nd of October, 2006. The Chapter was entitled: **'Passion for the Hospitality of Saint John of God in the world today.'**

General Chapters happen every six years and often result in the election of a new general administration. Brother Donatus Forkan OH was elected for the first time as Prior General. He leads a new team of six Brothers who hail from all over the world. The Chapter took time to consider how the mission of the Order has been expressed over the last six years and taking its findings into account, has set the priorities of the Order for the next six years. With heightened emphasis on putting the needs of those within our care first and an innovative ministry among new groups of marginalised people, it is hoped that the resolutions of the Chapter will enable our Hospitaller mission within the world to be ever more effective.

The Provincial Chapters commenced in 2007 beginning in England. The Prior General and two of his Councillors were present. Major decisions were made at our Province's Chapter that have affected the life and mission of the Brothers of this Province.

Many of these decisions were made as a direct result of the 'conversations' held at our two Open Space Days in preparation for the Provincial Chapter. These days were attended by all the Brothers and over eighty representatives of our eight hundred co-workers throughout Britain. In an atmosphere of trust, openness

and commitment to our mission of Hospitality 'which was born of the gospel of mercy as lived in its fullness by Saint John of God', much was shared and perhaps more importantly, much was heard.

Having listened attentively to what Brothers and our co-workers communicated on these days and at other times and in other forums, and in the light of the General Chapter's orientations, the delegates of our Provincial Chapter have decided upon a major change that, for the foreseeable future, only three communities of Brothers will exist within the Province. Each community will have a particular responsibility or mission focus, thereby enabling the Brothers to respond in a tangible way to the many requests from co-workers and those who use our services for the Brothers' valued presence and input.

Much has been expected of our Brothers this year, and as ever, they have been doing their best to respond not only to the unmet needs of those who use our services, but also those of the wider community. Apart from membership of a number of national and international committees relating to health care, ethics and child and vulnerable adult protection, a number of our Brothers provide for the spiritual needs of the local Catholic Parishes. This is very much appreciated by the local Catholic community especially at this time of transition within our Church. Our Brothers are often the catalysts for ecumenical initiatives within the towns they live and minister within.

The care and support offered by the Order (through its co-workers) in the many and varied services throughout the country, continue to develop and respond afresh to the changing needs of those who use our services. This 'excellence' in care provision is underpinned by a thorough and systematic induction and formation programme in the 'John of God way'. The Brothers are taking a leading role in this important aspect of co-worker development.

This renewed emphasis on being 'John of God' in the world of today, has led to other important developments within the life of the Province during the last year. Not only have the Brothers been instrumental in the ongoing development of the Medaille Trust offering safe housing for the victims of sex trafficking, but are now on the verge of opening a key new service in London for newly arrived migrant workers. This will position the Order, once again, in the centre of London and more importantly in the hearts of some of the poorest men and women living there.

The impact of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God is being felt by more and more people throughout the country. Within the Church, the Saint John of God Management Services is becoming renowned for the care and professional standards employed in our management of care homes for elderly religious of other religious orders and congregations. This is a service constantly expanding in response to requests to share in our expertise both nationally and internationally.

Since our foundation, dating back to 1539 in Granada, that melting pot of Christian, Islamic, and Jewish culture, working in partnership with other men and women of any nationality or creed, but sharing our ideals of inclusion, especially for those on the margins of society, has been a characteristic of our Order. This has been powerfully expressed over the last year, not only through our connections with the fifty four Religious Congregations associated with the Medaille Trust, and the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, the Daughters of Charity, the Jesuits supporting our work with Migrant workers in London, but in the sharing of our expertise and the charitable donations we have made to support others involved in the movement for a better world: Poor Sisters of Nazareth, the Little Sisters of the Poor, the Sisters of Charity of Saint John of God India, UNICEF, KUMI Community, Marie Curie Cancer Care, CAFOD, Shelter, Christian Council on Ageing, Cancer Research, The Linacre

Centre, the Saint John of God Hospice (the first in China) and the Saint John of God Mission in Monze to mention a few.

