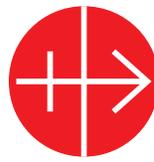


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Aid to the Church in Need

Dear Friends,

Once again, what we classify so prosaically in our bookkeeping as our “income” has risen again considerably. Yet, behind this rather emotionless word is concealed something of incalculable worth – your generosity – which seems to have known no bounds. Last year, you entrusted us with 175 million dollars and together we were able to give to the poor and persecuted Church all around the world where our help was most needed. Thank you ever so much for your great generosity and for your faith in us!

We know your gifts did not come because of any clever fundraising on our part. It came because you see the bitter plight of our brothers and sisters in the faith, particularly in the Middle East, that drives us all, in this Year of Mercy, to bear witness to our love of Christ. As Pope Francis says, “To be an apostle of Mercy, means tending His wounds, which are still visible today in the bodies and souls of so many of His brothers and sisters. By tending these wounds, we profess Jesus and make Him present and living.”

This same witness will be needed again this year. We will continue to help wherever Christians suffer, to ensure children have roofs over their heads, that priests and religious Sisters might continue their pastoral ministry and that Christians in China, Syria, Iraq, Africa and all over the world may know and feel the solidarity of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Their suffering calls to us, their plight cries out to heaven – and the love of Christ unites us in all the places your generosity has managed to reach around the world.

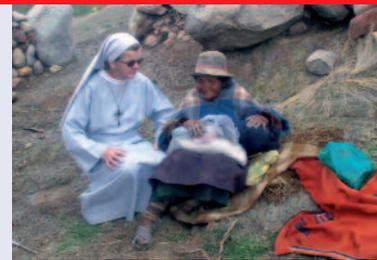


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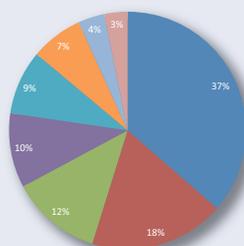


Marie-Claude Lalonde National Director

How Your Gifts Were Used



- **1,431,380 Mass Offerings**
Through stipends we were able to help one priest in every nine (43,203 priests altogether), especially in Africa and Asia – and in return Holy Mass was celebrated every 22 seconds for a benefactor’s intentions.
- **11,075 seminarians supported in 2015**
Or one seminarian in every 10 worldwide (in 2014 it was one in every 12). Most of them are training for the priesthood in Africa (3,775), Latin America (2,900) and Eastern Europe (2,883).
- **10,240 religious Sisters were supported in their apostolate and /or their formation**
That is one Sister in every 67 worldwide. In most cases this involved financial support for contemplative religious Sisters.
- **1,674 construction projects**
Around the world we helped to fund chapels, churches, cathedrals and seminaries, including those in regions devastated by natural disasters.
- **524 cars / 714 motorcycles and bicycles / 17 boats**
Most of the vehicles you helped for in 2015 were for use in Africa and Asia. The requests for help with various forms of pastoral transport increased sharply, accounting for almost 10% of the projects.



- 37% Construction
- 18% Refugee and emergency aid
- 12% Mass Offerings
- 10% Religious formation of the laity
- 9% Formation of priests and religious
- 7% Pastoral transport
- 4% Religious literature, media apostolate
- 3% Support for religious Sisters

In 2015 we supported 6,209 projects, or 13% (almost 600) more than in the previous year. Unfortunately though, we still had to say ‘no’ to 1,110 requests for help...

Refugees and emergency aid: This type of aid has increased dramatically, on account of the continuing persecution of Christian minorities, especially in the Middle East, and also owing to the violence in central Africa, Nigeria and South Sudan. Since the beginning of the so-called “Arab spring” we have sent 63.2 million CAD to these regions.

Construction aid: The “classical” construction and renovation projects, such as churches, convents, parish houses and seminaries once again made up the largest “chunk” of our aid in 2015, totaling 48.9 million CAD.

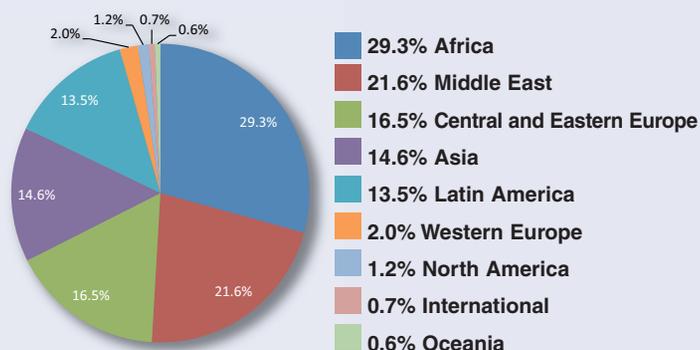
Training of priests and religious: The support you gave for both basic and ongoing formation of religious Sisters, novices, seminarians and priests came to a total of 11.7 million CAD.



