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Dear Friends,

It was a good year. In fact, the financial experts even tell us it was one of the best in the 60-year history of our charity. Of course, statistics can tell us many things, but they cannot measure love – your love.

Father Werenfried gave us the mission of drying the tears of God wherever we encounter them. These are the tears that your generosity was able to dry during the past year, encapsulated in 5,089 projects. You have provided essential support for religious Sisters and Mass stipends for priests, so that they can fully devote themselves to their respective apostolates. You have helped to build 537 chapels and churches, so that the Holy Eucharist can be celebrated in worthy surroundings. You have supported 16,724 seminarians worldwide, helping them to emerge as soundly trained priests, firmly anchored in the Catholic Faith. You have paid for bicycles, motorcycles, boats and cars, so that the Disciples of Christ can reach the deepest rainforest or the highest mountain range, where the people would not otherwise have access to the prophets of His Word. Whether in the completion of the seminary in Lviv, Ukraine or in the building of a cathedral, in the help for novices or the support of aged priests, you were there.

The year 2006 witnessed great upheavals. The storm over the cartoons of Mohammed caused outrage in the Islamic world and exposed the lives of Christians

to still greater dangers than they already faced. Recently, the plight of Christians in the Middle East (Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria and Turkey) and in Islam dominated countries (for example Pakistan, Sudan, or Northern Nigeria) has become an increasingly important focus of our work. The need and suffering of these brothers and sisters of ours is great. Elsewhere, we helped rebuild churches and Catholic communities as they strived to recover from natural disasters like the tsunami. Wherever you offered your generous assistance, you brought comfort and gave signs of hope.

A great hope was born in Poland too. After benefiting from decades of solidarity, the Catholics of Poland are now them-



Hans-Peter Röthlin,
President



George Lynch,
National Director

selves showing their solidarity with the suffering Church the world over. The new Polish national office – the 17th in the great family of our benefactors – is now growing fast. This is a sign of hope for us too, for it shows how enduring the blessings of Christian charity can be. Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, the head of the

Byzantine-rite Ukrainian Catholic Church, which you helped so faithfully during the years of oppression, speaks for all the bishops of Ukraine in his letter of congratulations for ACN's 60th anniversary: "We think with gratitude today of Father Werenfried van Straaten, who created this aid campaign 60 years ago. The material assistance that thousands of Christians have obtained through your Charity is evident proof of the fraternal solidarity and evangelical love by means of which Christians mutually strengthen one another and make credible their witness to the world. The fact that our Church in Ukraine was able to successfully resume her mission immediately after the collapse of communism and proclaim the Good News to the people is undoubtedly a visible fruit of your support and encouragement. Hence our grateful prayers are due to you all today – leadership, staff and benefactors of Aid to the Church in Need."

There is nothing more we can add to this. Except perhaps the hope that 2007 will be still better than 2006 – not on our account, but for the sake of the Church in need.

Yours, in friendship and gratitude,

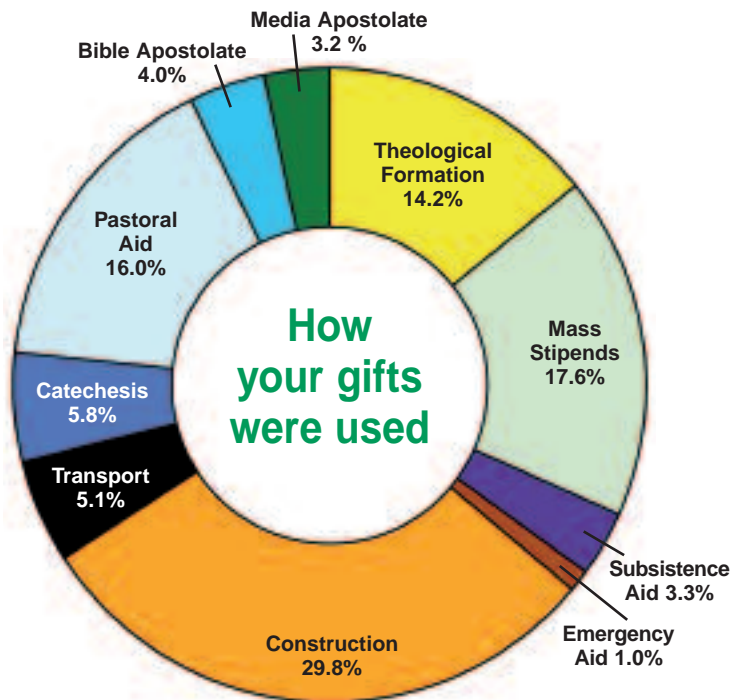




Income	€	%
Individual donations	46,554,734	56.9%
Mass Intentions	12,630,747	15.4%
Legacies	17,217,139	21.1%
Collections	2,013,209	2.5%
Other donations / income	2,766,393	3.4%
Total income	81,182,222	99.3%
Net financial result (Income)	593,388	0.7%
Total	81,775,610	100.0%

