

Nigeria Lent Campaign 2023 – Support Document



‘Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me.’

Matthew 25: 40

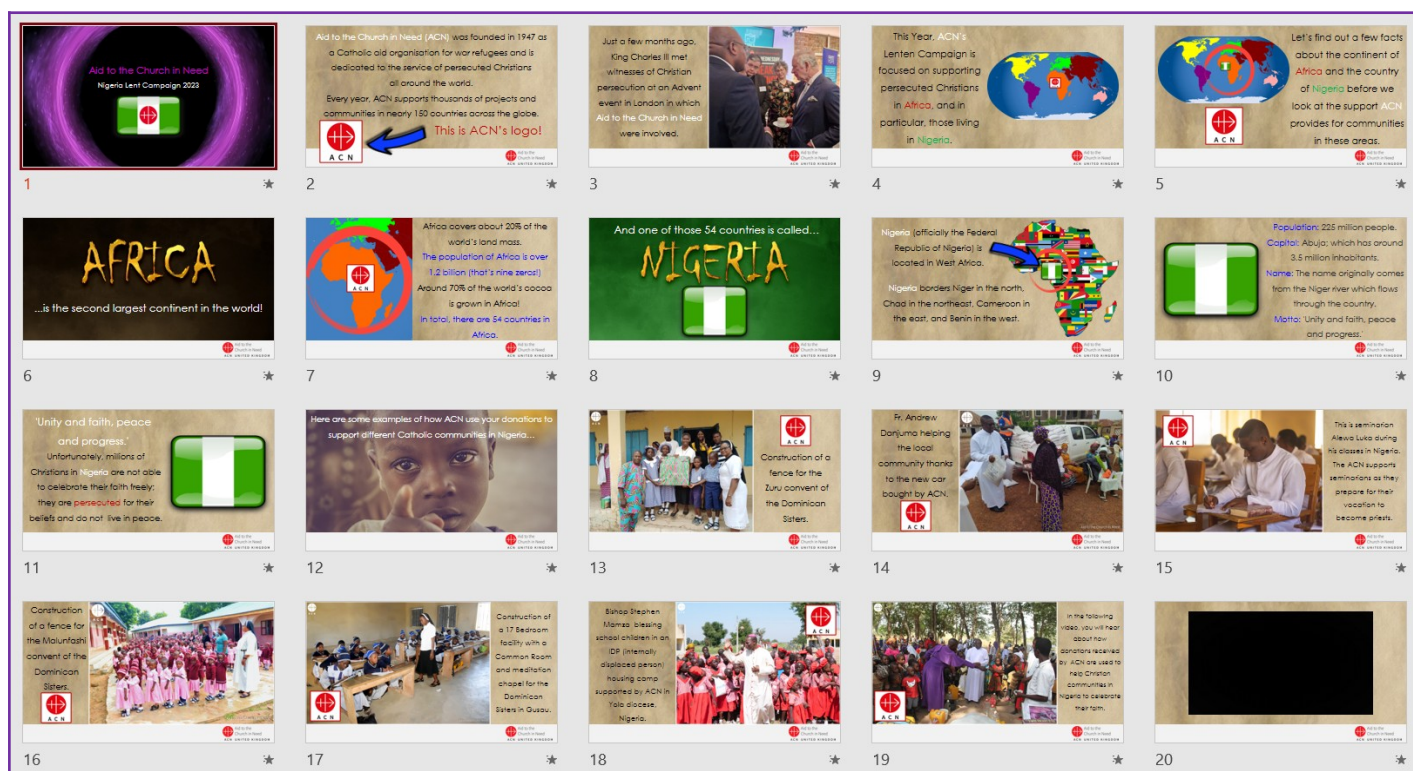
1. PowerPoint/Resource Overview

This year’s ‘Lent Campaign’ PowerPoint presentation has been created to support schools in developing their understanding the work of ‘Aid to the Church in Need’ (ACN) in general terms, with a specific focus on the organisation’s work in supporting persecuted Christian communities in Nigeria.

