



*The West European Province of
Saint John of God and Saint
John of God Hospitaller
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HOSPITALITY:

QUALITY

RESPECT

RESPONSABILITY

SPIRITUALITY



Preamble

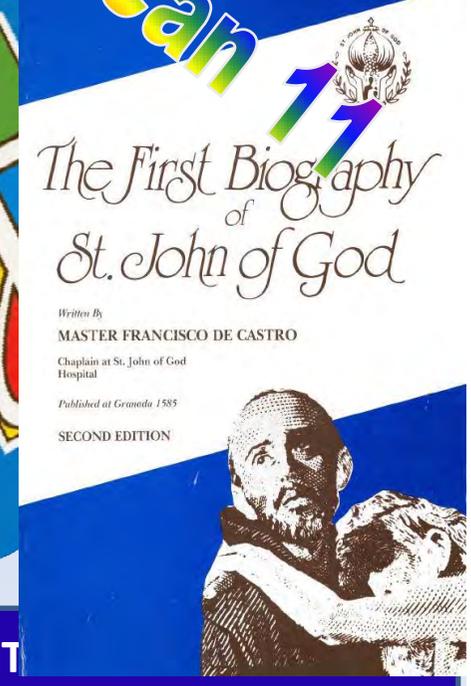
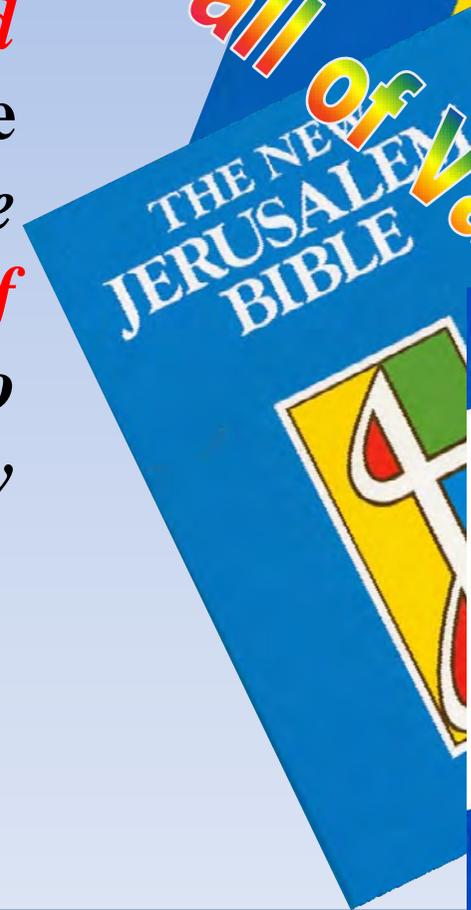


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- Following the mandate Vatican 11 to renew our lives and ministry by reflecting on *the sacred scriptures* return to the *original inspiration of the founder* and *read the signs of the times* led our Province to the establishment of a new *Church Body or Entity* –

