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Dear Friends,

The poor are “God’s first love.” Or so they are called by Benedict XVI in his book on Jesus, where he describes them as the “simple souls, whom Jesus praised because it is to them above all that access to God’s Mystery is granted.” After Mary and Joseph, it was to the shepherds, as representatives of the poor, so to speak, that the Good News was first communicated. They went to the Child and gave what they had. The simple souls are the ones who lead the world to God. “The entire history of our redemption is marked by the presence of the poor,” writes Pope Francis (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 197), adding that “God’s heart has a special place for the poor, so much so that he himself ‘became poor’ (2 Cor 8:9).” And the Holy Father continues: “He made himself one of them: (‘I was hungry and you gave me food to eat’)... and he taught them that mercy towards all of these is the key to heaven (cf. Mt 25:35ff.)”

Aid to the Church in Need is a work of living mercy. Day by day, thanks to you, it brings the poor an answer to their cry to heaven: *Miserere nobis*. Thanks to you, the persecuted of China and Central Africa, the downtrodden of the Middle East, the Churches of the martyrs in Iraq, Syria and Nigeria, the tormented and derided ones of this world can experience solidarity, love and help. Once again you

have given more than we had any right to expect. Sometimes it is only a gesture, like Veronica’s cloth, because we can not eliminate the suffering of the world. But your gesture gives them the strength to go on. Without you, without your daily prayers and gifts, the plight of the Church in thousands of places in this world would be utterly hopeless, and the



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“catastrophe of hatred” that Father Werenfried spoke of would overwhelm the world.

You have sent us US\$117,408,249 in donations, all of it was put a big basket of love, that you have entrusted us to distribute to those in need. “For the Church, the option for the poor is primarily a theological category rather than a cultural, sociological, political or philosophical one” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 198). In the fulfilment of our mission for the Church we were able to donate US\$97.4 million for concrete aid projects and pastoral

support. In addition to this practical help, Father Werenfried was also profoundly aware of the importance of spiritual outreach to our benefactors. In his letter to the benefactors he always insisted on this point: “Our newsletter, the *Mirror*, is not only a matter of appealing for funds, but it is above all about the pastoral ministry to our benefactors,” he wrote. In encouraging you, dear friends, in your faith and in informing you via TV, radio, Internet and the printed word, about the situation in the worldwide Church, we are helping to build bridges between you and the suffering Church.

God shows the poor “his first mercy,” writes Pope Francis. In all of ACN’s projects we can always recognize the working of God’s mercy for the world: that is why each project, with all its challenges, is also a lesson in love. And all of us, benefactors and project workers alike, can say that, as labourers in this vineyard, we are helping so that the world may turn in trust to God and find peace in his Mercy. And every dollar serves to help keep open and point the world towards this doorway to God’s mystery, the mystery of love.

Our heartfelt thanks to you all,

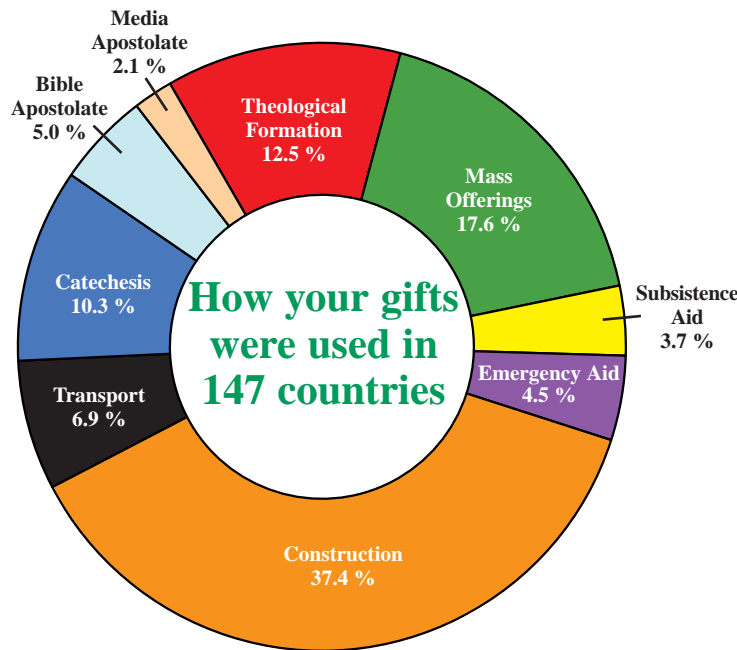




Income	in US\$	%
Individual donations	75,384,432	63.6 %
Mass Offerings	12,170,484	10.3 %
Legacies	24,763,786	20.9 %
Sales and tax relief	4,400,920	3.7 %
Other donations/income	688,627	0.6 %
Subtotal	117,408,249	99.1 %
Net financial income	1,134,774	0.9 %
Total income	118,543,023	100 %

