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Dear Friends,

This is my last annual report. Ever since 1960, it has been my privilege to work alongside Father Werenfried. Now the time has come to say farewell as secretary general. For almost a year now, I have been able to work together with my successor, Norbert Neuhaus, inducting him in his role. ACN is in good hands!

Two years on from the death of our founder, it is clear that you, dear friends, still hold the needs of the Universal Church close to your hearts. You show this by your prayers, your help in promoting our publications and your tireless material support.

The hope of receiving this material support once again encouraged thousands of bishops, priests and religious sisters to write to us or to visit us in Königstein during 2004. All too often they tell us how difficult it is to obtain help for training priests, building churches, supplying catechetical material, promoting the media apostolate or providing basic support for priests and religious sisters. By contrast, it is so much easier to gain help for social projects. Many organisations work in an exemplary manner in the social field. However, the primary task of the Church is spreading the Word of God. "The Church receives from the Gospel the full revelation of the truth about man. When she fulfils her mission of proclaiming the Gospel, she bears witness to man, in the name of Christ, to his dignity and his vocation to the communion of persons. She teaches him the demands of justice and peace in conformity with divine wisdom." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church §2419*). This fundamental mission of Christianity conditions every other task. Hence our pastoral

support is indispensable wherever the Church struggles to fulfil this first and most noble mission - be it because of insufficient local resources, discrimination, persecution or extreme poverty.

It is also our mission to inform you and remind ourselves again and again of the responsibility that we as Catholics have for the Universal Church. For the time being, the so-called "First World" is still able to help the so-called "Second" and "Third" worlds. But for how much longer? The demographic implosion of Europe is continuing apace. Let us not sit by and observe complacently, as this process continues in a way that seems unstoppable. By returning to the "Faith of our fathers" we can still find the way back.

During the 45 years that I have been privileged to work for this charity, the blessing of God and the loyalty of our



Dr Norbert Neuhaus,
the new secretary
general since
1 June 2005

Antonia Willemsen,
the outgoing secretary
general, retired on
31 May 2005

benefactors have been my constant companions. May that long continue to be so in the future!

Antonia Willemsen

Worldwide income from donations 2004

Country	Currency	2003	2004	
Australia	Aus\$	2,289,479	2,500,733	
Austria	€	2,678,554	2,143,461	
Belgium	€	4,566,865	4,055,492	
Brazil	Reais	2,936,241	3,057,437	
Canada	Can\$	1,776,756	1,775,430	
Chile	Pesos	255,690,040	330,163,219	
France	€	12,894,101	12,844,411	
Germany	€	11,436,301	12,573,418	
<i>Father Werenfried Foundation</i>	€	119,305	230,291	
Ireland	€	2,414,979	2,718,137	
Italy	€	3,684,497	3,420,470	
Luxembourg	€	669,812	138,510	
Netherlands	€	4,159,189	4,206,509	
Portugal	€	2,091,340	1,978,751	
Spain	€	3,936,790	3,757,917	
Switzerland	CHF	9,456,587	8,708,838	
UK	£	3,858,297	4,943,245	
USA	US\$	1,788,590	1,713,141	
Total income National Offices	€	65,600,121	66,221,475	+ 1.0 %
International Secretariat	€	6,887,807	3,447,029	
Total worldwide income	in €	72,487,928	69,668,504	- 3.9 %



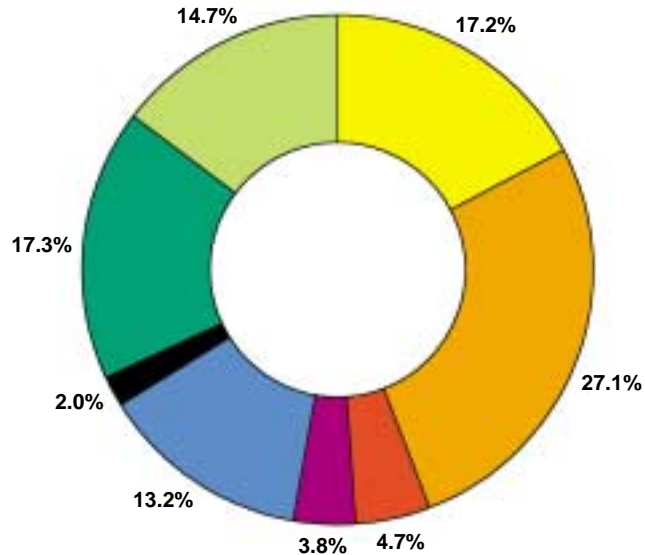
Financial statement of your love in 2004