**Ministerial Juridic Person
MJP.**

The Call of Vatican 11



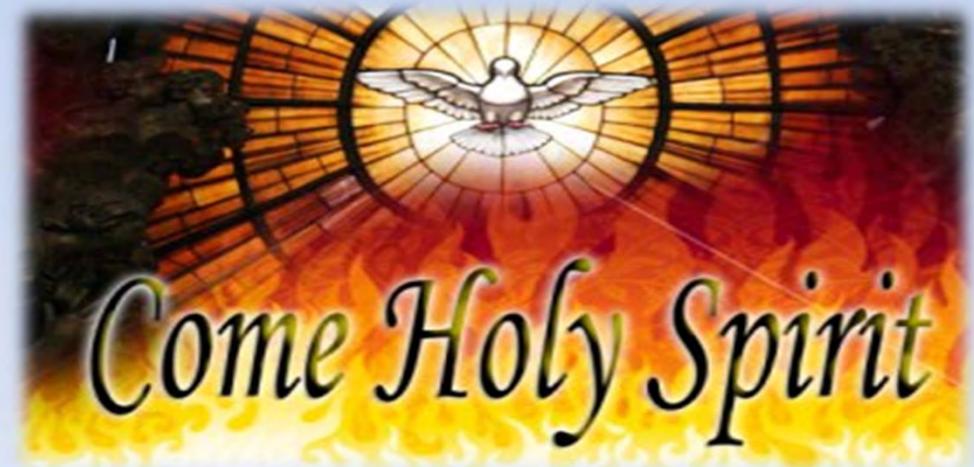
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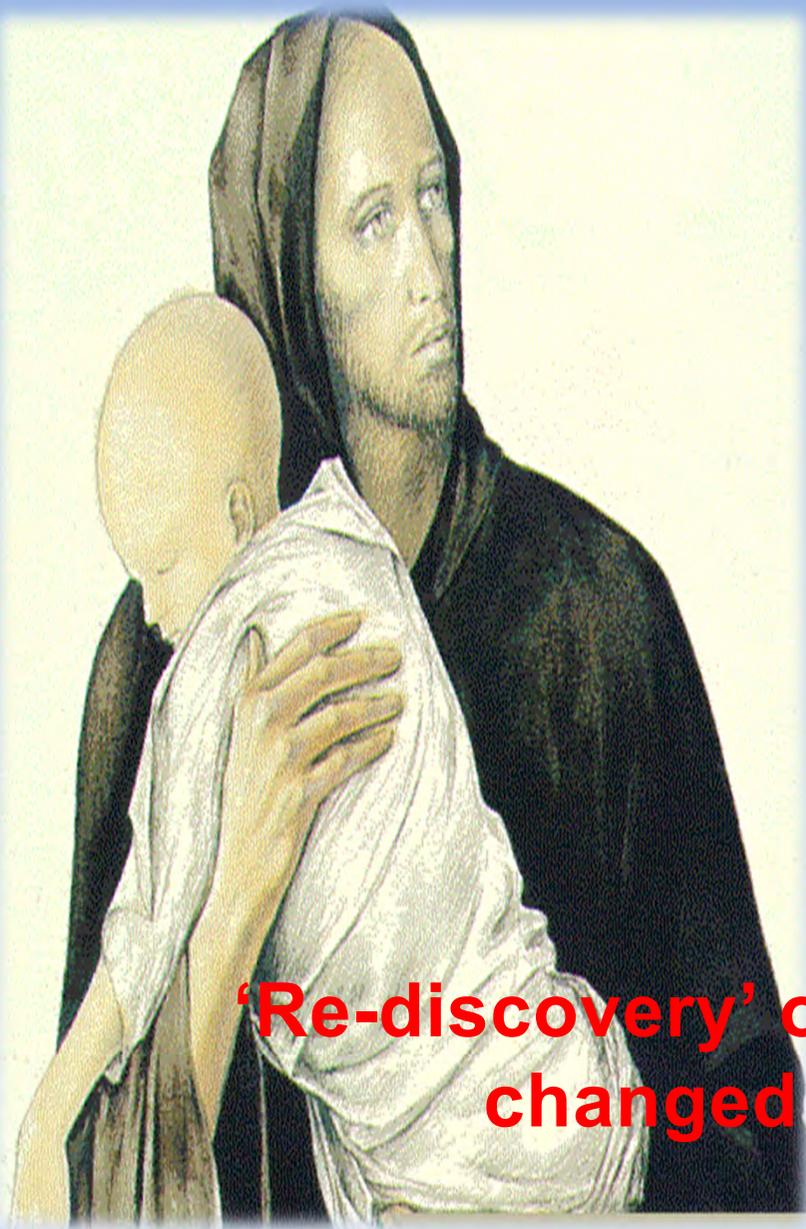
The is the story of our Journey

AND

How we arrived at this point



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**'Re-discovery' of Saint John of God
changed everything...**



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Good Samaritan Type Figure



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Important and Challenging Questions for the Brothers



- The Brothers moved from a position of being an employer to that of being companions of empowerment in terms of the relationship with those who worked with us, our Co-workers. This had the positive outcome in terms of the Province being in a position to offer a variety of services and programmes to a wide range of people in need. It also meant harnessing the energy, commitment and professionalism of those Co-workers who found in Saint John of God a model and inspiration in their work.



