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Dear Friends,

Since its foundation 79 years ago, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has relied on private donations to fulfill the promises we make to our project partners. When we write to say that we are going to help, most of the time we do not yet have the funds.

Some people might think that this is too risky and indeed, often our faith in Divine Providence is really put to the test, especially when the world is marked by political and financial crises that lead to uncertainty for our benefactors. However, God is good and sends us people like you, who understand the needs of the suffering and persecuted Church and who are ready to make sacrifices. To you, we offer our deepest thanks, and we assure you that your brothers and sisters in faith in more than 140 countries worldwide are praying for you. And so, it is thanks to your generosity that in 2025, we were able to fund 5,368 projects. In the following report, we present the figures

for our 2025 revenue and expenditures, along with details on how your donations have been used.



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International Executive President



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How you helped:



In 2025, you helped fund a total of 5,368 projects:

1,887,721 Mass intentions

In 2025, we were able to pass along nearly 1.9 million of your Mass intentions to 40,207 priests—supporting roughly one in ten priests around the world. On average, Holy Mass was celebrated every 17 seconds somewhere in the world for your intentions. For many priests, this support is a vital contribution to their livelihoods.

883 projects supporting religious sisters

You helped support approximately 6,200 religious sisters with subsistence aid. You also helped with the formation of novices and the ongoing formation and spiritual retreats of the sisters. In addition, your support funded the purchase of sewing and host baking machines, as well as vehicles and necessary construction at monasteries.

Supporting the training of 13,368 seminarians

The number of seminarians you supported during 2025 was over 30% more than in 2024. In fact, you helped fund the formation of one in every eight future priests around the world—an extraordinary contribution to

the Church's future. In Africa—home to roughly one third of all seminarians worldwide—ACN supported the formation of 8,341 future priests. In Asia, 2,193 seminarians received assistance, while 1,744 were supported in Latin America and 919 in Europe, including 660 in Ukraine alone! An additional 126 seminarians in the Middle East and 45 in Oceania also benefited from ACN's help, made possible thanks to you!

847 projects for catechists and other lay leaders

Your generosity helped fund various catechetical and pastoral programs for children, young people, and adults in order to strengthen and deepen the faith of the Catholic laity. You also helped with the formation of lay catechists in order to help nurture Church life where there are not enough priests.

92 projects for religious literature and Bibles

Our faith is nourished by good books and especially by the Holy Scriptures. Thanks to your help, we were able to distribute 520,816 of these books worldwide.

791 construction projects

Once again in 2025, you supported the construction and renovation of churches and chapels, as well as convents, seminaries, presbyteries, and pastoral centres. Given the high cost of such projects, construction projects accounted for the highest share of our total aid at 25.1%.

845 means of transportation for pastoral work

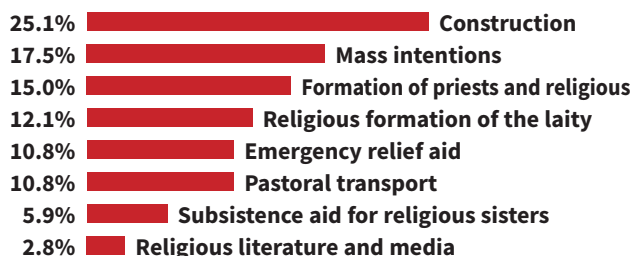
You supported pastoral outreach in remote and inaccessible regions by funding the purchase of 490 cars, 339 motorcycles, 5 bicycles, 2 buses, 1 truck, and 8 motorboats.

