

THY WILL BE DONE

Remembering the suffering Church
with a gift in your Will



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN UNITED KINGDOM

A Legacy of Faith



ACN's founder, Fr Werenfried van Straaten preaching from a 'Chapel Truck'

Immediately after World War II, Dutch Norbertine priest, Fr Werenfried van Straaten began his mission of peaceful reconciliation to the German nation – bringing material and spiritual help to people who were starving and without hope.

From these early beginnings grew a global mission to help the suffering Church and to keep the flame of faith alive and strong wherever Christians endure persecution, oppression or poverty.

Fr Werenfried's legacy is the work and achievements of our very own worldwide family of Aid to the Church in Need, under the protection of Our Lady of Fatima.

Our own Legacy of Faith?

Very few people are called to be the 'Fr Werenfried' of their day but we can perhaps take comfort in the fact that our compassion and support for his mission gives us all a share in his spiritual legacy in bringing Christ to the world.

In thanks for your kindness

Many generous individuals demonstrate their confidence and trust in Aid to the Church in Need by choosing to make a **charitable request** in their Will, to support the future needs of the worldwide family of God. To recognise this moving and hugely important gift of faith and charity **a proportion of each and every legacy is set aside for Masses to be said for the soul of the deceased**. In turn, these Mass Stipends support poor priests.

The names of those who support us with a legacy or who are commended to us by family or friends through an **In Memoriam gift** or a **Mass Offering** are entered into our **In Memoriam Book** for solemn remembrance at our **annual Mass for deceased benefactors and friends**.

The names of our recently deceased benefactors are read out at a special Mass celebrated monthly by our Chaplain in our private chapel and all deceased benefactors are remembered in ACN's daily prayers when, as a group we pray the Angelus at noon.

Making a Difference

By leaving a gift to Aid to the Church in Need in your Will, you can, as Christ commanded, help to build the kingdom of God on earth – and join your voice with the family of God around the world in saying “Thy Will be done”.

Charitable bequests help Aid to the Church in Need to:



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Provide

emergency aid to displaced Christians in Iraq, Syria, Nigeria and other parts of the world where Christian communities suffer targeted violence for their faithfulness to Christ

Support

more than 15,000 seminarians each year on their journey to God's altar

Help

priests and Sisters travel thousands of miles in their ministry – by car, boat, bicycle, moped or even donkey



Sustain

the prayerful life of religious Sisters who bring Christ's charity to the needy

Bring

Christ to those who hunger for God by providing Mass Stipends to priests who rely on your help to serve the poorest of the poor

Build

new churches and chapels in areas of need or rebuild churches that have been destroyed by violence or persecution

Proclaim

the Word of God by supporting catechetical work and publications



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Teach

the Good News of the Gospel by providing ACN's Child's Bible – published in more than 189 languages and dialects. 51 Million copies have been distributed since its first publication in 1979



“Our favourite Catholic charity. Practical aid is dispensed but the spiritual basis remains firm – so important!”

– A long-standing supporter and legacy pledger of ACN

‘Ted’: His life. His legacy.

**“For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.”** Matthew 6:21



At the end of Mass, following a parish appeal, Neville Kyrke-Smith, ACN’s National Director, was approached by an elderly gentleman who said, very cryptically, “I’m going to do something really special for you.”

It was only years later that the meaning of these words became clear when we received our largest-ever charitable bequest.

‘Ted’, as he liked to be called, had been a loyal supporter over the years, sending small gifts when he could, to support the needy church around the world. He lived in a small flat in a very modest and unassuming way but, with no living relatives, he had made up his mind to offer his time and his talents

in service of Our Lord – and ‘Ted’ was very talented when it came to making financial investments.

He kept his word to God, and to Neville, through the wonderful gift he made in his Will to Aid to the Church in Need. Following his wishes, some of it was sent to the Franciscan Friars in Bangladesh to build the chapel of St Anthony’s Ashram at Pirganj (see below). To this day, ‘Ted’s’ picture can be seen pinned to the altar.

Every gift received, whether large or small, is of immense value, not only for the impact it makes, but as a gesture of love to Christ in his Church, and all kind benefactors are remembered in our prayers.





Your kind gift of faith can make a huge difference in parishes around the world like this in Juina, Brazil.

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Making your Will

You can now **write a simple Will free of charge** at a local solicitors' office. We belong to the **National Free Wills Network** – a group of charities and solicitors working together to give charity supporters the chance to have a **simple Will written or updated free of charge***. This is a limited offer and is intended for people aged 55 and over.