As men, consecrated to Gospel imperatives, therefore seeking to enlarge the circle of inclusion, ensuring all find a welcoming and appropriate place within society, the move now underway to create a new Province between the Province of the Venerable Bede here in Britain and that of the Immaculate Conception in Ireland, presents incredible opportunities for sustained development of our Hospitaller mission on both shores. There is a wealth of talent and expertise on each side of 'an Mhuir éireann'.

I bring my introduction to a close by sharing one other important development this year. The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God has been gifted with a vast property that previously belonged to the Poor Clare Sisters in Darlington. This property is going to provide us with a unique chance to create a centre of out-reach to those who needs are still unmet both locally and nationally.

Thank you for all the support you have afforded us, not only in the last year, but through all the years past. We cannot do all this alone.



**'So very great a number of the poor are cared for with such warmth and attention... From this we know clearly that God, our Lord, is amongst you, dwelling in your hearts. It is he alone who works such wonders by such feeble means.'**

*The Bishop of Granada to the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, 1581*

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## THE HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD IS A REGISTERED CHARITY AND A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION.

The financial information within this annual review pertains to the financial year 1 April 2006 - 31 March 2007 and includes summarised accounts. A full copy of the report and accounts containing complete financial details, including:

- Trustees statement of responsibilities with regard to the accounts
- Statement of accounting policies
- Investment policy details
- Legal and administrative details

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, sharing as we do the Hospitality expressed by our founder, Saint John of God, and generations of our number since the year 1539, dedicate ourselves to the following mission statement:

**"Without discrimination, we aim to ensure freedom of choice, personal advancement and support for the exercise of human and civil rights."**

## TRUSTEES/ DIRECTORS

- Brother John Martin, OH, BSc Hons, DipSW (Chair & Chief Executive)
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- Brother Stanislaus Neild, OH, MA, RGN
- Brother John O'Neill, OH,



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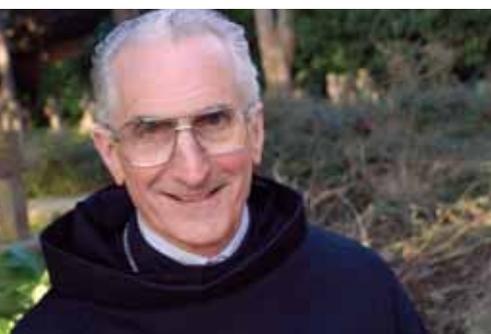
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# The Order



Besides the permanent employee Angulo, Saint John of God counted on young men and women who dedicated part of their day to working in the hospital. Antón and Pedro headed the list of his 'full-time' disciples. Neither Saint John of God nor they suspected that they had laid the first stone of what would become the immense edifice of the 'Hospitaller Order'.

*The Bishop of Granada to the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, 1581*



The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God is an international Religious Order providing health and social care to millions of sick, vulnerable and disadvantaged people in 52 countries throughout the world, working in collaboration with 45,000 of its co-workers and health professionals.

The legacy of its founder, Saint John of God (1495-1550) is a mission of hospitality and compassion that has continued and grown over five centuries.

'It is not so much the example of others we imitate as the reflection of ourselves in their eyes and the echo of ourselves in their words.' *Eric Hoffer*

In Great Britain, inspired by our founder's drive and compassion, we his Brothers "strive to incarnate in ever greater depth the sentiments of Jesus Christ towards the sick and those in need and to manifest these sentiments with actions of mercy. In embracing our own weakness we are able to stand beside the weak as the most favoured ones of the Kingdom of God. Together we experience God's love and strive to live this gift of Gospel life. Their needs and sufferings resonate deep within us and lead us to work with them and our co-workers to alleviate such suffering and to work for the personal development and advancement of us all. In our journeying together as companions on the way we defend their rights and we offer our lives for them." (Paraphrased from Constitution Article 3)

The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God seeks to promote its core values of Compassion, Hospitality, Justice, Respect and Trust in all that it undertakes in supporting the 1000 men and women who use the services it provides in Great Britain.