Income	\$ CAN	%	Expenses	\$ CAN	%
Individual donations	116,318,997	66.1 %	Expenses in fulfilment of the Church's mission		
Mass Offerings	15,310,089	8.7 %	- Projects in 146 countries	134,430,078	76.4 %
Legacies	37,765,717	21.5 %	- Project follow-up	3,679,874	2.1 %
Sales and tax relief	5,405,605	3.1 %	- Information, media and pastoral support	21,585,436	12.3 %
Other donations/income	606,578	0.3 %	Total mission related expenses	159,695,388	90.8 %
Subtotal	175,406,988	99.7 %	Fundraising	17,212,422	9.8 %
Net financial income	551,873	0.3 %	Administration	11,481,192	6.5 %
Total income	175,958,861	100 %	Total expenses	28,693,614	16.3 %
			Taken from reserves	-12,430,139	-7.1 %

These international financial statements have been audited and certified by KPMG. They are based on the individual financial statements of each national office, and aggregated to show the worldwide position. We will gladly supply these on request.

Aid allocated per region:



Once again in 2015 the plight of Christians in the Middle East was the focus of media attention – and likewise of our aid. The cost of the emergency aid we supplied, along with the structural projects, has more than doubled and now accounts for one fifth (21.6%) of our total budget – exceeded only by the continent of Africa, at 29.3%. Our aid for Syria increased threefold. In fact, in all regions there was a substantial increase in the aid we supplied: from **Eastern Europe** (up by 2,126,400), through **Africa** (up 16,302,400) to the **Middle East** (up by 11,057,280). As in the previous year, the largest number of project requests came from Africa, with a total of 2,093 projects supported. This was followed by Eastern Europe and by **Asia/Oceania**. The majority of the Mass Offerings likewise went to Africa and Asia. **Latin America** remains a vital, youthful continent, from which many new Catholic communities are emerging, but the sects and the ravages of drug addiction are a constant menace. There is a great need to invest in catechesis here.



“But for you, we would have no future...” This little girl and her banner speak for millions of other Christians.

You helped in 146 countries. The majority of your aid went to the following 10 (in \$ CAN)

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| 1. Iraq:
2015: 15,167,439
2014: 6,842,300 | 6. Brazil:
2015: 3,789,624
2014: 3,587,837 |
| 2. India:
2015: 9,733,053
2014: 7,261,166 | 7. Ethiopia:
2015: 3,349,678
2014: 1,763,553 |
| 3. Ukraine:
2015: 8,863,704
2014: 7,517,217 | 8. Tanzania:
2015: 3,018,894
2014: 1,799,330 |
| 4. Syria:
2015: 7,964,470
2014: 2,849,575 | 9. Peru:
2015: 2,631,417
2014: 1,663,693 |
| 5. DR Congo:
2015: 4,748,076
2014: 4,216,832 | 10. Lebanon:
2015: 2,439,135
2014: 1,439,044 |

Income From Donations 2015

Country	local currency	2015	2014
Australia	AUD	3,728,957	3,562,883
Austria	€	2,973,358	3,062,598
Belgium & Luxembourg	€	3,590,825	3,933,681
Brazil	BRL	13,541,790	12,002,672
Canada	CAD	2,982,720	2,013,210
Chile	CLP	885,461,783	934,555,610
Colombia	COP	296,187,402	31,225,200
France	€	36,590,066	28,587,173
Germany & Father Werenfried Foundation	€	10,513,008	11,276,439
Ireland	€	3,686,081	2,929,449
Italy	€	2,489,666	2,108,788
Malta	€	124,653	0
Mexico	MXN	3,697,369	600,783
Netherlands	€	3,588,677	3,799,923
Poland	PLZ	8,724,492	8,338,259
Portugal	€	2,589,808	2,217,943
Spain	€	13,219,164	9,509,671
Switzerland	CHF	10,984,475	11,731,695
South Korea	KRW	107,222,789	0
UK	GBP	10,048,881	8,665,042
USA	USD	7,699,865	6,234,750
International Secretariat	€	1,313,515	2,230,441
Total worldwide income en \$ CAN		175,958,861	155,003,876