

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE



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Decades ago, the bishops of the United States established a program to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and help it rebuild after decades of communist oppression. The program is funded by an annual collection taken up in dioceses across the United States. That response continues today, even as the rebuilding Church faces the new challenges of war and the mass migration of refugees.

From the beginning of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the subsequent war, the Catholic Church has vigorously responded to the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe by offering shelter, food, medicine, and necessities—as well as spiritual support and comfort—to displaced persons and other war victims. Among those leading this charitable response are the consecrated religious sisters and brothers of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Whether by providing shelter and basic necessities to internally displaced persons who have fled their homes for safety in other regions of the country, or by helping priests provide pastoral and humanitarian support in areas where the fighting is most heavy, these sisters and brothers have truly showed Christ's mercy to those most in need.

For them, the human suffering of war is compounded by the unique challenges that wartime conditions present for them as consecrated religious. Questions of how religious communities balance ministry to the needy with the sisters and brothers' needs to live their vows of prayer and community under such extraordinary circumstances require thoughtful responses.

Aided by funding from the collection, the Patriarchal Curia of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church gathered sisters, brothers, and their superiors for the spiritual renewal of a pilgrimage as well as formation sessions to address the challenges facing their communities. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is a vital way for you to make a tangible difference in the lives of Catholics in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

More information about the collection and the range of projects it supports can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

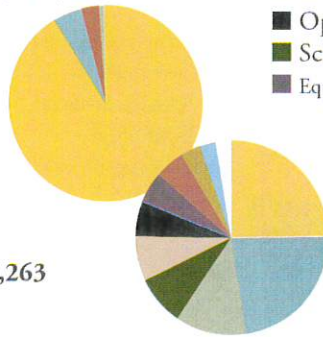
2023 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 329

Total Amount Approved: \$8,755,833

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	90.60%
Program Costs	5.19%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.23%
Administrative Expenses	0.97%
Total Expenses	\$9,665,263



PROGRAM AREA	GRANTS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Construction	60	\$2,201,384	25.14%
Emergency*	7	\$1,890,000	21.59%
Evangelization	82	\$1,346,352	15.38%
Operational Support	31	\$720,215	8.23%
Scholarships	67	\$573,407	6.55%
Equipment/Accommodation Purchase	12	\$473,431	5.41%
Seminary Support	17	\$428,538	4.89%
Social Aid	20	\$383,579	4.38%
Education	11	\$282,916	3.23%
Vehicle Purchase	9	\$235,889	2.69%
Multimedia	13	\$220,122	2.51%

*Includes grants for urgent humanitarian and pastoral responses to the crisis in Ukraine.



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