



# Aid to the Church in Need

## 2021 International Annual Report

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## YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION



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

In 2021, your generous support enabled us to fund more than 5,000 projects in 132 countries covering 1,181 dioceses. While the world was still grappling with serious outbreaks of COVID-19, your compassion for the suffering and persecuted Church allowed us to assist Christian communities living in despair.

In many parts of the world hard-hit by the pandemic, Mass stipends and other forms of subsistence aid gave priests and sisters the means to continue giving both pastoral and humanitarian support to the people under their care.

We continued offering embattled Christians in Lebanon and Syria purpose and reason to stay in their homeland despite overwhelming chaos and poverty. In both countries, we focused on supporting Church-run schools, providing hope to parents that a future would still be possible for their children in their native countries.

A vital report we produced last year is “Hear Her Cries,” a research study documenting the kidnapping, forced conversion and sexual victimization of Christian women and girls in countries like Pakistan, Egypt, and Nigeria. We put the spotlight on the issue, as well as offer legal aid to victims, as they confront their kidnapers in court.

Thanks to you, Aid to the Church in Need has had another blessed year, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with bishops, priests, sisters, and brothers, caring for the most vulnerable faithful around the world.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the suffering and persecuted Church.

**George J. Marlin, Chairman**  
Aid to the Church in Need-USA



### Miracles of divine providence

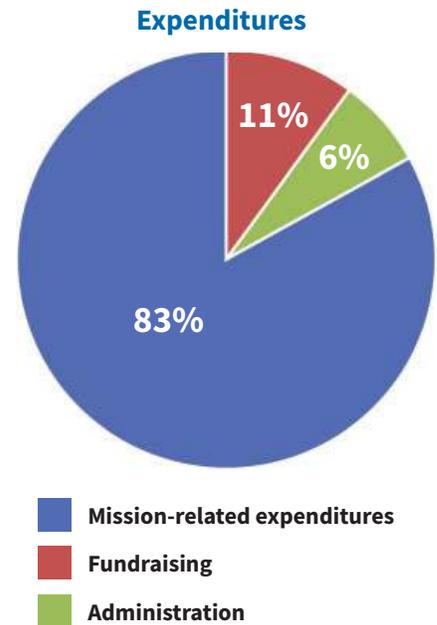
In 2021, we could only marvel as we once more beheld at the miracles of divine providence. The donations you sent to us amounted to \$157.5 million — the highest amount ever! This help was urgently needed, since, due to the pandemic, the needs of the Church were immense in almost every part of the world.

Thanks to your generous help, thousands of priests, religious and lay Catholics found new strength and hope in their ministry. May God reward you for it!



## ACN International Income Statement – 2021

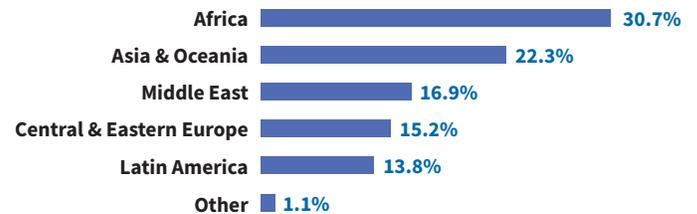
Income		
Donations	\$157,472,738	
Expenditure		
Mission-related expenditures		
Construction & repair of churches and convents	\$30,958,117	23.7%
Mass Stipends for poor priests	\$21,516,989	16.5%
Evangelization & outreach	\$15,493,064	11.9%
Formation of priests & religious	\$14,820,375	11.3%
Support for religious Sisters	\$11,526,958	8.8%
Refugee & emergency aid	\$10,868,275	8.3%
Transportation: cars, bikes, mules	\$10,429,153	8.0%
Religious formation of the laity	\$6,586,833	5.0%
Mass Media	\$1,756,489	1.3%
Religious literature, media apostolate	\$1,317,367	1.0%
Projects payable in 2022	\$5,424,971	3.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$130,698,592</b>	<b>83%</b>
Fundraising		
	\$16,637,186	11%
Administrative costs		
	\$10,136,960	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$157,472,738</b>	<b>100%</b>



### 2021 Summary

- ACN has offices in **23 countries**
- More than **347,000 donors** worldwide
- We work with the local Church in **132 countries**
- We supported **5,298 projects** worldwide
- **82.4%** of donations used for mission-related expenditures

### Aid Allocated per Region



### How Your Gifts Were Used

- **949 construction projects:** Churches and chapels accounted for one-third of all projects. The remainder included presbyteries, monasteries, pastoral centers and seminaries. More than 37% of all construction projects took place in Africa, but we also supported initiatives in Eastern Europe, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East.
- **2,095,677 Mass stipends:** Nearly 2.1 million Masses were celebrated in 2021, which means that one Mass was celebrated every 15 seconds somewhere in the world for the intentions of ACN benefactors. One in eight of the world's 414,336 priests were helped in this way, particularly in Asia, where 19,313 priests were sustained by your Mass stipends.
- **13,381 seminarians supported:** One in every eight of the 114,058 seminarians currently in training received help from ACN. Most of these seminarians were in Africa (7,654), followed by Latin America (2,461) and Asia (1,724). The main emphasis was on helping these young men develop psychologically and spiritually.
- **18,473 religious Sisters supported in their apostolate and/or training:** ACN helped one in every 34 of the 630,099 religious Sisters in the world today (in 2020 the figure was one in 35). Most of these Sisters – both active and contemplative – received subsistence aid and support for their apostolate. Additional aid was given for basic and ongoing formation for Sisters and novices, and also for spiritual retreats.
- **1,338 vehicles for pastoral work:** These included 539 bicycles, 539 cars, 245 motorcycles, 7 boats, 5 buses and 3 trucks. Once again in 2021, most of the cars, bicycles and motorcycles were destined for Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- **583 coronavirus-related projects:** Helping the Church cope with the pandemic required an exceptional effort, accounted for \$11.4 million supporting 583 individual projects. Much of the aid went to priests and Sisters ministering in Asia and Eastern Europe.

**All together, we supported 5,298 projects in 2021 in 132 countries and 1,181 dioceses.**

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As a token of  
our profound  
gratitude, rest  
assured of our  
daily prayers for  
God’s blessings  
upon our  
benefactors.”

Bishop Agapitus Nfon  
Cameroon