The PowerPoint is split into three main sections as follows:

- Part One: ACN Introduction – Nigeria Lent Campaign 2023
- Part Two: Collective Worship Template
- Part Three: Additional Resources/Fundraising Ideas

1a. Part One: ACN Introduction – Nigeria Lent Campaign 2023



- **Slide 1:** Opening Slide (looped video) - appropriate music could be used here as pupils gather/prepare.
- **Slides 2 – 3:** Brief introduction to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) and its global perspective.
- **Slides 4 – 10:** Introduction to this year's Lent Campaign for Nigeria (Africa/Nigeria facts)
- **Slide 11:** Focus on Nigeria's 'motto: 'Unity and faith, peace and progress.'; introduction of the word 'persecuted' – teachers to explore/explain at an appropriate level.
- **Slides 12 – 19:** Specific examples of the support provided to various Christian communities in Nigeria through the money raised by ACN during previous fundraising/Lenten campaigns.
- **Slide 20:** ACN video (subtitled) from a priest's perspective detailing the challenges faced by Catholic communities in Nigeria as they try to live out their faith on a daily basis. 'Priests in Nigeria are often kidnapped due to their efforts to spread the Christian message; this is referenced once (18 - 22 seconds) but not explored further. If preferred, the video could be forwarded four seconds at this point, or simply begun from 22 seconds. This video explains how the money donated for a Mass Stipend will support a Catholic community in Nigeria.

1b. Part Two: Collective Worship Template

The grid contains 40 slides, each with a star icon in the bottom right corner. The content of the slides is as follows:

- Slide 21:** Opening slide with the title 'Let Us Gather In Prayer' and 'Nigeria Lent Campaign 2023'. It features a purple background with a white cross and a Nigerian flag.
- Slide 22:** Text: 'Of course, one of the most powerful ways of proving your love and support for these Catholic communities in Nigeria is to pray for them in our homes. So let us know (on together in prayer) for our Christian brothers and sisters in Nigeria who cannot practice their faith here as we can.' Includes an image of hands clasped in prayer.
- Slide 23:** Text: 'Let us listen to the Word in scripture.' Includes an image of an open Bible.
- Slide 24:** Text: 'Matthew 4: 1-11'. Includes an image of an open Bible with a heart shape over the text.
- Slide 25:** Text: 'Jesus is tested in the wilderness. Then Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting 40 days and 40 nights, he is hungry. The tempter comes to him and says: "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered: "It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."' Includes an image of an open Bible with a heart shape over the text.
- Slide 26:** Text: 'Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is also written: Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' Includes an image of an open Bible with a heart shape over the text.
- Slide 27:** Text: 'Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." "Away from me, Satan!" For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.' Includes an image of an open Bible with a heart shape over the text.
- Slide 28:** Text: 'Why is this Gospel passage important for us during Lent? What does this passage teach us about Jesus and how we can lead our lives? How does this passage link to the work of ACN in Nigeria?' Includes an image of an open Bible with a heart shape over the text.
- Slide 29:** Text: 'Based on our reflection on this passage, we have created a prayer for the Lenten season. It is a prayer for the Lenten season. It is a prayer for the Lenten season. It is a prayer for the Lenten season.' Includes an image of a purple background with a white cross.
- Slide 30:** Text: 'Let Us Pray'. Includes an image of lit candles.
- Slide 31:** Text: 'We pray for the Christians in Nigeria who are persecuted to practice their faith here as we can. May they be blessed with the strength and courage to stand in their goodness. Lord in your goodness. Hear our prayer.' Includes an image of hands clasped in prayer.
- Slide 32:** Text: 'We pray that the Christians in Nigeria know and feel God's presence when they feel alone and hopeless. Give them and help them be guided that their Christian family is praying for them and that they are not alone. Lord in your goodness. Hear our prayer.' Includes an image of hands clasped in prayer.
- Slide 33:** Text: 'We pray that Christians in Nigeria find unity in their belief in God and the man Jesus. May they be a source of support and encouragement for one another in their time of needs and in our goodness. Hear our prayer.' Includes an image of hands clasped in prayer.
- Slide 34:** Text: 'We pray that Christians in Nigeria find one place to read your words, and that the Gospel would be alive in their hearts. Encourage and strengthen their beliefs as they guide the next generation. Lord in your goodness. Hear our prayer.' Includes an image of hands clasped in prayer.
- Slide 35:** Text: 'We pray that Christians in Nigeria know that God is with them at all times. May they feel the Lord's love and know that miracles are happening. He might make a difference. Look after them. Lord in your goodness. Hear our prayer.' Includes an image of hands clasped in prayer.
- Slide 36:** Text: 'Amen'. Includes an image of lit candles.
- Slide 37:** Text: 'So what could your mission be to support Christian communities in Nigeria during Lent?' Includes an image of a young child's face.
- Slide 38:** Text: 'Being A Lent Hero' The ACN has lots of ideas about how you can take part in mission during Lent as you share God's love and show your support for various Christian communities around the world, including Nigeria. Here are just a few! Includes an image of a heart with the word 'God' inside.
- Slide 39:** Text: 'Go to an extra Mass every week to pray for someone else. Ask your parents to take you to Stations of the Cross. Say "Thank You" to God for 5 things every day! Organise a Class Code Book (or other event) for ACN.' Includes an image of a heart with the word 'God' inside.
- Slide 40:** Text: 'There are lots of other great "missions" ideas on ACN's Being a Lent Hero document. Your teachers can share these with you using the link below.' Includes an image of a heart with the word 'God' inside and a blue arrow pointing down.