# Provincial Chapter

12-15th February 2007

On 14th February 2007, the re-election of Brother John Martin as Provincial took place. This was the culmination of the 19th Provincial Chapter of the Province of the Venerable Bede, which took Brother John to a fourth term of office. The Chapter is a period for the Brothers of the Province to come together to reflect on the past, present and future of the Order, the Province and its work.

During the Chapter, the Provincial Government, that is the group of Brothers who are given the responsibility of managing the affairs of the Province, were also elected:

Provincial:	Brother John Martin, OH
1st Provincial Councillor:	Brother Robert Moore, OH
2nd Provincial Councillor:	Brother John of God O'Neill, OH
3rd Provincial Councillor:	Brother Stanislaus Neild, OH

## INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES

During the Chapter, it was approved that three intentional Communities were established, each with a particular focus:

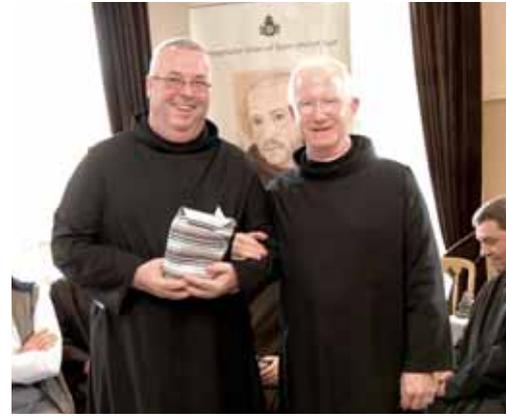
- **Hospitality and Induction:** The Brothers in the Saint John of God Community in Darlington have responsibility for furthering the objectives of the School of Hospitality and to spearhead the staff induction programme and its development.
- **Pastoral Care:** The Brothers in the Genil Community in Halifax have responsibility for developing an understanding of pastoral care in all of its services and establish a strategy for its practical application.
- **New Work of Hospitality and Vocation Ministry:** The Brothers in the Saint John of God Community in Welwyn Garden City are identified with a new project to meet the needs of migrant workers in central London. This project will provide opportunities for men interested in becoming a Brother of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God to gain hands-on experience with people who are deprived of the basic rights to a dignified living. This Community also has responsibility for vocation and formation ministry.

## CREATION OF A NEW PROVINCE

This Chapter was the last one for the Province of the Venerable Bede as it now enters into a process with the Province of the Immaculate Conception – the Irish Province, which will see the creation of a new Province that will incorporate the Provinces of Ireland and Great Britain.

The reasons for this development are to enable the continuation and development of Saint John of God's mission in both countries, which are facing a decline in the number of Brothers in active ministry. It is a development that will "enable us to hold on to those things we treasure and value," [Brother Fintan, former Provincial of the Irish Province]. Both Provinces are finding it increasingly difficult to fulfil canonical requirements in filling the various offices from an ever-decreasing number of fit and able Brothers. The pooling of their resources will provide a fresh impetus to the work of both Provinces and the exchange between Brothers and co-workers will be enriching and exciting.

The two Provinces share a common history of Hospitality, since it is the Irish Province that gave birth to the English Province in 1953.



"It's not just about how we can help **black, migrant** and **refugee** women, but how we can help ourselves by becoming more **diverse**."

Marjan Sax

## The Medaille Trust

Following in the footsteps of Saint John of God, the Order decided, at the end of 2005, to associate itself with a working party made up of men and women from numerous Religious Congregations who, under the inspirational leadership of Sister Ann Teresa of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Annecy, were trying to provide safe housing to women, children, and young men who had been freed from the evil of sex trafficking. The working party sought the Order's help in developing this 'dream' into a concrete reality by setting up and running this care provision as a charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee. This was a major task.