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- **The fundamental question was -**
 - **How can we ensure that the work of Saint John of God continue as a ministry or work of the Church into the future irrespective of the numbers of Brothers there were?**
- **Struggling with this question led us outside of our previous lived experience and comfort zones to find a solution. A new structure had to be found, one that would be within the Church structure, faithful to our traditions and in keeping with the legacy received from Saint John of God and previous Hospitallers.**



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Ministerial Juridic Person - MJP



- **Why did we of the WEP choose to place all of our Apostolic works in this new structure i.e. Ministerial Juridic Person?**
- **Because we do not have sufficient Brothers?**
- **True this is the perception....but this is only partly true, it is neither the whole story nor the real reason why the Holy Spirit has led us to this place.....**



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TWO REASONS FOR CHOOSING THIS OPTION



1. In the first instance inspired by the example of Saint John of God together with a new understanding of our missioncompelled us to leave our monasteries, go from behind the walls of the enclosure and into the market place!
 - This new sense of mission resulted in creative and imaginative ways of living and expressing Hospitality. This in turn led to an increase in the numbers of poor, sick and needy people being accompanied and served. In this new scenario the old ways of doing things, old structures no longer served the mission.



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**Structures are there to support the mission;
once they cease to do that they must be
changed**

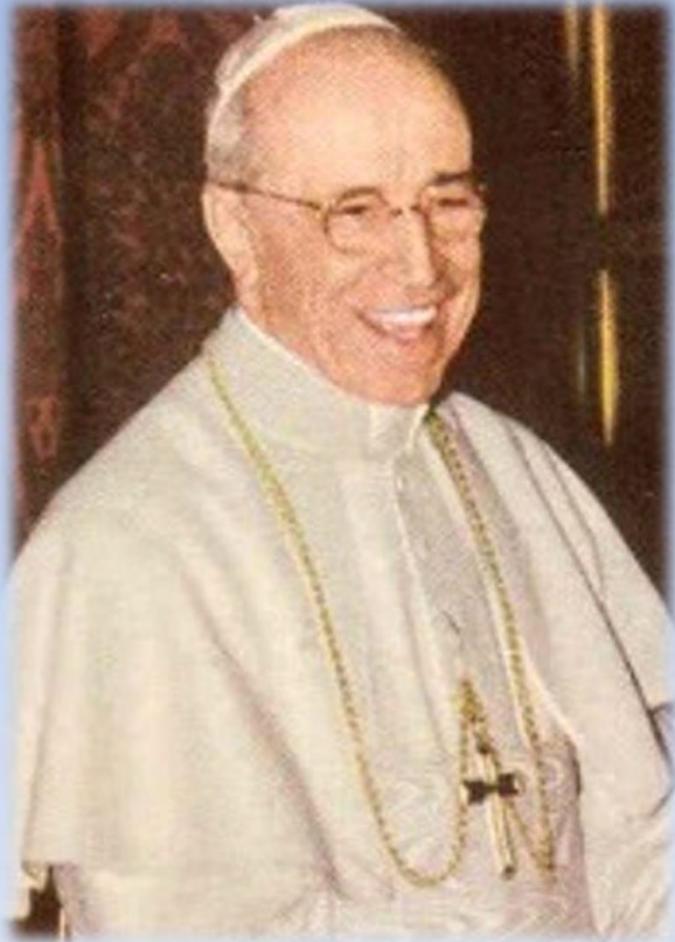


- **Our structures needed to be changed dramatically. Looking towards and planning for the future, the Brothers came to realise that a new model was called for. A new formula, fresh blueprints to plan the Order's future in order to ensure its continuity, presence and mission was required.**



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Second reason.... Arguably more important than the first...the
ROLE OF THE LAITY IN THE CHURCH



- Another factor that gave us direction was again the **Second Vatican Council** when it spoke about **the place and role of the Laity in the church.** Even before the Council Pope Pius XII stated.... *“Not only do the Laity belong to the church,*
“THEY ARE THE CHURCH”



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2. An increase in the numbers of people who fascinated by the story of John wish to continue his work in the manner that he has shown us. These Hospitallers – some Religious Brothers but mostly Lay people, LAY HOSPITALLERS inspired and moved by the example of John wished to give of their utmost to ensure that the poor, sick and needy people whom they serve, support or care for receive optimum service in an hospitable environment.



