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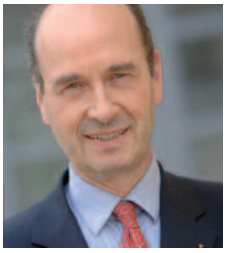
Aid to the Church in Need

Annual Report 2012

Dear Friends,

Father Werenfried spoke about money whenever it was necessary – which meant almost always, in fact. But he much preferred to speak about God; about his incomprehensible love for us men. This is something more necessary than ever today. In the face of all the poverty, destitution and misery, the question grows ever louder: Where is God? Father Werenfried spoke about money in order to help those who strive to give others an answer to this question and lead them to God. This is precisely what our pontifical charity ACN continues to do today. And for this there is never enough money. Yet nonetheless, this is the right place and time to express our heartfelt thanks to you. Once again your generosity was greater than the crisis, your trust in God greater than the fear of an uncertain future, your love for your persecuted brothers and sisters unbounded. Last year you entrusted **€90,789,588** (Aus$112,697,116) to us, so that we could offer consolation and love to the Body of Christ, wherever He suffers, along with all our prayers and in the form of some 5,000 widely differing projects.

This figure – 90.8 million – is almost 8 million Euros more than in the previous year. And while we may not have been able to prevent any wars with it, we – benefactors and ACN staff together – have indeed helped those who suffer to tangibly experience the love of God. With it we have helped contemplative sisters to live their vocation of calling down graces from heaven by their prayers. We have enabled priests and catechists to visit four or five villages in remote and inaccessible regions and quench the thirst of souls, whereas without a motorcycle, boat or off-road vehicle they would have managed only one, or two at best. With it we have built or renovated seminaries, thereby helping prepare the ground for vocations; we have built church walls, forging communion around the Tabernacle; we have printed and distributed hundreds of thousands of Bibles and so helped children and young people to take the Good News to heart. And perhaps, through all these things, we have after all managed to hold back evil.



Johannes Freiherr Heereman, Executive President of ACN International

We may not have prevented any murderous assassinations. But we have confronted hatred and bitterness with love and forgiveness and perhaps indeed secretly encouraged many a heart to speak the words of Saint Stephen: "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." Among the deep furrows and trenches of war, terror and suffering we have sown the small seeds of your love. Now this seed is germinating. For as Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his encyclical on hope, "His Kingdom is present wherever he is loved and wherever his love reaches us." Once again in this Year of Faith we are sowing the seed you have given us. The more seed the sower has in his bag, the further he can scatter it. The YOUCAT (youth catechism) project is a major one, the new seminary in Guinea is another. Helping the Christians in the Middle East, and in Islamic countries generally, is a cause that appeals to our hearts. Support for the brave Christians in China must continue, in step with the growth of the Church there. The World Youth Day will give new hope and vitality to many young people – we are helping some of the poorest dioceses, to send representatives.

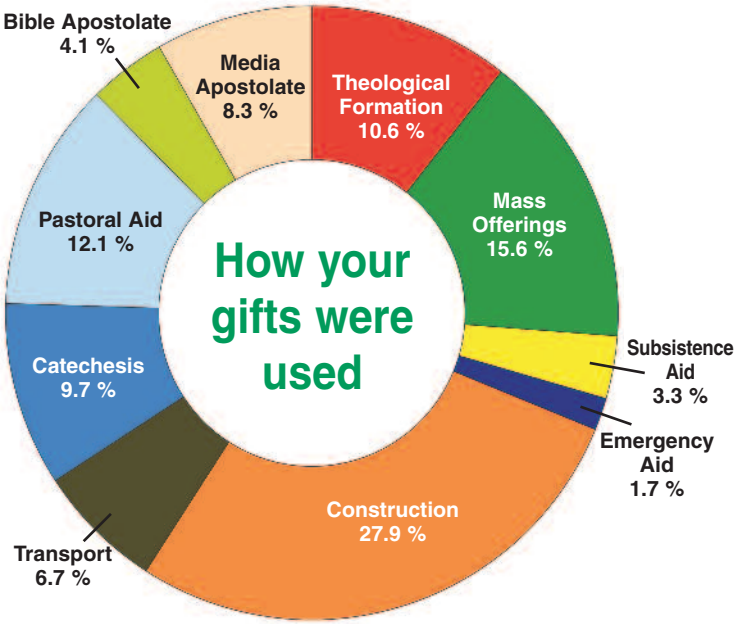
90.8 million Euros… Of course it would be great to set ourselves the symbolic target of 100 million. But Father Werenfried always managed to raise just as much as was necessary. He never said no to the suffering and persecuted. Today the needs are still growing, all over the world. In 140 countries there are Christians hoping and waiting for our seed of love. For love is without measure: "love is as strong as death" as it says in the Song of Songs. The Church in need depends, in hope, on this love.