Working collaboratively with all those who are part of the Medaille Trust, the Order has taken responsibility for managing the many staff and safe houses operating throughout the country. In collaboration with over fifty-four religious congregations we are now providing women and their babies with safe accommodation and holistic care. Through its many contacts, the Order has secured the finances needed to staff and run these safe houses for a three-year period.

Sadly it is not only women and young men that are being sex-trafficked into Britain. It is estimated that each year five thousand children also face this horror, even children as young as five. Children's charities in Britain say there has been a dramatic rise in referrals of trafficked children to sexual exploitation services.

In response to this diabolical situation, Brother John Martin, OH and his team, are providing much of the support needed to enable the Medaille Trust to respond in the most appropriate way to meet the complex needs of these children.

To oversee the project, the Medaille Trust has recently appointed Elaine Hill as Project Manager. Elaine has worked for the Order for many years in various services and is a highly competent and experienced person in this field.





*Francisco de Castro, John of God's first biographer, writes, concerning our Founder's work among those involved in the sex industry of his day, that:*

'He took women **away from the brothels** and maintained them and went in search of husbands for them to marry. So **great was his kindness and Christian charity** that he always found enough to help and console them. The aforementioned John of God did this **before** he purchased the house in the Calle de los Gomeles, and **after** he bought it he continued this work.'



# Migrant Worker Service

The Saint John of God Migrant Worker Service was born in response to an article that appeared in the Catholic Herald mid-September 2006. The paper ran a story highlighting the plight of hundreds of newly arrived migrants in London who are falling into homelessness.

The Brothers, ever widening the circle of inclusion, are now developing a pioneering service for newly arrived male and female migrants. The new service will attempt to offer the support needed to enable them to move into employment and accommodation as quickly as possible.

This new work is a brilliant example of working in collaboration with other charitable organisations especially other Religious Orders and Congregations. Mention must be made of the contribution Sister Ellen of the Daughters of Charity and Director of the Passage Day Centre in Victoria has made in helping us to identify the particular group of migrants most in need of our support. Due to the intervention of Brother John Martin, OH and the generosity of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, founded in 1869 by Francis Taylor, we will be able to open a new centre in the very heart of London. From its foundation, this religious congregation has shown a special concern for the migrant worker. By supporting our efforts, they are continuing this work of hospitality. As we go to press, we are in negotiations with the Jesuits and the Jesuit Refugee Service, as to how we can work in some form of collaboration. The Jesuits are renowned for their work amongst refugees.

Our Migrant Worker Service is a major new work of the Order in this country. It is cutting edge and requires much planning. We have no recourse to public funding.

Though much has been done, we are still in the first stages of development. We have acquired the consultancy skills of Mr Colin Robinson. He has vast experience in this field and has worked for many years in a consultancy capacity for the Vincentians. The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God has appointed Mr Neville O'Neill as the Project Development Worker. Initially, Neville will ensure the development of educational programmes, medical provision, development of 'policies and procedures', investigate avenues of funding and continue to develop vital contacts within London.

He will work along side Brother John of God O'Neill, OH. Together they hope to have this service operational towards the end of the year.

## The Accession Countries

The eight accession countries - A8

	Czech Republic		Lithuania
	Estonia		Poland
	Hungary		Slovakia
	Latvia		Slovenia

The two new accession countries - A2

	Bulgaria		Romania
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# Saying Goodbye



On 20th February 2007, my dear brother, Geoffrey Pocock, died in his sleep at the Saint John of God Care Services' care home, the Minims, in Hatfield, aged 64. Geoff was a much loved member of his family and will be greatly missed by his father, his niece and nephew, his great-nephews and by me, his only sister.