Latest figures:

- Offices in **23** countries
- **363,176** benefactors worldwide
- **\$230,192,812** received in donations and legacies
- Project partners in **141** countries
- **5,368** projects supported worldwide
- **78.7%** of donations used for mission-related expenditures



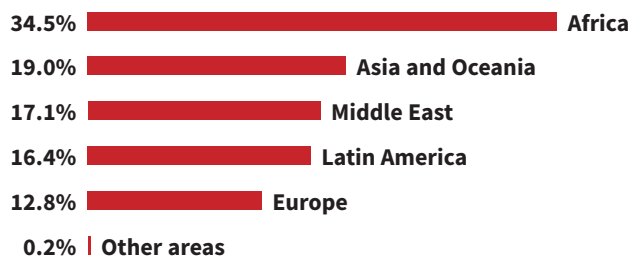
Types of aid



In 2025, the combined revenue from donations and legacies totalled \$230.2 million. Together with \$3.2 million in reserves from previous years, we were able to fund activities to the value of \$233.4 million.

Of these funds, 78.7% was allocated to mission-related expenditures. Of this, 83.4% was spent on aid projects, enabling us to support 5,368 projects out of the 6,860 requests we received. The remaining 16.6%

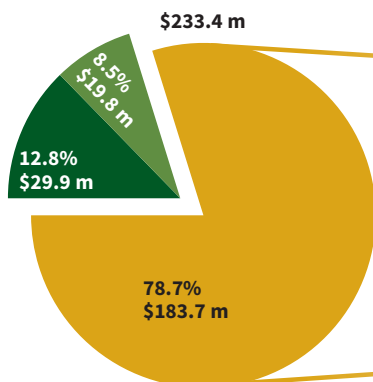
Aid allocated per region



was allocated to providing information about our suffering brothers and sisters, proclaiming the faith, and advocacy work on behalf of persecuted Christians. Essential administrative expenditures accounted for 8.5% of total outgoings, and advertising, 12.8%. Once again last year, legacies accounted for a substantial proportion of the support for the suffering Church (\$49.4 million). Together with our brothers and sisters in need, we gratefully remember our departed benefactors in our prayers.

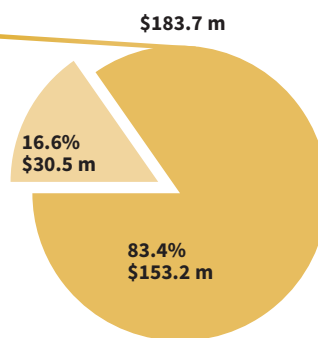
Total expenditures

- Mission-related expenditures
- Essential administrative expenditures
- Benefactor relations and outreach



Mission-related expenditures

- Project work
- Information, evangelization and advocacy



Other activities, not funded by donations (e.g. sale of religious literature and other items), yielded an additional revenue of \$7.1 million.



We were able to say “yes” 5,368 times thanks to you!

Once again in 2025, your generous help enabled the Church to be a beacon of hope in 141 countries around the world. You entrusted \$230.2 million to us, enabling us to respond 5,368 times on your behalf to the urgent appeals we received.

Africa once again received the largest share of our aid, with 34.5% of our budget. In many countries across the continent, the number of Catholics and vocations is growing rapidly, even as the Church faces increasing violence from Islamist extremist groups. In Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali, some of the hardest-hit countries, we increased our aid by around 30%, while our support for the Church in Nigeria was increased by 47%.

Our aid to the Church in Asia, where Christians are a minority in most countries and face frequent discrimination or even persecution, accounted for 19% of the total, including 0.9% for Oceania. In India, the situation for Christians is becoming increasingly difficult, and this was

the single country which received the most help from us in 2025. Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq were also among the 10 countries in the world to receive the highest level of support. Overall, the Middle East accounted for 17.1% of our total budget. Given the escalation in armed conflicts in this region, over 80% of our emergency aid budget went to the Middle East.

In Latin America, life is made difficult for the Church by anti-Christian regimes, mass migration, and rural depopulation, and by a crucial shortage of priests in many places. Our help here accounted for 16.4% of the total budget.

In many countries, war and terrorism are inflicting deep human trauma. Increasingly, the Church is faced with the need to support and accompany traumatized people. This is why we are increasing our support for training courses for priests and religious.

Your generosity changes lives. In 2025, thousands of priests, religious sisters, and laypeople continued their vital ministry because of you, and they hold you in their prayers with gratitude.