Income	€	%	Expenditure	€	%
Individual donations	44,508,457	63.9%	Project, Information &		
Mass Intentions	8,188,404	11.8%	Pastoral Care Expenses	55,650,990	79.9%
Legacies	13,513,451	19.4%	Fundraising costs	7,803,982	11.2%
Collections	1,978,118	2.8%	Administrative costs	4,467,054	6.4%
Other donations / income	1,480,074	2.1%	Total expenditure	67,922,026	97.5%
Total income	69,668,504	100.0%	Net financial result (Income)	407,178	0.6%
			<i>Residue (Year-end surplus)</i>	<i>2,153,656</i>	<i>3.1%</i>

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	■ Spiritual Literature
■ Construction	■ Charitable Aid
■ Transport	■ Media Apostolate
■ Subsistence Aid	■ Mass Stipends



Your love in 137 Countries during 2004 (in Euros)

Albania	261,735	El Salvador	154,265	Madagascar	339,313	Slovenia	53,721
Angola	478,014	Equatorial Guinea	58,357	Malawi	79,752	Solomon Islands	5,000
Argentina	352,037	Eritrea	237,931	Mali	74,968	Somalia	33,747
Armenia	49,463	Ethiopia	273,906	Mauritius	17,500	South Africa	59,070
Bangladesh	56,036	Fiji	3,042	Mexico	368,589	South Korea	22,018
Belarus	486,943	Gabon	4,800	Moldova	75,867	Sri Lanka	457,011
Benin	154,587	Gambia	13,682	Mongolia	45,000	Sudan	1,222,149
Bolivia	764,240	Georgia	19,476	Mozambique	345,381	Syria	303,346
Bosnia-Herzegovina	573,887	Ghana	121,570	Myanmar (Burma)	472,783	Taiwan	3,500
Botswana	15,849	Granada	15,683	Namibia	7,000	Tajikistan	3,619
Brazil	4,064,998	Guatemala	196,432	Nepal	8,000	Tanzania	499,713
Bulgaria	534,084	Guinea-Bissau	27,283	Nicaragua	206,686	Thailand	29,893
Burkina Faso	277,777	Guinea-Conakry	51,056	Niger	3,204	Togo	87,094
Burundi	237,872	Haiti	561,690	Nigeria	633,428	Tonga	2,000
Cameroon	287,836	Honduras	97,357	North Korea	15,000	Tunisia	13,500
Cape Verde	56,150	Hungary	803,528	Pakistan	308,685	Turkey	73,900
Central African Rep.	156,919	India	3,314,305	Panama	9,651	Uganda	319,964
Chad	170,811	Indonesia	275,737	Papua New Guinea	119,861	Ukraine	4,641,298
Chile	567,648	Iran	36,791	Paraguay	141,669	Uruguay	177,823
China	1,090,901	Iraq	211,299	Peru	808,501	Uzbekistan	58,788
Colombia	1,100,752	Israel	131,658	Philippines	1,074,340	Vanuatu	6,300
Congo	295,252	Ivory Coast	200,493	Poland	1,920,344	Venezuela	147,571
Costa Rica	4,825	Jamaica	32,170	Romania	1,191,661	Vietnam	860,902
Croatia	726,768	Kazakhstan	227,015	Russia (Catholic)	1,190,306	Wallis and Futuna	3,800
Cuba	780,575	Kenya	316,968	Russia (Ecumenical)	1,262,289	Yemen	10,000
Czech Republic	733,745	Kiribati	13,000	Russia (Orthodox)	813,260	Zambia	72,445
Dem. Rep. Congo	1,506,548	Kyrgyzstan	11,000	Rwanda	335,704	Zimbabwe	115,676
Djibouti	600	Latvia	128,475	São Tomé	35,093	<i>Western Europe and other donor countries</i>	<i>7,652,461</i>
Dominican Republic	56,312	Lebanon	212,553	Senegal	112,220		
East Timor	132,077	Liberia	52,882	Serbia and Montenegro	533,370		
Ecuador	352,004	Lithuania	408,864	Sierra Leone	19,031		
Egypt	325,689	Macedonia	53,207	Slovakia	1,226,815		
						Total in Euros	55,650,990