



# Aid to the Church in Need

## 2020 International Annual Report

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### YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



### *Dear Friends of Aid to the Church in Need,*

In 2020, your commitment to serve the most vulnerable and suffering Christians never wavered during the COVID-19 crisis.

Your generosity enabled Aid to the Church in Need to support many of the priests and nuns at the forefront of the fight against the pandemic. Your help permitted them to continue serving the poorest with both humanitarian and spiritual support.

Thanks to your overwhelming response, 2020 was a record fundraising year. Despite severe challenges in your own lives, you made it possible for us to fund more than 4,700 projects in 138 countries.

A significant portion of our aid was allocated to the Church in Africa, where poverty and Islamic extremism continue to pose enormous challenges for Catholicism's youngest Churches. About a fifth of our grants went to both Central and Eastern Europe—with Ukraine still a country of particular concern and strategic focus. Asia, especially India and Pakistan, received a similar amount of support. Significant funds were raised in response to the tragic blast in Beirut, Lebanon, that devastated the Christian quarters.

The deepest concern of our fellow brothers and sisters in faith is not the deprivations and hardship that they face, but the fear of being forgotten. Your steadfast support and prayers reassure them that we are one family and they will not be abandoned!

As a sign of their gratitude, thousands of priests and nuns prayed for you on June 11th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. From the foothills of the Himalayas to the rainforest of the Amazon, Masses were celebrated, and rosaries were said for your wellbeing. It was a moving and powerful expression of global spiritual fellowship.

Thank you for strengthening the mission of the Church to serve the poor, the suffering and the persecuted.

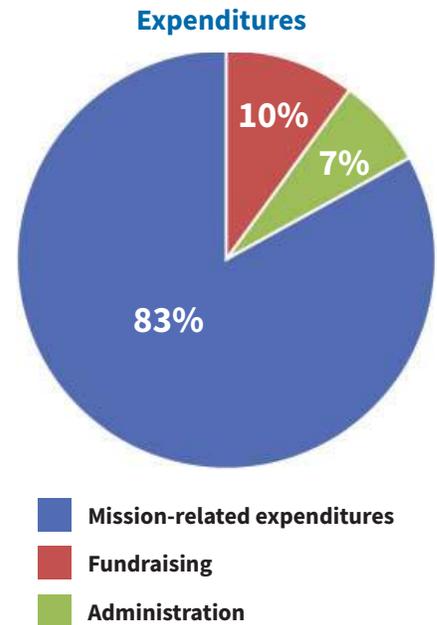
With gratitude and respect,

**George J. Marlin, Chairman**  
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## ACN International Income Statement – 2020

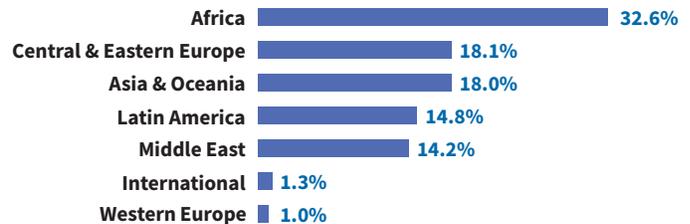
Income		
Donations	\$140,107,097	
Expenditure		
Mission-related expenditures		
Construction & repair of churches and convents	\$20,916,420	18.1%
Mass Stipends for poor priests	\$ 17,861,212	15.4%
Evangelization & outreach	\$13,959,497	12.1%
Religious formation of the laity	\$12,299,168	10.6%
Refugee & emergency aid	\$7,677,188	6.6%
Formation of priests & religious	\$6,423,769	5.5%
Transportation: cars, bikes, mules	\$5,562,044	4.8%
Support for religious Sisters	\$4,856,996	4.2%
Mass Media	\$1,488,434	1.3%
Religious literature, media apostolate	\$1,253,418	1.1%
Projects payable in 2021	\$23,462,269	17%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$115,760,417</b>	<b>83%</b>
Fundraising		
	\$14,611,706	10%
Administrative costs		
	\$9,734,974	7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$140,107,097</b>	<b>100%</b>



### 2020 Summary

- ACN has offices in **23 countries**
- More than **345,000 donors** worldwide
- We work with the local Church in **138 countries**
- We supported **4,758 projects** worldwide
- **83%** of donations used for mission-related expenditures

### Aid Allocated per Region



### How Your Gifts Were Used

- **744 construction projects:** One third of all construction projects supported were in Africa. They included churches and presbyteries, convents, pastoral centers and seminaries. Likewise in Eastern Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, we were able to support the construction and repair/renovation of many similar buildings.
- **1,782,097 Mass stipends:** Almost 1.8 million Masses were celebrated in the year 2020... one Mass every 18 seconds, somewhere in the world, for the intentions of one of ACN's benefactors. In this way we were able to help one in every nine priests worldwide (414,065), particularly in Africa, where 41.5% of your Mass stipends went.
- **14,009 seminarians supported:** There are a total of 115,880 seminarians worldwide, and one in every eight of those studying for the priesthood received support from ACN. Most are studying in Africa (7,589), Latin America (2,384) and Asia (2,097). Once again this year, training focused on individual and spiritual maturity.
- **18,126 religious Sisters supported in their apostolate and/or training:** One in every 35 of the 641,661 religious Sisters in the world was supported by ACN (in 2019 it was one in every 47). In most cases this was help for the formation of Sisters and novices, or basic support for active and contemplative religious Sisters. It also included retreats and ongoing formation.
- **1,243 vehicles for pastoral work:** These included 783 bicycles, 280 cars, 166 motorcycles, 11 boats, two buses and one truck. Most of the cars, bicycles and motorcycles in the year 2020 once again went to Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- **401 coronavirus-related projects:** The pandemic demanded a special response (\$7,167,717 and 401 projects). Much of our help went to priests and religious in Africa and Latin America.

**All together, we supported 4,758 projects in 2020 in 138 countries and 1,145 dioceses.**



**“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!” (2 Cor. 9:15)**

**Once again in 2020, your loving kindness brought great blessings to the world.**