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For many in the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, as well as parts of Asia, the aftermath of 70 years of Soviet rule is still felt in the form of poverty, infrequent pastoral care, and lack of buildings in which the faithful can worship and cultivate their faith. Your support is needed to fund grants that strengthen the Church in this region and promote ministries for children and families, create affordable housing, and provide a cultural and spiritual education.

Our faith calls us to serve the marginalized and to care for every human life. In order to carry out this important work, the Aregak Center in Gyumri, Armenia, offers resources and care for children with multiple disabilities. Conceived jointly by Caritas Armenia and Caritas Vorarlberg (Austria), the center is the first center of its kind in the country. The center sponsors programs that change attitudes toward people with disabilities and break down

prejudices that have stigmatized and segregated the disabled in Armenian society. To facilitate this goal, the Aregak Center serves as a meeting point where people with and without disabilities participate together in a variety of recreational and therapeutic activities.

The center also runs the Daycare Center for Children with Multiple Disabilities, where professional staff and volunteers offer the latest therapies and group activities designed to expand and stimulate the capabilities of each child.

In order to continue serving this vulnerable population, the Aregak Center relies on grants and donations funded by people like you. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe will give the love of Christ to a child living with disabilities.

In 2013, the Subcommittee on the Church in Central and Eastern Europe approved 256 grants for a total of \$6,543,522.

These grants represent scholarship and pastoral grants funded by your donations. In 2013, 61 scholarship grants were awarded, totaling \$561,930. The remainder of the collection was allocated to support construction, pastoral assistance, social justice, and peace projects. All grants serve one purpose—to rebuild pastoral capacity and create future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



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