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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the thousands of bishops, priests and sisters whom we were able to help during 2003, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you. I want to pass on to you the joy and gratitude of the Church in Need, but also the sadness of all those we were unable to help.

We passed on your donations to the seminary in Lviv, which will very soon be consecrated. We printed 1,216,000 *Child's Bibles* in 21 languages and distributed them all in 2003. We sent 1.2 million Mass stipends to priests in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. Some 600 students were helped with scholarships for their studies - in Rome, for example - for future leadership roles in the Church in these parts of the world. In each quarter you helped the sorely tried *Daughters of the Resurrection* in the Democratic Republic of Congo and in Rwanda with \$40,000 Cdn, thereby sustaining the life and apostolate of their 200 sisters. And you achieved much more besides, through the total of 4,973 projects that you helped us to fund during 2003. At the same time, however, we had to turn down nearly four thousand requests (3,987) for sheer lack of funds. Signing such rejections is one of the hardest parts of my work.

2003 was the year of our founder's death. I often go to Father Werenfried's grave and ask him to inspire a redoubled generosity in you, our benefactors, so that the Church in Need can count still more on our help.

Our income in 2003 was higher than in the previous year. Thanks to some exceptional donations, the income recorded at our international secretariat saw the biggest increase. The residue of \$6,072,285 US or \$8,500,000 Cdn given in the table (see page 2, top) only became available at the end of the year, however, and could thus not

be spent on the projects for 2003. But by now this sum has been used up in its entirety for projects! We received more individual donations and fewer legacies. At the end of 2003, on the initiative of our German national office, the *Father-Werenfried-Foundation* was established; you will find it listed under "Worldwide Income from Donations 2003" in the table below.

The sum indicated under "Donor Countries" (see page 2, bottom) refers to the aid given in the Western world for contemplative convents, the training of priests, Catholic publications, the pastoral care of refugees and migrants, initiatives for the family and life, and for the strengthening of the Faith, for example through the *Mirror*. I hope we can continue to count on your prayers and generous donations in the future. This often life-sustaining help for

the threatened and persecuted Church remains our shared endeavour.

At this point Father Werenfried always used to express his thanks to you and at the same time plead for your continued support. I will never be such an able beggar as he was, but my gratitude to you nonetheless comes from the bottom of my heart. The need has grown no less. Your faithful support gives us courage.



Antonia Willemssen
Secretary General

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Worldwide Income from Donations 2003

Country	Currency	2002	2003
Australia	Aus\$	2,061,350	2,289,479
Austria	€	2,521,073	2,678,554
Belgium	€	3,987,086	4,566,865
Brazil	Reals	2,138,337	2,936,241
Canada	Cdn\$	1,833,907	1,776,756
Chile	Pesos	135,312,958	255,690,040
France	€	14,163,687	12,894,101
Germany	€	11,272,444	11,436,301
<i>Father-Werenfried-Foundation</i>	€	0	119,305
Ireland	€	2,524,764	2,414,979
Italy	€	3,595,549	3,684,497
Luxemburg	€	114,824	669,812
Netherlands	€	5,378,631	4,159,189
Portugal	€	1,570,626	2,091,340
Spain	€	3,363,792	3,936,790
Switzerland	CHF	11,441,819	9,456,587
UK	£	3,724,819	3,858,297
USA	US\$	1,792,264	1,788,590
International Secretariat	€	3,249,102	6,887,807
Total Worldwide Income	in US\$	67,690,976	81,976,598

Conversion Rate: (2003) €1 = \$1,1309 US = \$1,5818 Cdn; (2002) €1 = \$0,9449 US = \$1,4828 Cdn



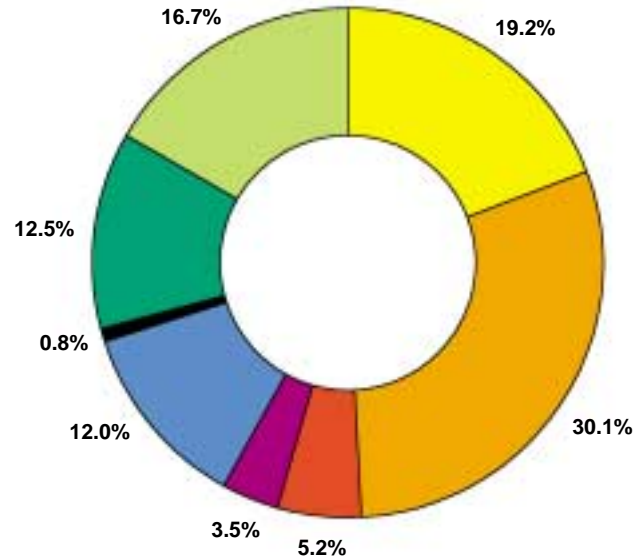
Financial Statement of Your Love in 2003