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....All the lay faithful “are protagonists in the work of evangelization and human promotion” (Pope Francis)



- **The Brothers, therefore have not given up something or lost something by putting in place the MJP, but rather have invited the Laity to the very heart of the mission of the Church and empowering them, enabling them to carry forward the message of the Gospel to the most needy brothers and sisters in society and do so in the manner of Saint John of God**



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- However, to set up a new Church Body / MJP was **HUGE for us Brothers**. This was a new experience for the Brothers. It took a lot of soul searching, there was no precedent in our history for a Province to put all of its apostolic works in an Entity that was outside the direct control of the Brothers/Provincial and Council.



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- The British-American author D. H. Lawrence said, "The world fears a new experience more than it fears anything. Because a new experience displaces so many old experiences." New ideas are not a problem. The world "can pigeon-hole any idea," Lawrence said, "but it can't pigeon-hole a real new experience."



“ A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions. ”



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VISIONING FOR THE FUTURE



- A true *inner experience* changes us, and human beings do not like to change. For the Brothers setting up a MJP was a major paradigm shift in attitude, thinking and behaviour. The setting up of the MJP was a completely new experience, a new way of seeing, doing and visioning the future.



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To make this happen the
West European Province of
Saint John of God formed a
New Church Body – MJP.
Saint John of God
Hospitaller Ministries.



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Passing the Torch

OF HOSPITALITY



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SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHARISM



JOINTLY CARRYING
THE TORCH OF
HOSPITALITY INTO A
NEW PLACE . A NEW
ERA IN MINISTRY
WAS BORN.

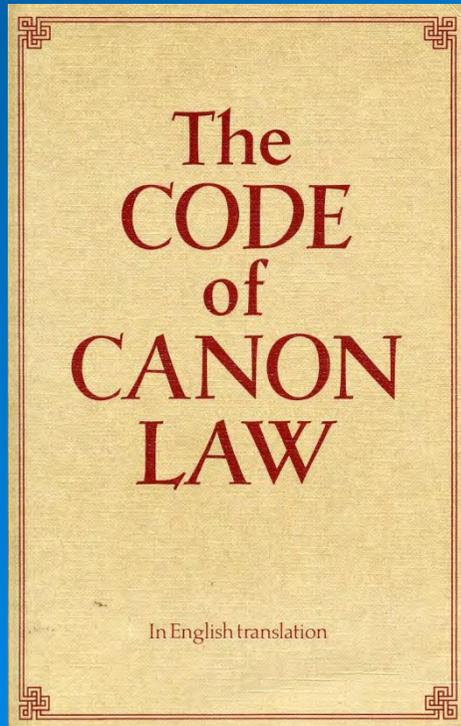


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Ministerial Juridic Person

WHAT IS IT?

It is a Canonical Body....



Public Juridic Person

Purpose

- To ensure the mission, ethos and values of the sponsoring body – the Order – continues even in the absence of Professed members of the Order.



Ministerial Juridic Person

- To empower and enable people to participate in the social and healthcare ministries of the Church at a governance level.



Ministerial Juridic Person

- To enhance the flexibility of the Church to promote and enable collaboration in Catholic health and social care.