This collective worship is based on the 'Gather – Word – Response – Mission' model. An appropriate prayer focus including appropriate liturgical colours (purple), a Bible and other appropriate items/resources (including a printed ACN logo) could also be included.

- **Slide 21:** Opening Slide (Part One – Slide 1)

- **Slides 22:** Introduction – linked to Part One; this can be re-worded if being used separately from the introduction to the 'Nigeria Lent Campaign 2023.
- **Slides 23 – 28:** The Word – The Temptation in the Wilderness (Matthew 4: 1 – 11)
- **Slide 29:** Reflection/Discussion slide based on Matthew 5: 11 – 12; this can be used or removed as required.
- **Slides 30 – 36:** Prayers of the Faithful – these can be adapted as required; opportunities for spontaneous prayer could also be included.
- **Slides 37 – 40:** Mission – Some ideas for the children's 'mission' following the collective worship are shared; these are taken from the ACN's 'Being a Lent Hero' document (<https://acnuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Lent-Ideas.pdf>).

1c. Part Three: ACN Support Materials/Resources



- **Slide 41:** Introductory slide.
- **Slides 42 - 43:** ACN's 'Bible Project for Lent' – click on the following link to download this resource: <https://acnuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/CB-Easter.pdf>; slide 43 includes an example of one of the videos available to use in school.
- **Slides 44 - 45:** ACN's 'Way of the Cross' resource – click on the following link to download this resource: <https://acnuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-Children-Stations-of-the-Cross-1.pdf>
- **Slide 46:** The ACN website features a 'Make a Mass Offering' page whereby your school can support a priest/community in Nigeria by offering Mass for just £5; other 'packages' are also available through the following link: <https://acnuk.org/get-involved/mass/>.
- **Slide 47:** ACN's 'Being a Lent Hero' document containing various 'mission' ideas to help pupils show their support for persecuted Christian communities in Nigeria and throughout the world; click on the following link to download this resource: <https://acnuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Lent-Ideas.pdf>

- **Slide 48:** Closing slide (looped video); this slide can be inserted at various points throughout Part One/Two if required.

2. Catholic Self-Evaluation Document - Evidence

Through using the materials provided for this year's '[Nigeria Lent Campaign 2023](#)', school leaders will be able to provide evidence to support the following sections of the Catholic Self-Evaluation Document (CSED):

Catholic Life and Mission (CLM)

Pupil Outcomes

CLM1.3. How well pupils flourish as they seek opportunities to grow in virtue.

CLM1.4. How well pupils respond to Catholic Social Teaching.

CLM1.5. The extent to which pupils show respect for themselves and others.

Leadership

CLM3.1. How committed are leaders and governors to the Catholic life and mission of the school.

CLM3.3. How committed are leaders and governors to Catholic Social Teaching.

Religious Education (RE)

Pupil Outcomes

RE1.4. The extent to which pupils are developing as religiously literate and engaged young people who have the knowledge, understanding and skills – appropriate to their age and capacity – to reflect spiritually, and think ethically and theologically, and who are aware of the demands of religious commitment in everyday life.

Leadership

RE3.7. The extent to which the subject leader ensures that the learning in the classroom is enriched by the extra-curricular opportunities provided for pupils.

Collective Worship (CW)

Pupil Outcomes

CW1.1. The extent to which pupils are engaged by and participate in prayer and liturgy.

CW1.5. The ability of students to reflect on their experience of prayer and liturgy and the extent to which this reflection inspires them to action.

Provision

CW2.4. The extent to which the celebration of prayer and liturgy has Scripture at its heart, and how well informed that selection is by the liturgical calendar and takes account of the capacity of the participants.

3. Religious Education Directory (RED) Links

The materials contained within the PowerPoint presentation (including the additional ACN resources signposted in 'Part Three') will support schools in addressing all three elements within the 'Understand – Discern – Respond' structure of the revised RED (January 2023), particularly those related to various principles of Catholic Social Teaching (see Caritas Westminster - <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/catholic-social-teaching.php>), including:

- Human Dignity
- Community and Participation
- Solidarity and Peace.

Once schools have adopted the revised RED and become more familiar with its topic-related contents, direct links to the work of ACN could be mapped/linked to various topics. Over time, ACN will identify specific links to various standards within the RED.

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