Expenditure	€	%
Expenses made to fulfil mission given by the Church	60,530,915	74.0%
Promotion and fundraising	9,615,610	11.8%
Administration	4,907,567	6.0%
Total expenditure	75,054,092	91.8%
<i>End-of-year surplus</i>	<i>6,721,518</i>	<i>8.2%</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 2006

Country	Currency	2005	2006
Australia	Aus\$	2,350,788	2,818,611
Austria	€	2,349,958	2,356,954
Belgium	€	3,298,453	10,738,124
Brazil	Reais	3,930,269	4,167,720
Canada	Can\$	1,721,533	1,675,063
Chile	Pesos	496,648,638	445,194,732
France	€	14,252,147	13,402,519
Germany	€	10,292,607	10,412,977
<i>Father Werenfried Foundation</i>	€	<i>347,899</i>	<i>335,168</i>
Ireland	€	3,215,235	3,688,531
Italy	€	2,994,164	2,952,374
Luxembourg	€	148,192	109,608
Netherlands	€	4,386,145	5,392,265
Poland	zł	-	797,903
Portugal	€	1,960,231	1,972,891
Spain	€	8,766,976	5,903,451
Switzerland	CHF	12,202,196	11,080,404
UK	£	5,154,528	6,157,651
USA	US\$	1,542,925	1,834,733
International Secretariat	€	1,108,333	1,117,973
Total worldwide income	in €	74,375,339	81,182,222

Your love in 137 Countries during 2006 (in Euros)

Albania	351,035	East Timor	85,317	Lebanon	283,264	Rwanda	436,085
Algeria	21,093	Ecuador	252,819	Liberia	1,800	Samoa	5,000
Angola	323,931	Egypt	420,654	Lithuania	266,206	São Tomé	3,500
Argentina	705,429	El Salvador	98,115	Macedonia	76,347	Senegal	134,644
Armenia	7,000	Equatorial Guinea	39,640	Madagascar	287,264	Serbia	378,982
Bangladesh	49,695	Eritrea	199,301	Malawi	144,567	Sierra Leone	33,400
Belarus	483,145	Estonia	13,500	Mali	171,765	Slovakia	986,842
Benin	179,304	Ethiopia	421,577	Mexico	414,847	Slovenia	54,532
Bolivia	467,557	Fiji	2,787	Moldova	84,076	South Africa	92,647
Bosnia-Herzegovina	865,584	Gabon	24,467	Mongolia	20,000	South Korea	6,850
Brazil	5,149,987	The Gambia	12,098	Montenegro	40,262	Sri Lanka	347,648
Bulgaria	123,068	Georgia	15,029	Morocco	12,800	Sudan	1,371,411
Burkina Faso	294,154	Ghana	203,026	Mozambique	272,951	Swaziland	9,000
Burundi	209,866	Guatemala	222,848	Myanmar (Burma)	696,351	Syria	320,816
Cambodia	22,600	Guinea-Bissau	2,500	Namibia	3,500	Tajikistan	3,000
Cameroon	308,105	Guinea-Conakry	65,833	Nepal	6,328	Tanzania	378,529
Cape Verde	9,000	Haiti	527,855	Nicaragua	276,051	Thailand	21,634
Central African Rep.	353,186	Honduras	66,002	Niger	22,000	Togo	78,611
Chad	122,981	Hungary	819,536	Nigeria	836,484	Tunisia	5,000
Chile	860,961	India	4,421,801	Pakistan	498,637	Turkey	181,956
China	872,589	Indonesia	492,735	Palestine	87,355	Turkmenistan	1,220
Colombia	1,129,873	Iran	88,842	Panama	37,000	Uganda	307,656
Congo	298,820	Iraq	131,629	Papua New Guinea	212,865	Ukraine	3,759,706
Costa Rica	7,300	Israel	114,512	Paraguay	350,977	Uruguay	122,541
Croatia	786,767	Ivory Coast	162,981	Peru	906,427	Uzbekistan	11,000
Cuba	1,075,148	Jordan	24,784	Philippines	1,096,623	Venezuela	212,974
Cyprus	7,000	Kazakhstan	247,649	Poland	1,896,368	Vietnam	857,001
Czech Republic	539,747	Kenya	343,439	Romania	1,274,819	Western World	10,098,648
Dem. Rep. Congo	2,034,604	Kyrgyzstan	3,453	Russia (Catholic)	1,020,236	Zambia	126,853
Djibouti	17,483	Laos	30,000	Russia (Ecumenical)	651,836	Zimbabwe	123,233
Dominican Republic	69,686	Latvia	86,463	Russia (Orthodox)	722,100	Total in Euros	60,530,915