



Aid to the
Church in Need

Impact Report 2024

Dear Friends,

Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year, we see in our 2024 Impact Report abundant evidence of the hope your support has brought to hundreds of thousands of our brothers and sisters who daily face persecution, conflict or poverty. Despite the hardships you may be facing, you have answered God's call to bring hope to others.

In 2024 ACN-funded projects helped the local Church in 137 countries worldwide, as it proclaimed God's love for all humankind. Be assured that the bishops, priests, religious and laity benefitting from your generosity – who journey with you in hope – are praying for you continuously.



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Where your help went

(Data for projects funded by all 23 of ACN's national offices)





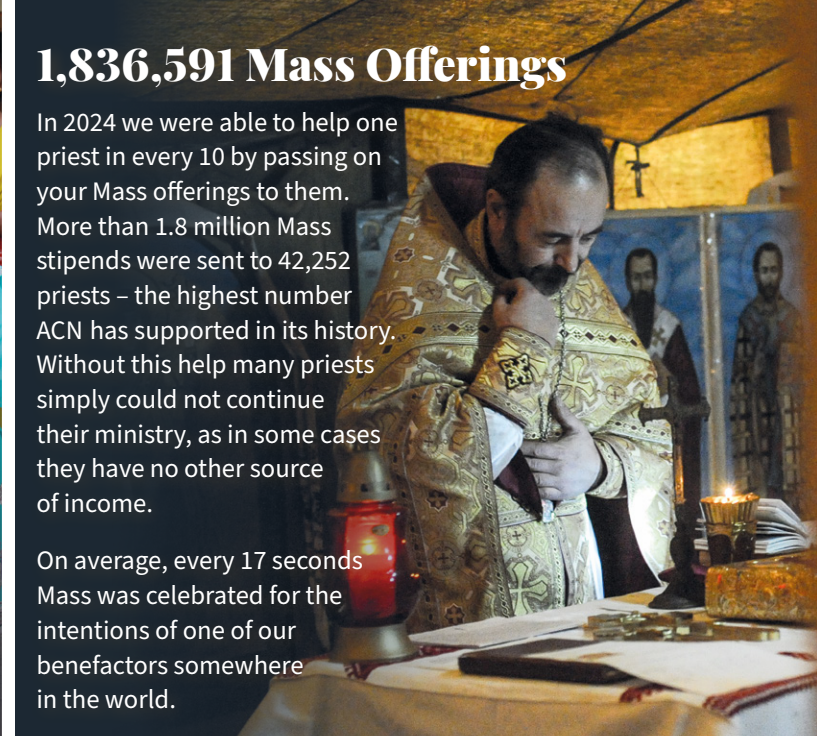
867 Projects Supporting Religious Sisters

We helped some 6,030 religious Sisters, providing basic support for their life and ministry. We also helped with the formation of novices; essential structural work for convents; vital equipment (such as sewing machines, unleavened-bread baking machines, vehicles, etc.); and spiritual retreats and exercises. The greatest number of projects were for Africa (298) and Asia (282).



805 projects training Catechists and Other Lay Leaders

We also responded positively to 106 requests for Bibles and other religious publications so that, thanks to your help, some 844,200 religious books were sent out, the majority in Latin America.



1,836,591 Mass Offerings

In 2024 we were able to help one priest in every 10 by passing on your Mass offerings to them. More than 1.8 million Mass stipends were sent to 42,252 priests – the highest number ACN has supported in its history. Without this help many priests simply could not continue their ministry, as in some cases they have no other source of income.

On average, every 17 seconds Mass was celebrated for the intentions of one of our benefactors somewhere in the world.



1,131 Vehicles For Pastoral Work

We helped provide a total of 474 cars, 264 motorcycles, 388 bicycles, three buses, one lorry and 11 boats for pastoral work in remote and inaccessible regions.



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In 2024 we funded a total of 5,335 projects thanks to your generous love for your brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted, suffering or in dire pastoral need.

We have intensified our help in the Sahel region of northern Africa, where Islamic jihadist terrorism is spreading and Christians are increasingly suffering from extremist violence.

Information refers to projects funded by all 23 of ACN's national offices.



Supporting the Training of 9,961 Seminarians

In 2024 one in every 11 seminarians around the world received assistance from ACN for their priestly formation. The majority were in Africa (5,305) – which has almost one third of all seminarians in the world – and we also helped 1,824 in Latin America, 1,752 in Asia and 1,080 in Europe, including over 700 seminarians in Ukraine.



