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### Dear Friends,

Charity Unites Us – under this slogan the Catholic Church in Cuba has been preparing for the past three years for a major jubilee. 400 years ago in the Bay of Nipe, a small wooden image of Our Lady was discovered by three young men, floating on the waves, yet bone dry. She became known as the Virgin of Charity and was brought to the town of El Cobre. Today Our Lady of El Cobre is the key image of the Cuban Church, a symbol of the fidelity and the renaissance of this Church after more than half a century of communist oppression. We, too, are united in charity. Throughout the world we find oppressed and suffering Christians, on the margins of history; penniless but faithful believers, people with empty hands but a hopeful smile. Many address their appeals to us and thanks to your generosity we are able to help them. You, the benefactors of ACN, and we, humble assistants in the Vineyard of the Lord, are together striving to be faithful to the call of charity. “For whatsoever you have done to the least of My brethren, you have done to Me.” Despite the worldwide financial crisis, we are still in a position to ‘administer’ your continuing generosity, for this I give you my heartfelt thanks.

On the next page you will find the figures showing your generous sacrifice in dry statistics and charts. But real human stories often underlie these bare statistics. For example, a priest in Zambia whom you

supported with a scholarship, writes: “I thank you very much for funding my two years of study in the pastoral theology of the sick in Rome. This course of study has opened my eyes to the double mission of the Church, that of prayer and of healing for the sick. Back in my diocese I am preparing a project for the training of priests, religious and caretakers of AIDS



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victims.” Very often pastoral and humanitarian aspects are inextricably linked. Another priest from Nigeria, whom you helped by funding a roof for his chapel couched his request in these terms: “The only thing that is holding back the violence in our region today is the Good News of Jesus Christ. With this chapel we are promoting the propagation of this message.” And a third priest, from Malawi, described his urgent need for a vehicle: “The road to the outstation passes through the jungle and here we often encounter wild beasts and poisonous snakes. They are a danger not only to my life as a priest but to my human life as well.”

In Africa, Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe – in 145 different countries in fact – you are showing the world the healing power of charity and of merciful love. But the Church is also in need on our very doorstep. The new evangelization is a pressing need of our time and one the Holy Father himself has called upon us to address. You have already helped to fund a gift from the Pope to young people. At the World Youth Day in Madrid last year, some 700,000 young people received a free copy of the new youth catechism – *YOUCAT* – in their welcome pack.

These are just a few examples of your generosity. Geographically, our priorities will continue to include Africa and the Middle East. Priority areas remain: the training of priests, seminarians and catechists, the support of religious Sisters, the family apostolate and the renovation of churches and chapels. Through the “institutional re-foundation” (Benedict XVI) of ACN as a Pontifical Foundation, the organizational structures are now in place for an even accelerated delivery of this aid. Your financial support remains the foundation for this aid, however, the persecuted and needy Church is also in great need of your prayers. As Pope Benedict once said “those who give only money, give too little.” So please keep them up!

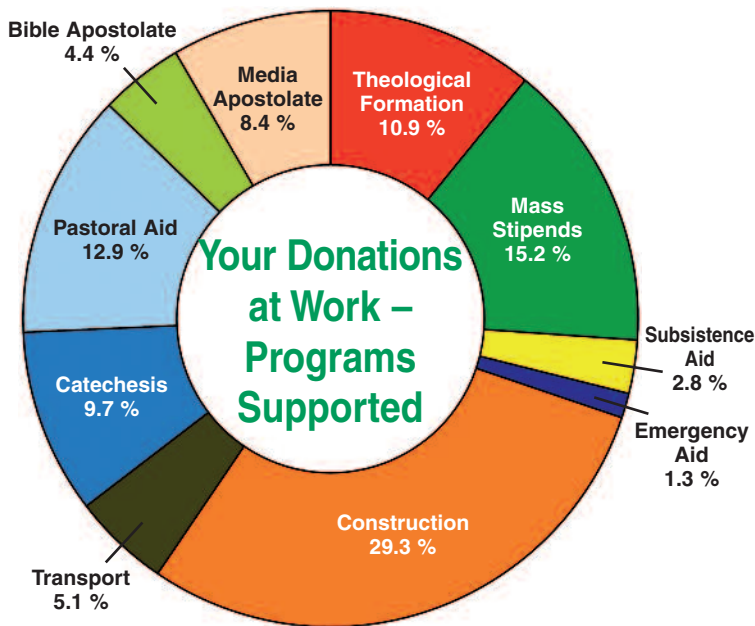
Yours in profound gratitude,





Support and Revenue	In US\$	%	Expenses	In US\$	%
Individual donations	68,069,140	59.5 %	Program Services 2011	93,557,137	81.8 %
Mass Intentions	13,702,638	12.0 %	Fundraising	13,808,542	12.0 %
Legacies	28,331,155	24.8 %	General Administrative	7,639,757	6.7 %
Collections	941,456	0.8 %	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>115,005,436</b>	<b>100.5 %</b>
Other donations	3,182,074	2.7 %	<i>End-of-year surplus</i>	<i>-569,151</i>	<i>-0.5 %</i>
Net Financial Income	209,822	0.2 %			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>114,436,285</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>			

The annual financial statements have been audited and certified by KPMG. They are based on the financial statements of the National Offices.