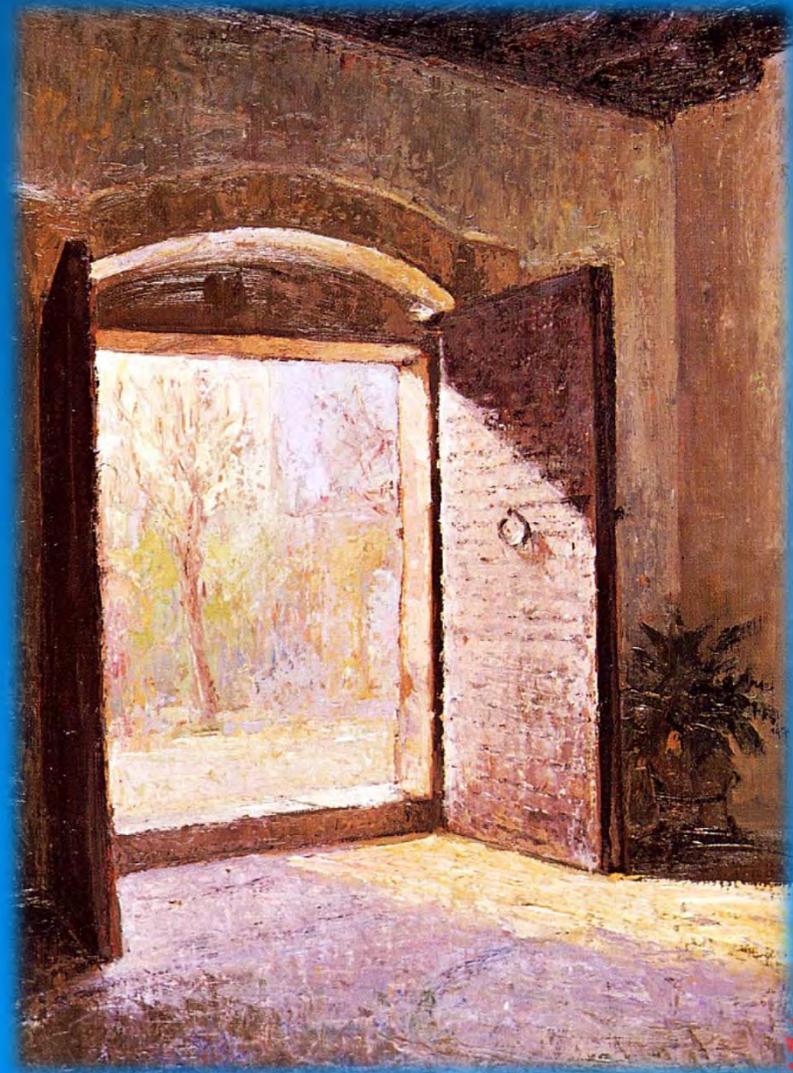
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- To enable the role and influence of the Order to continue in the governance of the services.



Benefits of a new MJP

Guarantees the continuation of the work of the Order as an apostolate of the Church.



Benefits of a new MJP

It invites and empowers all members of the Church (lay, religious and clergy) to participate at a governance level in its health and social care ministries.



Benefits of a new MJP

- It ensures the charism, ethos and values of Saint John of God - our Founder will continue to underpin the delivery of services.



Benefits of a new MJP

The health and social care ministries of the Church are enhanced through a wider pool of people being available for selection as governors and leaders



Establishing a Ministerial Juridic Person

- Application to: *Congregation of Consecrated Life and Societies for Apostolic Life*. (CICLSAL)
- Constitutions/Statutes
 - Members
 - Mission – Ethos
 - Organisational Structures
 - Reserved powers



Cardinal João Bráz de Aviz





CONGREGAZIONE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI VITA CONSACRATA
E LE SOCIETÀ DI VITA APOSTOLICA

Prot. n. D. 48-1/2012

DECREE

The Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, having received the petition of the Prior General of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, on behalf of the Provincial Superior of the West European Province, and having heard the opinions of the interested Diocesan Bishops, in accordance with canon 114 §1, by this Decree confers public juridic personality (cf. c. 115 §3) on *Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries*, whose headquarters are in the archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland. At the same time, the Statutes of *Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries* are approved, in accordance with canon 117.

In virtue of this concession, *Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries* is subject to those rights and obligations which pertain to public juridic persons in the Church, and shall be governed in accordance with Canon Law and its own approved Statutes as it pursues its purpose to further certain healthcare, social care, education and welfare ministries originally undertaken by the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God, West European Province, in order to improve the health and quality of life of individual and communities in need, through its mission of hospitality, in the manner of Saint John of God.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Vatican, 30 July 2012

Fr. Sebastiano Paciolla, O. Cist.
Undersecretary

João B. Card. de Aviz
Prefect

Ministerial Juridic Person

The Ministerial Juridic Person reports directly to the Holy See



Our First Appointment

NOVEMBER 11TH. 2016 @ 11.00

Cardinal João Bráz de Aviz



Ministerial Juridic Person

The new canonical Body – Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries has responsibility for the governance of the works of the West European Province of Saint John of God in Britain and Ireland.



