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Dear Friends,

Thank you. It's a phrase we hear so often – but they are the only words that can possibly do justice to the love, the compassion, the generosity of spirit shown by you, the friends of the Church in need. The Annual Report 2008 shows the fruit of your concern in an astonishing 137 countries around the world. It is a testimony to the power of love. And at a time of financial difficulty, that generosity is even more remarkable.

Behind each set of statistics in this report there are people witnessing to the importance of faith in our troubled world. They can each tell stories about suffering and hope, about the struggle against oppression and about the need to keep the Faith in times of terrible hardship. The sad truth is that in so many parts of the world that need is becoming increasingly serious. The generosity of benefactors has grown beyond what we thought possible and yet both the number and the extent of appeals for help have grown even more. We are having to turn down more and more requests. In 2008 alone, 2,000 requests for help could not be granted. In response to letters from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America, we are forced to reply: "We would love to help – but we cannot."

And yet with your support, *Aid to the Church in Need* can bring more help and more hope. It can't all be done at once but together, step by step, we can lighten the

burden for those who carry the cross today. In the project we are calling 'Cape 2012' we plan to raise an extra €20 million (Aus\$ 39 million). It is a programme we can all get involved in and with your commitment we can succeed. We are not alone – for we can



Pierre-Marie Morel,
International
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National Director

And so it is a lack of faith when because of economic recession we lack the courage to increase our budget, despite new and yet greater commitments, and instead reduce it. For it cannot be God's will that we should take fright at a mission because we no longer have the faith to believe that God will inspire our benefactors to still greater generosity. Why should He cease to do what he has always done, namely to match our income to the promises we have made? We all should strive to cultivate a boundless trust in Divine Providence. God will not disappoint us!

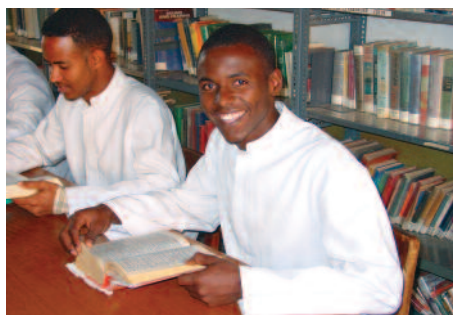
Father Werenfried
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be certain of the prayers of priests and religious around the world who count on your help. If every kind benefactor like you could give just two more dollars per month, then we could respond immediately with a "Yes" to nearly 2,000 extra requests. With 700,000 friends and supporters of ACN around the world, just think what could be achieved. Together we are a task-force of hope! Thanks to you, the Church in need will be emboldened in faith and thus offer the love of Christ anew.

Dear friends, united in this common task and strengthened by a faith inspired by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we are together fulfilling the mission of bringing Christ to people of goodwill. But let's not forget that in giving we receive. The testimonies of faith given by Christians persecuted and oppressed today are a witness to this. When we go out to meet the bishops and faithful in forgotten places of suffering and when they come to see us at the headquarters in Königstein, the message is always the same: 'Thank you'. But in truth it is us who should be us thanking them for it is their courage, their hope, their sacrifice that teaches us what it means to be Christian today. They are a blessing to us.

Never should we forget the words of Fr Werenfried, the founder of *Aid to the Church in Need*: "They are being tested in faith: we are being tested in love."

Pierre Marie Morel Phillip Collignon

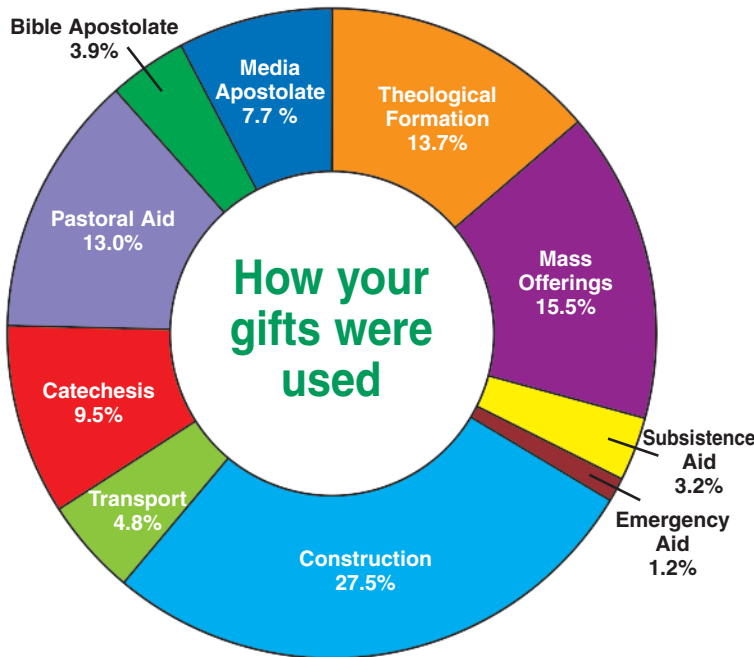




Income	€	%
Individual donations	45,232,214	55.6%
Mass Offerings	9,515,603	11.7%
Legacies	21,772,974	26.7%
Collections	1,001,902	1.2%
Other donations / income	4,505,035	5.5%
Total income	82,027,728	100.8%
Net-Financial Expenses	-620,571	-0.8%
Total	81,407,157	100.0%