Income	US\$	%	Expenditure	US\$	%
Individual Donations	50,495,482	61.6%	Project Expenses	62,962,700	76.8%
Mass Intentions	10,570,622	12.9%	Fundraising Costs	9,503,634	11.6%
Legacies	13,583,518	16.6%	Administrative Costs	4,396,280	5.4%
Collections	2,241,402	2.7%	Total	76,862,614	93.8%
Other Donations / Income	5,085,574	6.2%	Net Financial Result (Income)	958,301	1.2%
Total	81,976,598	100.0%	Residue (Year-end Surplus)	6,072,285	7.4%

The consolidated annual financial statements have been audited and certified by Ernst & Young AG. We will gladly supply these on request. These consolidated annual financial statements are based on the financial statements of the national offices.

How Your Gifts Were Used

- Theological Formation
- Construction
- Transport
- Subsistence Aid
- Spiritual Literature
- Charitable Aid
- Media Apostolate
- Mass Stipends



Your Love in 135 Countries in 2003 (in US\$)

Albania	232,036	El Salvador	140,200	Lithuania	575,007	Serbia and Montenegro	483,359
Algeria	31,330	Equatorial Guinea	50,005	Macedonia	3,902	Sierra Leone	39,476
Angola	592,079	Eritrea	68,803	Madagascar	496,087	Slovakia	1,232,755
Argentina	601,875	Estonia	3,393	Malawi	58,651	Slovenia	54,219
Armenia	30,684	Ethiopia	539,913	Mali	98,693	Solomon Islands	39,540
Bangladesh	88,936	Gabon	26,619	Mauritania	25,065	South Africa	64,503
Belarus	611,500	Gambia	16,964	Mauritius	7,916	South Korea	34,151
Benin	193,745	Georgia	68,129	Mexico	485,846	Sri Lanka	348,379
Bolivia	482,695	Ghana	157,854	Moldova	85,424	St. Lucia	35,881
Bosnia-Herzegovina	726,729	Guatemala	263,858	Morocco	41,918	Sudan	858,053
Botswana	13,005	Guinea-Bissau	63,933	Mozambique	244,566	Swaziland	2,262
Brazil	7,483,060	Guinea-Conakry	48,188	Myanmar (Burma)	469,395	Syria	267,978
Bulgaria	361,804	Haiti	791,260	Namibia	16,964	Taiwan	7,916
Burkina Faso	309,947	Honduras	114,248	Nepal	79,204	Tanzania	584,290
Burundi	179,258	Hungary	686,508	Nicaragua	148,365	Thailand	12,440
Cameroon	246,066	India	3,010,431	Niger	47,874	Togo	114,700
Central African Rep.	132,908	Indonesia	307,327	Nigeria	462,771	Trinidad and Tobago	5,000
Chad	145,879	Iran	1,500	Pakistan	432,478	Turkey	36,030
Chile	741,239	Iraq	503,649	Panama	25,651	Turkmenistan	7,770
China	894,702	Israel	10,843	Papua New Guinea	157,611	Uganda	419,305
Colombia	972,255	Ivory Coast	149,780	Paraguay	114,679	Ukraine	4,370,354
Congo	378,761	Jordan	38,349	Peru	1,223,991	Uzbekistan	39,516
Croatia	863,699	Kazakistan	239,132	Philippines	1,302,265	Uruguay	212,590
Cuba	1,158,519	Kenya	332,390	Poland	2,258,056	Vanuatu	7,125
Czech Republic	876,226	Kiribati	12,440	Romania	1,446,814	Venezuela	114,743
Democratic Rep. Congo	1,818,198	Laos	72,320	Russia (Catholic)	1,256,316	Vietnam	1,140,919
Djibouti	16,964	Latvia	135,127	Russia (Ecumenical)	1,164,378	Yemen	11,309
Dominican Republic	44,704	Lebanon	341,902	Russia (Orthodox)	723,120	Zambia	118,288
East Timor	104,151	Lesotho	11,309	Rwanda	617,461	Zimbabwe	66,923
Ecuador	681,544	Liberia	120,583	São Tomé	5,315	<i>Donor Countries</i>	<i>8,513,709</i>
Egypt	170,229	Libya	10,744	Senegal	121,009	Total in US\$	62,962,700