Previous Structure of the Order



New Structure

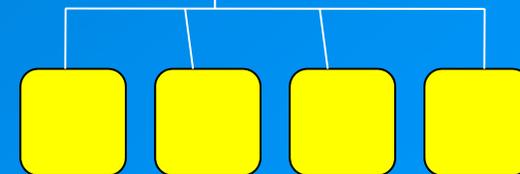
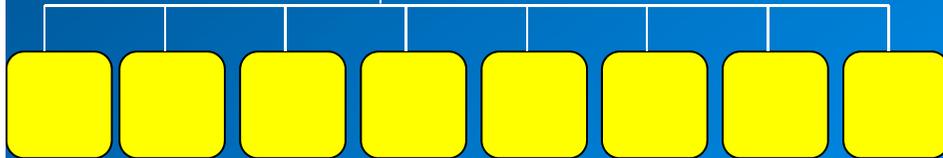
Pope - CICLSAL

**Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God
Prior General & Council**

**Board of Sponsors
Saint John of God Hospitaller
Ministries**



**Provincial & Council
WE Province of Saint John of God**

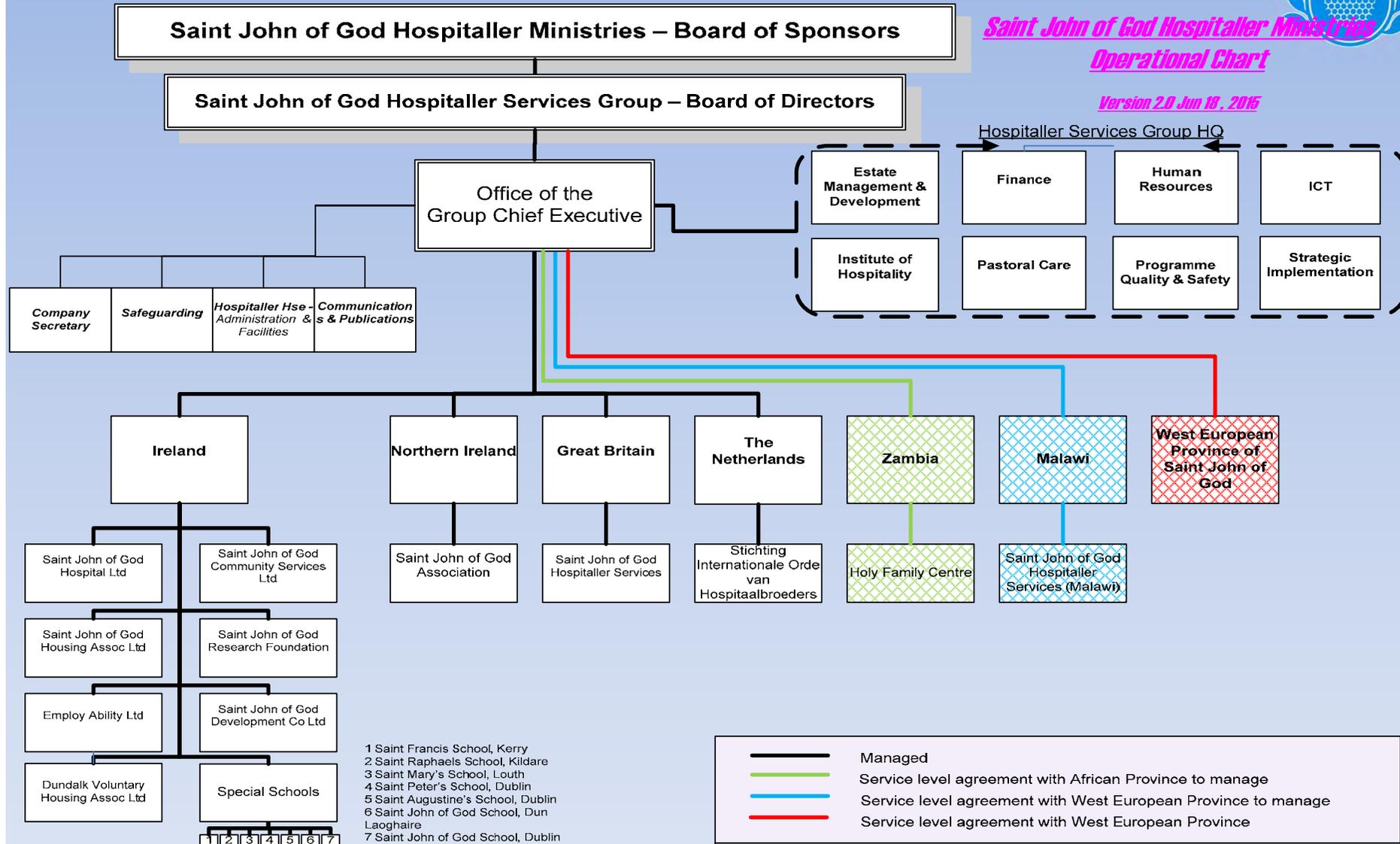


Organisation Charts



*Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries
Operational Chart*

Version 2.0 Jun 18, 2015



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New Canonical Body

The **Prior General & Council is the Sponsor**, who in turn appoints the Canonical Governors - including the Chairperson, of Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries.



New Canonical Body



1. The Prior General and Council appoints the Canonical Governors of Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries.
2. At least three members of this will be Brothers
3. However, this Board reports directly to the Holy Sea i.e. **CICLSAL**

New Canonical Body

4. The link between the new entity (MJP) and the General and Provincial Governments of the Order is maintained through membership of the Canonical Governors' Board and reserved Powers



New Canonical Body

The new entity: **Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries** was incorporated in civil law on September 23rd. 2015 as **Saint John of God Hospitaller Services Group** and is the parent company of the Civil entities in Britain and Ireland.



New Canonical Body

The existing canonical governance will continue in the Religious Order.

The Provincial and Council will continue to have responsibility for the Religious Members, the Communities, all aspects of the religious life in the Province and the apostolic works in Malawi.





- However, the West European Province of which the communities and Hospitaller Ministries Malawi form part, has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries, which administers the Saint John of God Hospitaller Services on behalf of the Province..

Those with leadership responsibility in Malawi have a dual reporting relationship i.e. with the Provincial and the Group Chief Executive





Hospitaller Brothers of St. John of God
Serving Over 50 Countries Worldwide

**The communities,
Brothers and formation
in Malawi come directly
under the Provincial and
his Council**



New Canonical Body

