



Aid to the Church in Need

2018 International Annual Report

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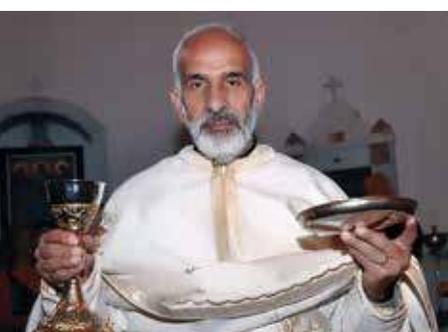


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Dear Friend of ACN,

Recently, Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil wrote to me from Iraq: “In these past years our people have been promised many things by many people, but those who actually stayed on our side and delivered on their promises are but very few. I am most grateful to you and your office for being among these few, and I pray in fullest thankfulness for this.”

This tribute is just one of many testimonials we regularly receive from our project partners around the world. Thanks to your unflagging generosity in 2018, Aid to the Church in Need was able to fund more than 5,000 projects to support our suffering brothers and sisters in 139 countries.

Last year, the Middle East remained a top priority. Your gifts enabled us to continue providing critical support to meet the ongoing needs of persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria.

Eight years of war in Syria have caused immense suffering: 1,700 Christians were murdered; 677 were abducted; more than 1,250 Christian churches and other Church properties were destroyed, and 9,800 Christian homes were damaged, many beyond repair. Thanks to you, \$9.8M in projects brought hope to thousands of Syrian Christian families who continue to rely on the local Church for food, medical care and housing. In Iraq, our aid totaled \$7.4M, much of it for the reconstruction of Christian homes and churches in the aftermath of the defeat of ISIS.

In 2018, your gifts strengthened Catholic communities around the world:

In Africa, we funded more than \$23M in projects to support the youngest and fastest-growing Church in the world that is facing poverty and radical Islam. In India, your help made possible \$5.9M in aid for a Christian community that continues to suffer from a rise in violent Hindu extremism.

Both in Africa and India, despite the difficulties, vocations abound, with hundreds of priests ordained each year, and many young women choosing religious life to serve their communities. Our programs focused on their formation, with special emphasis on human maturity and spirituality.

We gave \$3.7M in aid to the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, which continues to play a crucial role in providing pastoral, humanitarian and social care to a nation still trapped in a bitter conflict with Russia.

Thank you for your extraordinary moral and financial support. You are the foundation on which we, together, build bridges of faith, hope and charity. Please know that you are in the prayers of those whose lives you have touched.

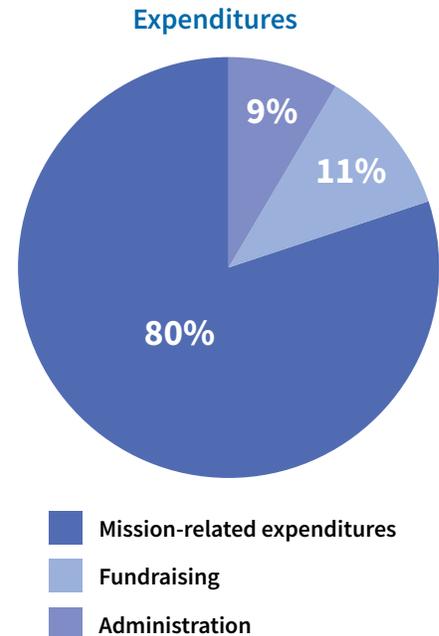
Sincerely,

George J. Marlin
Chairman, ACNUSA



ACN International Income Statement – 2018

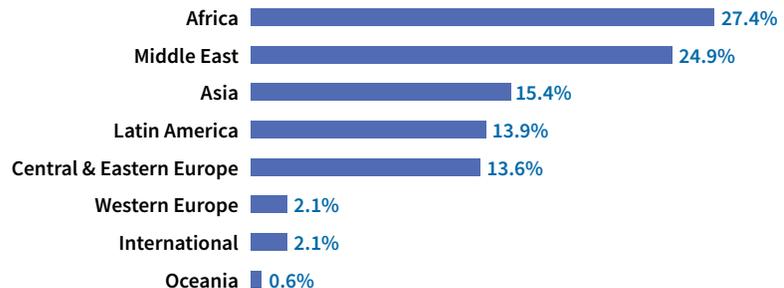
Income		
Donations	\$130,589,246	
Expenditure		
Mission-related expenditures		
Construction & repair of churches and convents	\$28,463,907	27%
Evangelization and advocacy	\$15,330,702	15%
Mass Stipends for poor priests	\$14,633,482	14%
Refugee & emergency aid	\$11,064,340	11%
Formation of priests & religious	\$11,064,340	11%
Religious formation of the laity	\$9,993,598	10%
Transportation: cars, bikes, mules	\$6,067,541	6%
Support for religious Sisters	\$3,836,828	4%
Mass Media	\$2,319,942	2%
Religious literature and publications	\$1,784,571	2%
TOTAL	\$104,559,252	80%
Fundraising		
Fundraising	\$14,893,259	11%
Administrative costs		
Administrative costs	\$11,136,735	9%
TOTAL	\$130,589,246	100%



2018 Summary

- ACN has offices in **23 countries**
- We are supported by more than **330,000 donors** worldwide
- We work with the local Church in **139 countries**
- We approved **5,019 projects** worldwide

Aid Allocated Per Region



How Your Gifts Were Used

- **2,470 Construction projects around the world** We funded or co-funded chapels and churches, convents, retreat houses and seminaries, also helping repair and rebuild hundreds of houses for returning Christian refugees in Iraq and Syria.
- **1,421,001 Mass Offerings** 1.4 million Masses: every 22 seconds, somewhere in the world, Holy Mass was being offered for the intentions of our ACN benefactors, which means 40,569 priests in 87 countries were supported, spiritually and financially, in this way. Most of these Mass intentions went to priests in India, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania and Venezuela.
- **11,817 Seminarians supported** Thanks to you, we were able to support one in every 10 seminarians worldwide. Most of these were in Africa (5,600), Asia (2,391) and Latin America (2,375). Special emphasis in their formation was placed on the areas of human maturity and spirituality.
- **11,046 Religious Sisters supported in their apostolate and/or training** Or one in every 60 women religious worldwide. In most cases, this was support for basic formation and further studies.
- **370 cars, 189 motorcycles, 342 bicycles, 2 buses, 2 trucks, 2 boats** During 2018, most of the vehicles went to Ukraine, India and Belarus.

You supported a total of 5,019 projects during 2018. As in previous years, overall the biggest proportion of our aid was spent on construction projects. The number of such projects has in fact doubled, above all owing to the reconstruction programs in the Middle East.



‘Thank you’

— from the renovated kindergarten of the Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor in Aleppo. It speaks for so many other religious, children and persecuted Christians around the world.