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### Dear Friends,

**Thanks to your help we were able to extend our support for the suffering and persecuted Church during 2005. In particular, a few large legacies and gifts made it possible to ease some of the most pressing needs. This help came at the right moment. For we could not bring ourselves to turn down a series of requests from Africa, even though our budget was already exhausted. There was actually a shortfall of €943,000. But, trusting in Divine Providence, as Father Werenfried always taught us to do by his example, we promised this money, contrary to all economic good sense - and, thanks to your generosity, we did indeed receive it, so that we were able to keep all our promises.**

The year 2005 started with the world reeling from the shock of the tsunami in the Indian Ocean. Especially hard hit were the coastal stretches of Sri Lanka, the southern tip of India, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Aceh. In some of these areas there are a great many Catholics. Many stories of Divine Providence came to us. For example, the entire parish of Mullaitivu in the diocese of Jaffna, northern Sri Lanka, was saved because the parish priest celebrated the Boxing Day Mass not in the church but in St Joseph's Grotto, on higher ground. During the Mass the tsunami struck and swept away the entire village, including the church, but in the grotto nobody was harmed.

We immediately got in touch with all the local bishops, whom we have known for many years. So we quickly assessed the situation and sent the bishops immediate emergency aid for the survivors. Now the rebuilding of the

Church structures is well under way, and new requests reach us every day.

There were also other natural disasters - in Central America and in Pakistan - with equally devastating consequences but, in some cases, less media reporting. Here too we helped in the same way.

In his Spiritual Guidelines, Father Werenfried entrusted us with three missions. *The first is to be a voice for the persecuted and suffering Church.* We must tell the world the story of these heroes of the Faith, who stand firm even in the most hostile conditions - sometimes risking their lives. It strengthens them to know they are not alone. We fulfil this task through appeals, talks,



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congresses, press articles and increasingly through radio programmes and documentary films which are broadcast mainly on Christian stations such as EWTN, Bible TV and Rede Vida, etc. This is our contribution to the New Evangelisation of the Western world as well. We want to strengthen the faith, through the witness of these courageous Christians, and so encourage those Christians in the West who have become lukewarm to think again. These film productions are available to all in the form of videos and DVDs.

*Our second task is to pray for the persecuted and suffering Church.* It is a great joy for us to know that more and more prayer groups in different countries are

taking up this task. Many of you also entrust your personal concerns to the priests of the suffering Church by means of Mass Stipends, and thus also support them in their ministry.

*Our third task is practical help for those in need.* We concentrate on pastoral projects, in order to respond to the spiritual needs of our time. The training of priests, seminarians, religious and catechists is a particular priority. Of course, all this aid involves expense. The percentage spent on administration and promotional work rose slightly compared to 2004. This was due to certain exceptional factors, such as the necessary upgrading of our computer system. Finally, we also opened a national office in Poland in January 2006, which inevitably involved some extra expenses. After having helped the Church in Poland during decades of communist persecution, we are overjoyed that Polish Catholics have now joined the great family of ACN supporters and are adding their own contributions and prayers for the needs of the persecuted and suffering Church. At the same time we will continue in future to keep the promise made by Father Werenfried in 1957 to Cardinal Wyszyński, to continue helping the contemplative convents and the seminaries in Poland for as long as necessary.

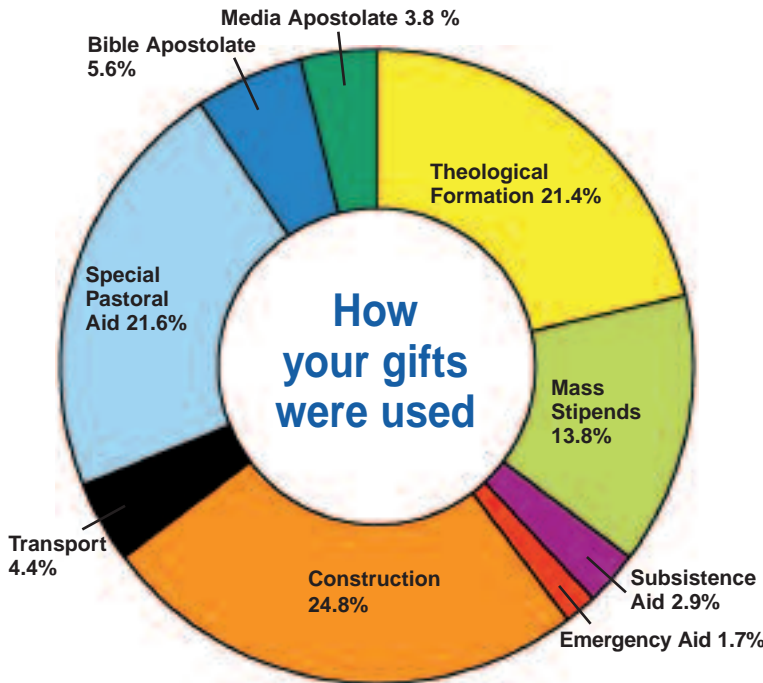
Overall in 2005, a total of 8,629 requests for aid were received, unfortunately, we were able to respond favourably to only 5,852. The flood of requests shows no sign of abating. Through all these people Our Lord is appealing to us. The suffering children of the Church say thank you with their prayers for you. Please keep up your support for them!