Yours in Christ,

Income	€	%
Individual donations	53,870,427	59.1 %
Mass Offerings	9,915,600	10.9 %
Legacies	23,351,888	25.6 %
Proceeds from sales and tax relief	3,146,395	3.4 %
Sundry income	505,278	0.6 %
Total income	**90,789,588**	**99.6 %**
Net financial income	421,561	0.4 %
Total	***91,211,149***	***100.0 %***

Expenditure	€	%
Expenditures in fulfilment of the Church's mission	66,567,127	73.0 %
Promotion and fundraising	10,315,115	11.3 %
Administration	6,379,423	6.9 %
Total expenses	**83,261,665**	**91.2 %**
Surplus awaiting dispersement	*7,949,484*	*8.8 %*

These international financial statements have been audited and certified by KPMG. They are based on the individual financial statements of each national office, and aggregated to show the worldwide position. We will gladly supply the audited ACN (UK) financial statements on request.



Income from donations 2012

Country	Currency	2011	2012
Australia	Aus$	3,312,860	3,509,561
Austria	€	2,543,381	2,858,755
Belgium	€	4,349,454	4,359,331
Brazil	Reais	8,701,320	9,186,171
Canada	Can$	1,676,202	1,977,238
Chile	Pesos	498,516,962	696,741,706
France	€	18,056,099	21,331,863
Germany	€	9,429,456	9,412,895
Father Werenfried Foundation	€	340,192	236,059
Ireland	€	2,455,685	2,646,485
Italy	€	2,271,744	2,317,622
Luxembourg	€	92,714	83,542
Netherlands	€	5,393,807	7,278,237
Poland	zl	5,621,376	5,517,970
Portugal	€	2,335,877	2,228,888
Spain	€	6,406,342	7,007,459
Switzerland	CHF	9,739,921	11,414,331
UK	£	7,308,084	6,873,955
USA	US$	2,699,002	2,646,724
International Secretariat	€	629,387	568,470
Total worldwide income	**in €**	**82,088,727**	**€ 90,789,588**

Your love in 140 Countries during 2012 (in Euros)

Afghanistan	20,800	El Salvador	79,601	Macedonia	144,180	Seychelles	3,500
Albania	214,123	Equatorial Guinea	7,900	Madagascar	561,174	Sierra Leone	54,985
Algeria	89,299	Eritrea	117,443	Malawi	467,053	Slovakia	754,774
Angola	395,573	Estonia	201,335	Mali	139,601	Slovenia	11,650
Argentina	553,502	Ethiopia	783,735	Mauretania	4,000	Solomon Islands	28,000
Armenia	17,688	Gabon	15,120	Mexico	216,956	South Africa	257,871
Bangladesh	306,714	Georgia	80,823	Moldova	39,482	South Sudan	414,193
Belarus	554,658	Ghana	462,290	Mongolia	27,154	Sri Lanka	334,187
Benin	167,574	Guam	1,198	Montenegro	17,467	Sudan	568,769
Bolivia	389,171	Guatemala	142,002	Morocco	39,534	Swaziland	5,500
Bosnia-Herzegovina	829,199	Guinea	118,238	Mozambique	354,805	Syria	618,473
Brazil	3,831,215	Guinea-Bissau	12,920	Myanmar (Burma)	962,692	Tajikistan	11,650
Bulgaria	80,026	Haiti	1,047,298	Namibia	16,750	Tanzania	1,014,438
Burkina Faso	558,705	Honduras	69,105	Nepal	17,590	Thailand	105,214
Burundi	235,129	Hungary	189,066	Nicaragua	151,239	Togo	125,059
Cambodia	36,400	India	4,172,197	Niger	86,198	Trinidad and Tobago	8,305
Cameroon	624,298	Indonesia	353,989	Nigeria	656,297	Tunisia	34,830
Cape Verde	35,000	Iran	209,483	Pakistan	882,844	Turkey	72,555
Central African Republic	313,400	Iraq	405,703	Palestine	94,137	Turkmenistan	19,355
Chad	204,023	Israel	94,509	Panama	6,550	Uganda	937,195
Chile	870,081	Ivory Coast	505,694	Papua New Guinea	420,498	Ukraine	3,829,105
China	750,797	Jamaica	29,529	Paraguay	251,137	Uruguay	290,138
Colombia	1,082,478	Jordan	166,339	Peru	835,404	Uzbekistan	3,250
Comores	17,400	Kazakhstan	396,249	Philippines	764,811	Venezuela	629,005
Congo	221,747	Kenya	805,348	Poland	888,490	Vietnam	1,222,291
Croatia	549,536	Kiribati	48,493	Romania	863,705	Western Sahara	5,000
Cuba	1,443,846	Laos	14,521	Russia (Catholic)	1,329,973	Zambia	594,524
Czech Republic	277,070	Latvia	221,179	Russia (Ecumenical)	348,096	Zimbabwe	277,973
Dominican Republic	22,915	Lebanon	381,543	Russia (Orthodox)	702,700		
DR Congo	2,199,161	Lesotho	43,410	Rwanda	539,490	*International*	*12,610,078*
East Timor	35,658	Liberia	74,695	São Tomé	46,716		
Ecuador	270,918	Libya	9,500	Senegal	81,609		
Egypt	687,775	Lithuania	245,674	Serbia	374,920	**Total in Euros**	**66,567,127**