Expenses	in US\$	%
Expenses in fulfilment of the Church's mission		
- Projects in 147 countries	76,569,026	64.6 %
- Project follow-up	3,227,107	2.7 %
- Information, media and pastoral support	17,640,399	14.9 %
Total mission related expenses	97,436,532	82.2 %
Fundraising	12,924,967	10.9 %
Administration	9,242,221	7.8 %
Total expenses	119,603,720	100.9 %
Taken from reserves	-1,060,697	-0.9 %

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 2013			
Country	Currency	2013	2012
Australia	Aus\$	3,528,012	3,509,561
Austria	€	2,474,666	2,858,755
Belgium	€	3,647,832	4,359,331
Brazil	Reais	10,192,131	9,186,171
Canada	Can\$	1,813,996	1,977,238
Chile	Pesos	791,934,242	696,741,706
France	€	22,131,037	21,331,863
Germany	€	9,030,801	9,412,895
Father Werenfried Foundation	€	188,450	236,059
Ireland	€	2,560,362	2,646,485
Italy	€	2,424,923	2,317,622
Luxembourg	€	84,848	83,542
Netherlands	€	4,719,832	7,278,237
Poland	zł	5,762,458	5,517,970
Portugal	€	1,885,313	2,228,888
Spain	€	7,938,195	7,007,459
Switzerland	CHF	11,571,638	11,414,331
UK	£	7,592,522	6,873,955
USA	US\$	3,122,471	2,646,724
International Secretariat	€	601,947	568,470
Total worldwide income	in US\$	117,408,249	US\$ 116,737,252

Where you helped:

						(in US\$)	
Albania	218,024	El Salvador	67,466	Macedonia	288,884	Slovenia	35,949
Algeria	37,322	Eritrea	221,209	Madagascar	1,562,982	Solomon Islands	64,484
Angola	365,120	Estonia	301,926	Malawi	713,917	South Africa	134,812
Arabian Peninsula	62,293	Ethiopia	1,518,316	Mali	336,035	South Korea	20,454
Argentina	968,371	Fiji	21,251	Mauritius	17,665	South Sudan	1,738,667
Armenia	82,997	French Guiana	29,220	Mexico	375,419	Sri Lanka	574,623
Azerbaijan	6,375	Georgia	265,193	Moldova	90,849	Sudan	393,551
Bahrain	344,760	Ghana	509,049	Mongolia	58,789	Swaziland	24,572
Bangladesh	697,889	Greece	100,943	Montenegro	274,273	Syria	2,095,842
Belarus	670,369	Guatemala	185,751	Morocco	110,506	Taiwan	4,250
Benin	264,220	Guinea	639,330	Mozambique	627,210	Tajikistan	15,141
Bolivia	557,521	Guinea-Bissau	103,268	Myanmar (Burma)	725,655	Tanzania	1,989,192
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1,745,653	Haiti	768,835	Namibia	17,612	Thailand	107,677
Botswana	7,438	Honduras	60,045	Nepal	55,784	The Gambia	26,564
Brazil	4,086,907	Hungary	99,847	Nicaragua	417,328	Togo	154,219
Bulgaria	231,572	Iceland	39,954	Niger	51,401	Trinidad and Tobago	55,095
Burkina Faso	575,577	India	5,659,731	Nigeria	1,333,695	Tunisia	15,673
Burundi	170,640	Indonesia	408,465	Pakistan	676,214	Turkey	203,025
Cambodia	12,060	Iran	339,142	Palestine	247,889	Turkmenistan	15,713
Cameroon	1,257,198	Iraq	274,843	Panama	4,500	Uganda	1,269,864
Cape Verde	39,846	Israel	407,492	Papua New Guinea	723,378	Ukraine	5,562,286
Central African Republic	656,142	Ivory Coast	528,570	Paraguay	346,368	United Arab Emirates	90,185
Chad	191,245	Jamaica	46,338	Peru	962,950	Uruguay	199,554
Chile	926,233	Jordan	193,339	Philippines	816,331	Venezuela	567,890
China	780,956	Kazakhstan	723,014	Poland	624,575	Vietnam	1,660,399
Colombia	849,206	Kenya	1,143,471	Qatar	80,887	Western Sahara	10,626
Congo	183,956	Kiribati	29,752	Romania	1,096,673	Zambia	806,871
Costa Rica	7,451	Kosovo	140,001	Russia (Catholic)	1,391,440	Zimbabwe	433,047
Croatia	412,748	Kuwait	127,374	Russia (Ecumenical)	429,772		
Cuba	1,064,665	Kyrgyzstan	6,641	Russia (Orthodox)	648,137	Regional Projects Western World	1,760,225
Czech Republic	533,936	Laos	35,038	Rwanda	784,246	Project follow-up	3,227,107
Dominican Republic	2,700	Latvia	89,986	São Tomé	66,410	Information, media and pastoral support	17,640,399
DR Congo	3,442,200	Lebanon	810,437	Senegal	152,477		
East Timor	33,500	Lesotho	22,075	Serbia	365,919		
Ecuador	319,624	Liberia	103,150	Sierra Leone	121,359		
Egypt	828,091	Lithuania	322,208	Slovakia	963,569		
						Total (in US\$)	97,436,532