Aid to the Church in Need is also a member of the **Your Catholic Legacy** consortium, spreading the word about the difference gifts in Wills can make to Catholic charities.

How it Works

If you request the free Will writing service, Aid to the Church in Need will send your contact details to Your Catholic Legacy, of which we are member, so that they can notify the National Free Wills Network, who will send you details of local participating solicitors. Your

request does not commit you to paying any money. If a participating solicitor considers that a simple, free Will is not suitable for your personal circumstances, the solicitor will inform you of this, and then it is your choice whether to agree to the drafting of a Will entirely at your expense or cancelling the process without charge. Aid to the Church in Need, Your Catholic Legacy and the National Free Wills Network all follow the Code of Fundraising Practice.

We strongly recommend you seek advice from a solicitor when drawing up your Will.

* You don't have to include ACN UK in your Will to use this service, but we hope you will consider a gift to us to support the suffering Church around the world.



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SOME PRACTICAL ADVICE

- Making a Will is an important way of making sure that, in due course, your wishes are respected and that family, friends, causes and charities that are important to you are acknowledged.
- Anything you leave to a registered charity is exempt from Inheritance Tax. And if you leave 10% or more of your net estate to charity, then a reduced rate of tax may apply to what is left over. Special rules apply though, so seek legal advice if you are planning to do this.
- If you are making or amending your Will and wish to leave a proportion of your estate, or perhaps a fixed cash sum, to help the Church in Need, you can use the appropriate form of words below.

If you are making a new Will

I give free of inheritance tax [one half/ third/quarter of the residue of my estate/the sum of £....]* to Aid to the Church in Need – a registered charity in England and Wales (1097984) and in Scotland (SC040748), ('the Charity') for its charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the person professing to be the treasurer or other proper officer of the Charity shall be a full discharge for the said Legacy.

* Delete as applicable

If you are adding to an existing Will

If you have already made your Will but would like to change it to leave a share of your estate to Aid to the Church in Need, we suggest that you make a new Will.

However, if you have already made your Will but would like to leave a fixed sum, you can add a Codicil using the following wording:

I **[name]** of **[address]** declare this to be the First Codicil to my Will dated and made the day of Two thousand and I give free of inheritance tax the sum of £ to Aid to the Church in Need – a registered charity in England and Wales (1097984) and in Scotland (SC040748), ('the Charity') for its charitable purposes and I direct that the receipt of the person professing to be the treasurer or other proper officer of the Charity shall be a full discharge for the said Legacy. In all other respects, I confirm my said Will. AS WITNESS my hand this day of 20.... SIGNED by the Testator/Testatrix in our presence and then by us in his/hers

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**'They are being tested
in faith, we are being
tested in love.'**

Hello, my name is Tony and I am pleased to help you with any question you may have about leaving a gift in your Will. If you are interested in helping please return the form overleaf or give me a call on **020 8642 8668** or email **tony@acnuk.org**

Tony

Tony Smith
ACN UK Legacy Officer



**"Give food to the
hungry and clothes
to people in need. If
you are prosperous,
give generously,
and do it gladly!"**

Tobit 4: 16



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Can you help us plan for the future?

If you are considering making a gift to ACN in your Will, or have already made provision for us, it would be extremely helpful if you could tell us. This will help us in planning how ACN can respond to future calls for assistance. It will also help us to keep you up to date with news and urgent priorities.

We clearly understand that your circumstances may change and any details you provide do not commit you in any way. All information is held in strict confidence and is never shared with other charities or third parties.

Around the world, the training of many seminarians relies on gifts of love.

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If you are willing, simply complete and return the coupon below or alternatively complete it online at www.acnuk.org/legacy

YES! Please tell me more about how I can bring hope to the suffering Church around the world.

My contact details are:

Title First Name Surname

Home address

..... Postcode

Telephone No. Email

Benefactor number (if known)

New to ACN? I am happy to receive relevant information by: ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ Post

- ☐ Please contact me to discuss how a legacy will help Aid to the Church in Need
- ☐ I intend to leave a legacy to Aid to the Church in Need
- ☐ Please arrange for the National Free Wills Network to send me details of local participating solicitors. I agree that the personal data I have provided in this form may be shared with Your Catholic Legacy and the National Free Wills Network
- ☐ I would like my legacy story to help inspire others. Please contact me
- ☐ Please send me more information about Masses for the Departed



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