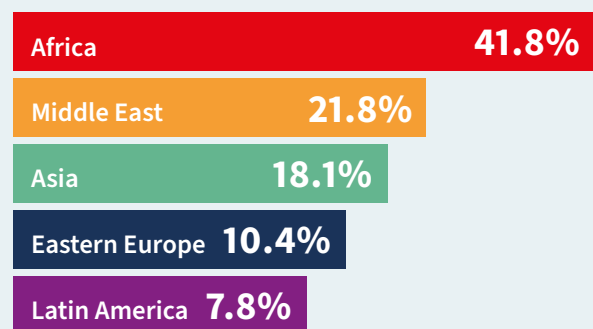
755 Construction Projects

Once again in 2024 we helped build and renovate churches, chapels, convents, seminaries, presbyteries and pastoral centres. Given the high cost of such projects, this category accounted for 23.6 percent – the biggest percentage of our total allocated aid.

ACN (UK) income and expenditure

All figures on this page relate to the UK office of ACN in 2024

Aid allocated per region from ACN (UK)



In Iraq we are supporting 78 scholarships at the Catholic University in Erbil. For a young generation that lived through the jihadist capture of northern Iraq, the university provides a Christian setting to gain qualifications leading to employment.



In Liberia's Gbarnga Diocese we supported Radio Paraclete with a training programme for its young volunteers and an extension of its broadcasting tower so the Good News can reach more people via the airwaves.



283
projects
supported in
66 countries



£7.95m
spent on
aid payments
and mission-
related work



41.8%
of aid went
to Africa



Income from
legacies
brought in
£4.8m

In 2024 the combined income from donations and legacies totalled £11,084,525.

Mission-related expenditure accounted for 82 percent of all income. Of this, 8.1 million was spent on aid projects, enabling us to support 283 projects. As the war continues to rage in Ukraine, the people are turning to the Church for practical and spiritual support. Projects included construction and refurbishment work for churches and convents, vehicles for pastoral work and the printing of liturgical books in the Ukrainian language. We have also supported religious orders who have opened their doors to take in displaced mothers and children, and looking to the country's future needs we are supporting the training of Ukrainian Greek-Catholic seminarians.

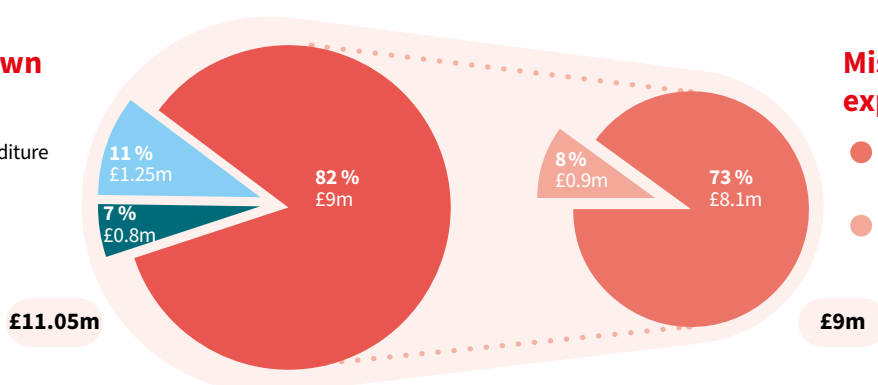
The remaining 8 percent was allocated to providing information about our suffering brothers and sisters, proclaiming the faith, and advocacy work on behalf of persecuted Christians. This included bringing Archbishop Linus Neli of the Archdiocese of Imphal, India to the UK to talk to parliamentarians about the attacks on Christians which occurred as part of the outbreak of violence in Manipur.

Essential administrative expenditure accounted for 7 percent of total outgoings, and fundraising to bring in more funds to help the suffering Church 11 percent.

Once again last year, legacies accounted for a substantial proportion of the support for the suffering Church (£4.8 million). Together with our brothers and sisters in need, we gratefully remember all our departed benefactors in our prayers.

Detailed breakdown of expenditure

- Mission-related expenditure
- Support costs
- Fundraising



Mission-related expenditure

- Aid payments (see above for regional breakdown)
- Information, Evangelisation and Advocacy