## Income From Donations 2011

Country	Currency	2010	2011
Australia	Aus\$	5,235,361	3,312,860
Austria	€	2,473,862	2,543,381
Belgium	€	4,183,437	4,349,454
Brazil	Reais	8,187,314	8,701,320
Canada	Can\$	1,815,590	1,676,202
Chile	Pesos	1,141,591,513	498,516,962
France	€	19,346,731	18,056,099
Germany	€	8,704,558	9,429,456
<i>Father Werenfried Foundation</i>	€	311,622	340,192
Ireland	€	2,876,702	2,455,685
Italy	€	2,589,146	2,271,744
Luxembourg	€	260,500	92,714
Netherlands	€	6,594,944	5,393,807
Poland	zł	4,497,343	5,621,376
Portugal	€	2,331,855	2,335,877
Spain	€	8,367,592	6,406,342
Switzerland	CHF	10,281,140	9,739,921
UK	£	6,708,217	7,308,084
USA	US\$	2,332,995	2,699,002
International Secretariat	€	577,887	629,387
<b>Total worldwide income</b>	<b>in US\$</b>	<b>115,339,839</b>	<b>114,226,464</b>

## Where Your Gifts Were Used in 2011 (in US\$)

Albania	294,128	El Salvador	45,935	Lithuania	592,409	Serbia	441,003
Algéria	145,221	Equatorial Guinea	34,788	Macao	9,741	Seychelles	4,648
Angola	617,706	Eritrea	182,627	Macedonia	193,188	Sierra Leone	178,373
Argentina	1,138,326	Estonia	10,158	Madagascar	628,750	Slovakia	1,155,295
Armenia	142,581	Ethiopia	861,632	Malawi	621,955	Slovenia	34,765
Azerbaijan	37,571	Fiji	13,915	Mali	228,613	South Africa	277,265
Bangladesh	223,640	Gabon	9,741	Mauretania	18,785	Sri Lanka	976,880
Belarus	543,551	Georgia	63,369	Mexico	267,263	Sudan	1,592,828
Benin	459,613	Ghana	640,260	Moldova	93,000	Swaziland	4,175
Bolivia	539,420	Guatemala	128,157	Mongolia	49,120	Syria	466,585
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1,174,457	Guinea	278,692	Montenegro	363,786	Tajikistan	12,315
Botswana	14,472	Guinea-Bissau	78,845	Morocco	20,455	Tanzania	1,335,220
Brazil	5,087,206	Haiti	2,133,079	Mozambique	691,192	Thailand	95,347
Bulgaria	265,945	Honduras	169,059	Myanmar (Burma)	1,451,759	The Gambia	16,698
Burkina Faso	468,070	Hong Kong	6,958	Nepal	48,703	Togo	244,045
Burundi	757,335	Hungary	176,466	Nicaragua	308,970	Trinidad and Tobago	9,141
Cambodia	15,185	India	5,915,381	Niger	46,353	Tunisia	44,528
Cameroon	781,431	Indonesia	527,197	Nigeria	819,327	Turkey	124,685
Central African Republic	439,751	Iran	308,045	Pakistan	734,944	Turkmenistan	26,258
Chad	183,727	Iraq	938,557	Palestine	242,035	Uganda	1,216,521
Chile	923,805	Israel	127,253	Panama	10,563	Ukraine	6,824,933
China	1,305,975	Ivory Coast	402,145	Papua New Guinea	513,114	United Arab Emirates	21,568
Colombia	1,129,565	Jamaica	63,379	Paraguay	284,391	Uruguay	239,679
Comoros	6,679	Jordan	136,126	Peru	1,419,518	Uzbekistan	31,309
Congo	193,339	Kazakhstan	545,773	Philippines	1,137,408	Venezuela	541,693
Costa Rica	4,063	Kenya	1,241,206	Poland	948,451	Vietnam	1,596,349
Croatia	465,263	Kiribati	42,441	Roumanie	1,613,452	Western Sahara	11,132
Cuba	1,338,585	Kyrgyzstan	38,266	Russia (Catholic)	2,197,634	Western World	17,126,822
Czech Republic	602,081	Laos	73,750	Russia (Ecumenical)	580,969	Zambia	1,019,630
Dominican Republic	59,180	Latvia	190,621	Russia (Orthodox)	980,451	Zimbabwe	567,084
DR Congo	2,643,453	Lebanon	380,625	Rwanda	776,566		
East Timor	109,426	Lesotho	11,689	Samoa	20,873		
Ecuador	114,153	Liberia	122,484	São Tomé	102,971		
Egypt	1,020,457	Libya	7,792	Senegal	151,882		
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