At his funeral service conducted by Brother Michael Newman, OH, on 1st March 2007, family, friends, companions and staff from Saint John of God Care Services said "goodbye" to him and celebrated his many achievements. Geoff was of course born in an era when attitudes to disability were very different to today and the inclusion of disabled children or adults in society was still a long way off. Having been classified as "uneducable" by his local education authority, he was sent to a residential placement, under the old "Mental Deficiency Act" in the early 1950's. This was a very sad time for Geoff and my parents. But happier times came when Geoff went to live at the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God's 'Barvin Park' at the age of 15. This organisation has supported him ever since, through adulthood, living in his own flat in the community in Enfield, and finally through his ill health in the last few months of his life.

The enduring partnership between the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, Geoff and his family ensured that he lived a fulfilling life in which he was able to reach his potential and live independently. After many happy years as a weekly boarder at Barvin Park, Geoff went to live on his own in a flat, under the Enfield Project. With the support of the Order's staff and his family, Geoff enjoyed 12 fulfilling years of life in the community including attending college and undertaking a variety of work placements. Sadly, in his advancing age, Geoff's physical and mental health began to deteriorate, but once again, the Order of Saint John of God were there to care for him and to support him and his family through his final months.

The Order of Saint John of God not only cared and supported my brother for 50 years, they have supported and worked alongside his family through the good and the bad times, including now, after his death. I believe that the service Geoff and his family have received through the Order is unique and special. They have been there through all Geoff's life changes and flexibly adapted their support through the changes in health and social care provision and according to Geoff's care needs. I'd like to say a very big "thank you" to the Order and its co-workers for all they have done.

Janet Morrison

# Saint John of God Management Services

In the circle of Saint John of God's protégés 'living in the shadows' as it were, were to be found devout spinsters, poor religious and 'beatas' (private nuns). Castro tells us that John of God went out to find them rather than wait for them to come to him for help. He used to request money and support from the 'wealthy' to take back to these 'silent women' who received his visits as a gift from heaven.

In creative fidelity to our Founder's example, Saint John of God Management Services came into existence to respond to the issue facing many Religious Orders and Congregations today, particularly in relation to the increasing age and care needs of elderly Religious, working with lay staff and the implications of new care standards legislation.



The objectives of the service are to support Religious Orders and Congregations in the care of their elderly Religious and the management of their care homes and convents. This work is underpinned by our commitment to work with each individual Order and Congregation to maintain their charism and founding ethos of that particular religious family.

Today, Saint John of God Management Services works with six other Religious Orders and Congregations in caring for their elderly members in their own community houses, and in supporting them in meeting the requirements of care standards legislation.

“God doesn't look at **how**  
**much** we do, but with how much  
**love** we do it.”

Mother Teresa

## Clare Abbey, Darlington

The Poor Clare Sisters, after a 150 year presence in Darlington, moved out of their abbey to leave the region for a new convent in Herefordshire.

The abbey has been gifted to the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God. The relationship between the Brothers and the Poor Clare Sisters goes back to Scorton, in North Yorkshire, where both Orders were once based: the Sisters from 1807 to 1850 and the Brothers from 1880 to 2004. The Poor Clare Order is a direct continuation of one founded in Gravelines, Belgium, which came to England in 1795 to escape persecution following the French Revolution. The Order has been in the region since 1807, when Sir Caranby Haggerston, a benefactor, offered his castle in Northumberland for the use of the Order. The Sisters then moved to Scorton, near Richmond, North Yorkshire, in 1807, before moving to Darlington in 1850 and buying land offered by the neighbouring Carmelite sisters. In 1855 the Sisters laid the foundation stone of the Abbey and by 1857 they were established.

Over many years, the Order has continued to hold close links with the Sisters. It has always tried to respond to the Sisters' need for food and material aid. It is this loyalty and care shown by the Brothers over the years that inspired the Poor Clare Sisters to leave the abbey to the Order so that we can develop the property for the good of those in need.

The abbey and the grounds are extensive. We are beginning a major piece of work to discover how we can use this gift to its full potential. Many ideas are being thought through, for example some form of nursing home for the elderly with special provision for those living with dementia, and/or some provision for the young with physical or learning disability. Another idea is that we make provision for those already in our care throughout the country whose needs are changing as they are becoming older and will require more specialised support.