Income	€	%
Individual donations	45,063,199	60.1%
Mass Intentions	7,997,916	10.7%
Legacies	17,900,717	23.9%
Collections	1,765,125	2.4%
Other donations / income	1,648,382	2.2%
<b>Total income</b>	<b>74,375,339</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
Net financial result (Income)	572,872	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,948,211</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Expenditure	€	%
Expenses made to fulfil mission given by the Church	62,324,770	83.2%
Promotion and fundraising	9,894,507	13.2%
Administration	4,889,908	6.5%
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>77,109,185</b>	<b>102.9%</b>
<i>Deficit for the year</i>	<i>2,160,974</i>	<i>2.9%</i>

The consolidated annual financial statements have been audited and certified by Ernst & Young. They are based on the financial statements of the National Offices. We will gladly supply these on request.



## Income from donations 2005

Country	Currency	2004	2005
Australia	Aus\$	2,500,733	2,350,788
Austria	€	2,143,461	2,349,958
Belgium	€	4,055,492	3,298,453
Brazil	Reais	3,057,437	3,930,269
Canada	Can\$	1,775,430	1,721,533
Chile	Pesos	330,163,219	496,648,638
France	€	12,844,411	14,252,147
Germany	€	12,573,418	10,292,607
<i>Father Werenfried Foundation</i>	€	<i>230,291</i>	<i>347,899</i>
Ireland	€	2,718,137	3,215,235
Italy	€	3,420,470	2,994,164
Luxembourg	€	138,510	148,192
Netherlands	€	4,206,509	4,386,145
Portugal	€	1,978,751	1,960,231
Spain	€	3,757,917	8,766,976
Switzerland	CHF	8,708,838	12,202,196
UK	£	4,943,245	5,154,528
USA	US\$	1,713,141	1,542,925
International Secretariat	€	3,447,029	1,108,333
<b>Total worldwide income</b>	<b>in €</b>	<b>69,668,504</b>	<b>74,375,339</b>

## Your love in 145 Countries during 2005 (in Euro)

Albania	274,256	Egypt	313,170	Madagascar	310,193	Sierra Leone	36,559
Angola	384,609	El Salvador	149,912	Malawi	88,688	Slovakia	1,139,838
Argentina	679,609	Equatorial Guinea	112,046	Mali	162,356	Slovenia	35,013
Armenia	11,244	Eritrea	236,029	Mauritania	13,400	Solomon Islands	6,190
Azerbaijan	27,099	Ethiopia	316,688	Mexico	469,272	South Africa	118,506
Bangladesh	57,613	Fiji	8,816	Moldova	94,612	South Korea	3,200
Belarus	434,057	Gabon	17,100	Mongolia	62,610	Sri Lanka	725,627
Benin	290,433	Georgia	71,823	Morocco	19,000	St. Lucia	1,285
Bolivia	389,334	Ghana	89,112	Mozambique	463,013	Sudan	1,070,700
Bosnia-Herzegovina	607,152	Grenada	5,622	Myanmar (Burma)	631,753	Swaziland	4,200
Botswana	10,300	Guatemala	355,602	Namibia	10,500	Syria	369,793
Brazil	4,089,542	Guinea-Bissau	43,648	Nepal	32,603	Taiwan	8,177
Bulgaria	261,616	Guinea-Conakry	40,621	Nicaragua	448,164	Tajikistan	1,500
Burkina Faso	318,390	Haiti	558,250	Niger	55,620	Tanzania	531,313
Burundi	309,861	Honduras	64,043	Nigeria	1,211,572	Thailand	22,355
Cameroon	312,586	Hungary	554,925	Pakistan	500,664	Togo	176,508
Cape Verde	16,600	India	3,765,023	Panama	163,217	Tunisia	13,500
Central African Rep.	218,018	Indonesia	266,549	Papua New Guinea	196,863	Turkey	82,305
Chad	238,624	Iran	3,000	Paraguay	277,430	Turkmenistan	1,500
Chile	845,234	Iraq	247,573	Peru	918,475	Uganda	372,273
China	1,718,289	Israel	243,302	Philippines	966,651	Ukraine	4,713,296
Colombia	1,160,440	Ivory Coast	154,875	Poland	2,131,147	Uruguay	165,210
Congo	359,810	Jordan	15,930	Qatar	26,709	Uzbekistan	24,229
Costa Rica	2,409	Kazakhstan	274,636	Romania	1,566,178	Vanuatu	3,150
Croatia	1,006,581	Kenya	348,461	Russia (Catholic)	1,000,952	Venezuela	267,279
Cuba	750,420	Kiribati	16,249	Russia (Ecumenical)	946,324	Vietnam	1,110,972
Czech Republic	804,699	Kyrgyzstan	500	Russia (Orthodox)	722,550	Wallis and Futuna	3,800
Dem. Rep. Congo	1,775,268	Laos	69,994	Rwanda	387,549	Zambia	169,142
Djibouti	1,614	Latvia	215,023	Samoa	2,000	Zimbabwe	141,616
Dominican Republic	57,367	Lebanon	200,444	São Tomé	40,400	<i>Western World</i>	<i>9,461,430</i>
East Timor	183,027	Liberia	40,245	Senegal	110,167		
Ecuador	332,736	Lithuania	337,348	Serbia and Montenegro	448,275		
						<b>Total in Euro</b>	<b>62,324,770</b>