Expenditure	€	%
Expenses in fulfilment of the Church's mission	64,195,457	78.9%
Promotion and fundraising	10,974,140	13.5%
Administration	4,677,596	5.7%
Total expenditure	79,847,193	98.1%
<i>End-of-year surplus</i>	<i>1,559,964</i>	<i>1.9%</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 2008

Country	Currency	2007	2008
Australia	Aus\$	2,482,341	3,298,438
Austria	€	2,185,910	1,999,326
Belgium	€	4,370,516	4,256,674
Brazil	Reais	4,077,825	4,790,403
Canada	Can\$	2,275,095	1,608,458
Chile	Pesos	467,973,448	574,218,316
France	€	18,052,963	15,145,200
Germany	€	9,541,275	10,817,398
Father Werenfried Foundation	€	1,768,714	497,058
Ireland	€	3,467,241	6,811,406
Italy	€	3,115,281	6,761,946
Luxembourg	€	216,850	220,354
Netherlands	€	3,819,477	3,177,634
Poland	zł	1,601,370	2,415,176
Portugal	€	2,114,076	2,039,956
Spain	€	6,590,713	8,191,149
Switzerland	CHF	10,913,771	8,237,283
UK	£	6,776,126	6,587,016
USA	US\$	2,119,009	2,750,860
International Secretariat	€	946,127	624,512
Total world-wide income	in €	79,893,640	82,027,728

Your love in 137 Countries during 2008 (in Euros)

Albania	109,187	Ecuador	150,385	Liberia	59,433	Senegal	83,364
Algeria	44,904	Egypt	358,486	Lithuania	231,911	Serbia	730,279
Angola	253,708	El Salvador	75,237	Macedonia	45,305	Sierra Leone	109,741
Argentina	532,135	Equatorial Guinea	7,215	Madagascar	345,935	Slovakia	1,100,039
Armenia	73,970	Eritrea	334,110	Malawi	189,839	Slovenia	50,329
Bangladesh	271,325	Ethiopia	620,476	Mali	207,550	Solomon Islands	31,640
Barbados	16,996	Gabon	18,005	Mexico	400,988	South Africa	137,975
Belarus	397,635	The Gambia	15,000	Moldova	79,993	Sri Lanka	288,845
Benin	267,705	Georgia	69,008	Mongolia	30,000	Sudan	1,178,030
Bolivia	281,246	Ghana	303,027	Montenegro	31,535	Swaziland	12,000
Bosnia-Herzegovina	975,715	Guatemala	224,482	Morocco	15,800	Syria	327,055
Botswana	41,521	Guinea-Bissau	65,960	Mozambique	371,422	Tajikistan	3,300
Brazil	4,115,249	Guinea-Conakry	102,067	Myanmar (Burma)	858,840	Tanzania	650,143
Bulgaria	289,186	Haiti	960,519	Namibia	3,600	Thailand	3,500
Burkina Faso	341,047	Honduras	154,991	Nepal	65,760	Togo	176,233
Burundi	195,830	Hungary	188,304	Nicaragua	188,179	Trinidad and Tobago	14,957
Cambodia	3,650	India	4,054,511	Niger	36,300	Tunisia	25,000
Cameroon	345,280	Indonesia	356,815	Nigeria	835,553	Turkey	176,045
Cape Verde	36,790	Iran	75,683	Pakistan	340,138	Turkmenistan	4,000
Central African Rep.	307,656	Iraq	546,225	Palestine	38,893	Uganda	625,031
Chad	101,649	Israel	179,288	Panama	13,257	Ukraine	4,196,506
Chile	1,232,768	Ivory Coast	154,311	Papua New Guinea	309,154	Uruguay	181,578
China	1,222,614	Jamaica	7,300	Paraguay	220,311	Uzbekistan	4,500
Colombia	1,262,367	Jordan	150,315	Peru	966,217	Venezuela	180,584
Congo	218,562	Kazakhstan	232,786	Philippines	912,744	Vietnam	1,061,537
Costa Rica	7,300	Kenya	419,555	Poland	1,353,676	Western World	11,757,423
Croatia	616,330	Kiribati	15,000	Romania	1,058,759	Zambia	331,400
Cuba	1,037,788	Kyrgyzstan	8,750	Russia (Catholic)	1,063,828	Zimbabwe	564,048
Czech Republic	453,089	Laos	21,023	Russia (Ecumenical)	827,933		
Dem. Rep. Congo	2,138,529	Latvia	131,500	Russia (Orthodox)	755,208		
Dominican Republic	38,367	Lebanon	289,329	Rwanda	641,350		
East Timor	101,827	Lesotho	36,790	São Tomé	32,586		
						Total in Euros	64,195,457