To have been bequeathed this tremendous gift is an exciting prospect. It will allow us to expand our services in the Northern area in what is a beautiful building.

Brother John Martin, OH



# Saint John of God Migrant Workers Project

## Supporting Newly Arrived Homeless Migrants

In response to the plight of the hundreds of newly arrived migrants into London who are falling into homelessness, the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God are developing a pioneering service – a hostel in Euston, London offering food and accommodation for homeless migrants and signposting to other services that can help with all types of advice and support suitable to make the migrants work ready. **We need your support!** The project will cost £440,000 per year. Please use the donation form with this review.

# Strangers into Citizens March

At the invitation of Cormac Cardinal Murphy O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster, Hospitaller Brothers of both the Irish and British Provinces joined the Cardinal to celebrate the Eucharist in support of migrant workers in London. They were joined also by the Most Reverend Kevin McDonald, Archbishop of Southwark the Right Reverend Thomas McMahon, Archbishop of Brentwood, along with other Bishops and numerous priests upon the sanctuary of Westminster Cathedral, the mother church of the Roman Catholic community of England and Wales.

At the end of a beautiful Mass, which embraced so many cultures and colour, the Cardinal officially welcomed to his Diocese the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God's new initiative in Euston, London to provide for the unmet needs of newly arrived migrants and those on the verge of destitution.

Having shared the Eucharist, the Cardinal and the other Church dignitaries led the two thousand strong congregation, made up of representatives from many of the ethnic communities living together in London, out of the Cathedral. The congregation joined a further three thousand men and women who were waiting outside. Together they joyfully and noisily walked to Trafalgar Square in an act of solidarity and witness.





The march and the gathering in Trafalgar Square was this year's focal point for the Strangers into Citizens Campaign. This nationwide campaign, by affiliate members of The Citizen Organising Foundation, is calling for a pathway into citizenship for long-term migrants through a two-year work permit scheme.

Its main affiliate, London Citizens, is a diverse alliance of active citizens and community leaders organising for change. Members include churches, mosques, schools, student organisations, union branches and resident groups who share a commitment to action and to nurturing leaders from all backgrounds. London Citizens have been organising for change and social justice for over ten years, winning ethical guarantees for the 2012 Olympics and persuading London companies to pay a living wage for low-paid employees.

The London Citizens community includes West London citizens, South London Citizens and the oldest chapter, TELCO East London Citizens, which was co-founded by Bishop Victor Guazzelli who died on the 1st of June 2005. He spent his last few years in the loving care of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Saint Peters, Vauxhall.



**'We make no distinctions in accepting the sick and all the other kinds of people. So here you will find cripples, maimed, persons with venereal diseases, mute, mentally ill, paralysed, patients with skin troubles as well as aged folk and many children. That is not even counting many others such as the travellers and tramps who turn up here'.**

*This description by John of God himself, of life within his second house up on the Cuesta Gomez in Granada has become for our Province a parable or symbol of the Order's willingness to take our stand side by side with anyone who finds themselves on the periphery of our society.*



To have the Brothers as part of my support staff is **one of the best parts** of being a resident here. There is never any question of the **motivation** behind the care they offer.

*Fred Robbins, Dalby Close*

“Alone we can do so little;  
**together** we can  
do so much.”

Helen Keller

## Mission of Hospitality Around the Globe

The work of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God spans five continents. Over 400 services impact daily on the lives of millions of people in 52 countries.