The Sponsor, the General Definitory, may reserve the right to approve the person nominated by the Canonical Governors as the Group Chief Executive of the Canonical body i.e. Saint John of God Hospitaller Ministries. This person could be a religious, a religious of another congregation, a lay person or a cleric.



New Canonical Body

Brothers of the Order from any Province of the Order are eligible for appointment as a member of the *Canonical Governors Board* of the new Canonical Body, irrespective of their location and role within the Order.



Board of Governors

**The Board of Governors of the new
Canonical Body appoints the
Directors to each of the civil companies,
corporations and foundations.**





In Malawi however, new Directors are appointed by the Provincial and Council



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of each company and civil entity carry the responsibility for the governance and management of the apostolic works of the company. This is the existing situation and which will not change. Over time the membership of the Boards of Directors may have less Religious serving on them.





Conclusion



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MISSION & VISION



Given the human condition, some people, very few people have an nostalgia for the ‘good old days‘ but not the Brothers, they would not wish to turn the clock back.

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- The reality is of course there is no back to go to, even if one wished to do so! The bridge has been blown up, so to speak!



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What needs to be cultivated within ourselves and others in an ongoing basis is -



- A change in attitude, thinking and understanding...
- Acknowledge, celebrate and express appreciation for the fact that thanks to the dedication and commitment of *Saint John of God Followers - present day Hospitallers* - the numbers of poor and sick and needy people being served continues to increase...



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Formation of Board Members and Lay Hospitaliers is Critical if this new initiative is to succeed.



- Formation is beyond training or professional education, it is a *formation of the heart* (DCE) in the first instance...
- The role of those with **canonical governance responsibilities** is to lead people to God through the strategic decisions they make for their ministry...hence the importance of a good preparation
- We have a four module course in formation of CG and Board Members spread over a two year period.



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Thank You



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