



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN IRELAND

*Pallotine Sister Cécire
helping families in
the Masaka district,
Rwanda.*

**>> Help the Church
heal the World <<**

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*Brazilian Sister Maria Cristina
working at the Monastery,
Lamezia Terme, Italy.*

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Since 1947 ACN has been in service to the Church in those places where the needs and sufferings of people are the greatest.

Based in Dublin, we also have national offices in over 20 countries which in turn deliver help to over 140 countries around the world.

Each year, ACN supports projects in over 5,000 communities. In its work and in its funding ACN receives no public funding and relies solely on the good will, prayers and generosity of individuals.

Our Mission:

The mission of Aid to the Church in Need is to help bring a light of hope to some of the darkest parts of the world where people are persecuted because of their belief in Jesus Christ.

Our Vision:

- We envisage a world where Christianity can thrive without fear or persecution.
- We endeavour to stand by those who suffer violence and oppression for the sake of their Catholic faith.
- We help alleviate extreme poverty, especially where it is a factor in hindering the pastoral life of a community.
- We help the Church in Her mission of proclaiming the Good News.
- We aim to refresh, strengthen and renew the Christianity in lands of ancient evangelisation.
- We venerate the testimonies of modern Martyrs.
- We aim to educate our supporters about the suffering Church and to inspire a spirit of Christian solidarity amongst them.

>> How we care <<



Care for Priests and Religious: We assist contemplative sisters and elderly religious, offering pastoral care and love to those who have devoted their lives to serving God. Every year approx. 20,000 priests and religious receive your help.



Formation: We support of the formation of priests, nuns and lay missionaries, providing basic necessities such as food, clothing, and religious materials for the most impoverished so that they may walk their path to God. Every year more than 15,000 seminarians and religious receive your help.



Mass Offerings: This program offers Masses in honor of loved ones (past and present) and at the same time helps sustain poor priests around the world. Every year over 40,000 priests receive the benefit of your Mass offerings.



Transportation: We provide transport to pastoral workers, providing transportation — bicycles, cars, motorcycles, trucks and even mules — to help desperately poor priest and nuns around the world reach remote parishes and minister to the needs of their parishioners.



Construction of Churches: We help to rebuild churches and chapels, repairing buildings desecrated by war or hatred, and supporting new construction, giving believers new hope and a place to gather as a faith community.



Spiritual Literature and Catechesis: We distribute bibles and religious materials into the hands of those in need of spiritual nourishment. Over 50 million children's Bible's have been printed and translated into over 140 languages. Every year we distribute more that 1.5 million catechetical books.



Media Outreach: We promote the Word of God through Christian media, developing and supporting Catholic broadcasting programs for radio and television that reach the faithful across the world.



Aid to Refugees: We assist refugees and persecuted people, providing material help and pastoral care to victims of civil war and religious persecution. From assisting orphans in Sudan, to helping Christians under siege in Iraq, we help keep Christianity alive in today's troubled world.

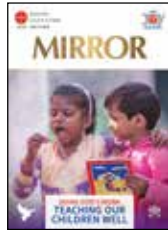


MIRROR

The **MIRROR** Magazine is delivered monthly to friends and supporters of Aid to the Church in Need. It includes inspiring stories of change as well as highlighting the many injustices faced by Christians around the World today.

The **MIRROR** also serves as a tool of evangelisation. It inspires prayer and includes thought-provoking articles to help elevate the readers hearts and minds towards God the Father Almighty and towards their less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you would like to receive a copy of our MIRROR magazine, please leave your contact details on the form below.



How can I help?

You can best help you suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ through...

- **Pray** – Your prayers and encouraging others to pray.
- **Give** – Donate to ACN, who will endeavour to help the suffering church on your behalf.
- **Volunteer** – From time to time we require some help from volunteers with running events, promotions, fundraising, distributing Mirror magazines and basic administration tasks. If you would like to help us on these occasions, please let us know.
- **Leave a Legacy** – Your material gifts of Mass stipends, other donations and legacies will go a long way towards securing a future free from suffering and poverty for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

I would like to make a donation towards the ongoing projects of Aid to the Church in Need.

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I would like to sign up to receive the Mirror Magazine.



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