### **AFRICA**

• Benin • Cameroon • Ghana • Kenya • Liberia • Malawi • Mauritius  
• Mozambique • Senegal • Sierra Leone • Togo • Zambia

### **ASIA**

• China • East Timor • India • Israel • Japan • Philippines  
• South Korea • Vietnam

### **AUSTRALASIA**

• Australia • New Zealand • Papua New Guinea

### **THE AMERICAS**

• Argentina • Bolivia • Brazil • Canada • Chile • Colombia • Cuba  
• Ecuador • Honduras • Mexico • Peru • USA • Venezuela

### **EUROPE**

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• Ireland • Italy • Poland • Portugal • Scotland • Slovakia • Spain  
• Ukraine • Vatican City • Wales

# Financial Information

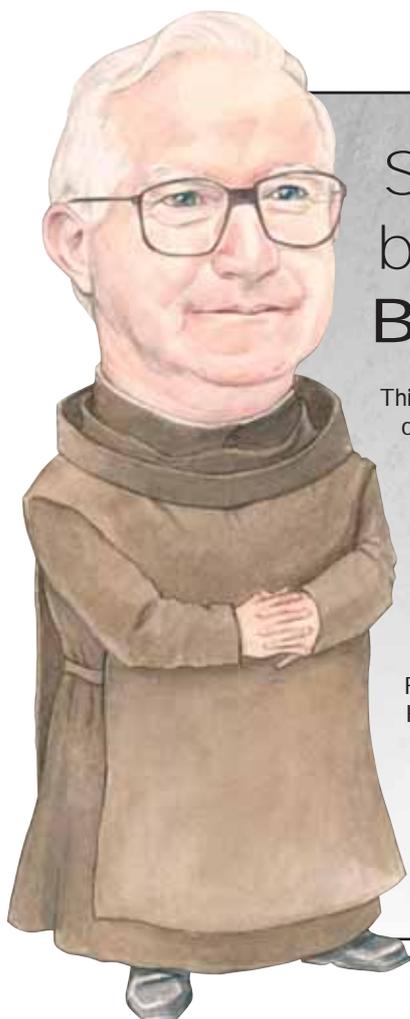
On 1st April 2005, the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God transferred assets and liabilities with a net value of £9.481 million into its new charity, namely Saint John of God Care Services. This was following the request from the Charity Commission that the services provided by the Order should be split from the existing charity. As a result, the figures reflect only the financial position of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God.

## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Incoming Resources		
Donations and legacies	460	391
Investment Income	1	2
Other Income	138	
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>393</b>
Resources Expended		
Charitable Activities	563	460
Governance Costs	27	5
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>475</b>
Net Outgoings Expended	9	(82)
Funds transfer 1st April 2006	-	(9481)
Net Movement of Funds	9	(9563)
Funds at 1st April 2006	1733	11296
Funds at 31st March 2007	1742	1733

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2007

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Fixed assets and investments	2894	2455
Provisions and creditors over one year	(1152)	(722)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>1742</b>	<b>1733</b>
Analysis of Net Assets		
Unrestricted Funds	1439	1430
Restricted Funds	303	303
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>1742</b>	<b>1733</b>

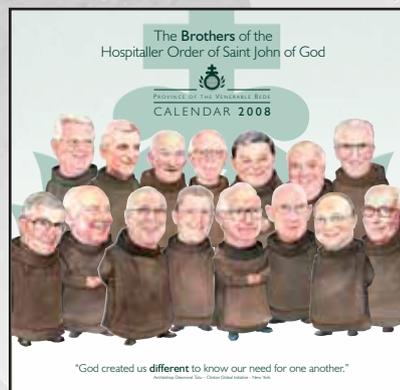


## Support our work by buying our 2008 Brothers' Calendar

This year's calendar includes a unique collection of caricatures of the Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, together with facts about each Brother of the Province of the Venerable Bede and their Prior General.

The calendar is just £6.95 including postage and packing. If you would like a copy please send your name and address details to:

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# Thank You

for all your fundraising support

New Fundraising and  
Communications Manager -  
Jane O'Byrne

**'Those engaged in the works of  
charity are not the benefactors but the  
beneficiaries'** Brother Gabriel Russotto, OH

'Questing' or its modern equivalent: 'fundraising' has always been an essential aspect of the Order's work. Without your continuing financial support we could not maintain the high quality of our current services or develop new ones in response to unmet needs.

Standing in the market squares and on street corners and walking through the alleyways of Granada, John of God would shout, 'Who wants to do good for themselves! Do good for the love of God my brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ'. This was a clear reference to the Christian gospel imperative of storing up treasure for oneself in heaven by doing good works on earth. Melchor Rodriguez, a silk merchant and contemporary of our Holy Founder recalls seeing him begging alms for the poor 'at night, no matter if it were snowing or raining'. Another contemporary of Saint John of God said that she saw 'the blessed father John of God more than six-hundred times begging for alms in the city'. Castro, John's earliest biographer, records that 'from the beginning, even when it was raining, he went out at dusk for at that time people were gathered in their homes. They would rush to their doors and windows in wonder to hear this novel method of begging; his voice had an appealing tone, and the virtue which the Lord had given him, touched everyone's heart'.

The people of Granada had a strong tradition of alms giving. Granada had been an Islamic city for seven centuries and one of the five essential duties of Islam is to give alms generously. These Christians took it for granted that they had to offer charity when and where it was required.

Continuing this tradition so that we too can continue to provide the very best for those we share our lives with, the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God have engaged the services of Jane O'Byrne. Jane, who has vast experience in this field, will coordinate the development and implementation of a new fundraising strategy to generate charitable income to support our many services and especially the new services for some of the poorest in the country that have no recourse to public funding. If this was not enough, she will also develop relationship with external agencies, including all forms of the media to enhance the profile of the charity and widen the donor base.

Thank you to all those who have given in the past year directly to Saint John of God Care Services.

Whilst funding for the charity's core activities comes from local authorities and social services, much of our work is only viable because of support from charitable giving. Any new projects or expansions of our existing services benefit little, if at all, from any government assistance. It is therefore with urgency that we ask you to seriously consider supporting us to achieve the following:

- **improve the quality of life** of people with physical and learning disabilities
- **extend our services** for younger people with mental health problems
- **help more vulnerable homeless people** and find them a permanent home
- **develop our services** helping people with drug and alcohol problems
- **play a significant part in combating the loss of community** in disadvantaged areas

## How Can I Help?

### MAKE A DONATION

A one-off donation is extremely valuable to us. Please send to the address below.

### A COMMITTED GIFT

Please consider making a regular donation. A standing order is a simple way of making a regular gift. An instruction form to your bank is enclosed with this review.

### GIFT AID

Use Gift Aid and make your money go further. For every pound you give to us, we can get an extra 28p from the Inland Revenue. There is a Gift Aid Declaration form on enclosed form. (After April 2008, Gift Aid is to be reduced to 25p per £1 donated).

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### PAYROLL GIVING

Payroll Giving means that the gift is deducted from your wage before tax is paid, reducing your income tax bill with immediate effect. It also makes your money go further for the Order and a £10 donation only costs you £7.50. If you are a higher-rate tax-payer, a £10 donation will only cost you £6.00. Please ask your employer about Payroll Giving.

### BE A VOLUNTEER FOR THE HOSPITALLER OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD

We are looking for volunteers to help organise fundraising activities. If you feel strongly about the work of the Order and the people we care for and support, and you would like to be part of something amazing then please contact Jane O'Byrne, Fundraising and Communications Manager on **01325 373718**.

### MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE – IN MEMORIAM

Please consider remembering us in your will. A gift such as this makes a huge and significant difference to our charity. If one particular part of our work is of greatest interest to you, then you can specify how you would like your money to be spent.

### ORGANISE A FUNDRAISING EVENT

Organise a fundraising event for us. Run for the London Marathon for us. Have fun and raise money at the same time!

### TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Tell everyone you know of the work we do. If any would like to receive a regular copy of our newsletter, then let us know.

**The Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God thank every-one who has supported its work in the past year. You remain as always in our prayers.**

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