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SUPPORT THE
Solidarity Fund for the
CHURCH IN
AFRICA

2024 DISTRIBUTION
OF GRANTS

Total Grants: 96
Total Granted: \$2,607,960

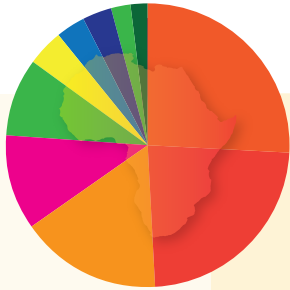
PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF GRANTS	GRANT AMOUNT
Construction/Renovation*	20	\$662,000
Leadership Formation	20	\$588,760
Church Capacity Support	18	\$433,700
Evangelization	12	\$264,300
Communications	6	\$149,300
Youth Ministry	4	\$124,100
Justice and Peace	5	\$120,400
Clergy/Religious Continuing Education	4	\$84,800
Religious Education and Catholic Schools	2	\$83,900
Child Protection	3	\$51,800
Vocations	2	\$44,900

* Construction grants primarily fund rehabilitation and renovation of existing, deteriorated structures.

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	\$2,611,460	78.29%
Program Costs	\$478,832	14.36%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$155,052	4.65%
Administrative Expenses	\$90,190	2.70%

Total Expenses \$3,335,534



DISTRIBUCIÓN DE LAS
SUBVENCIONES EN EL 2024

Total de subvenciones: 96
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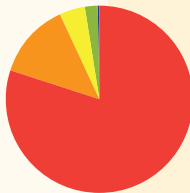
ÁREA DE PROGRAMA	TOTAL DE SUBVENCIONES	CANTIDAD OTORGADA
Construcción/renovación*	20	\$662,000
Formación de liderazgo	20	\$588,760
Apoyo para la capacidad de la Iglesia	18	\$433,700
Evangelización	12	\$264,300
Comunicaciones	6	\$149,300
Pastoral juvenil	4	\$124,100
Paz y justicia	5	\$120,400
Educación continua para clero/religiosos	4	\$84,800
Educación religiosa y escuelas católicas	2	\$83,900
Protección del niño	3	\$51,800
Vocaciones	2	\$44,900

* Las subvenciones financian, principalmente, la rehabilitación y la renovación de estructuras existentes que se encuentran deterioradas.

GASTOS

Subvenciones y donaciones	\$2,611,460	78.29%
Costos del programa	\$478,832	14.36%
Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos	\$155,052	4.65%
Gastos administrativos	\$90,190	2.70%

Total de gastos \$3,335,534



Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

The Nuba Mountains region in Sudan’s Diocese of El Obeid is remote and served by few priests. In this situation, lay catechists serve as leaders in their faith communities: teaching the faith, preparing candidates to receive the sacraments, and leading prayer services in the absence of a priest.

Recognizing the paramount importance of catechists to the small Catholic communities in these remote areas, the Diocese of El Obeid conducted an in-depth formation program for 223 catechists early last year. Participants attended courses in prayer, biblical catechesis, and the sacraments while also receiving instruction in classroom teaching methods to enable them to share their faith more effectively in their communities.

Using funds that the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa granted to the Sudan and South Sudan Bishops’ Conference for its work, the Diocese of El Obeid provided transportation and lodging for all program participants in this special three-month formation course, removing financial barriers to the catechists’ participation.

The most effective way you can promote the Solidarity Fund is to highlight it at Mass and encourage your parishioners to be generous through the offertory collection or your parish’s e-offertory platform. You will find material to assist you in this resource guide; additional materials, including a bulletin insert, parish appeal, and social media tool kit, are available at www.usccb.org/africa. Please use these before and during the appeal weekend.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Hren at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@usccb.org. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+ Thomas R. Zinkula

Archbishop Thomas R. Zinkula
Chairman, Subcommittee on the Church in Africa

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Simple Steps

for Promoting the Collection

1

Announce the appeal for the Solidarity Fund in your parish, using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided, so that your parishioners know what it is, when to expect it, and why they should support it. **This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.**

2

Preach about the need for solidarity with the Church in Africa. Share the good news that the Church is growing and ministering to the pastoral needs of the African people by providing strong catechetical formation, as the bishops of Sudan and South Sudan have done.

3

Pray for those who live in Africa and work to spread the gospel message there.

Visit www.usccb.org/africa and select “Parish Resource Guide” under “Collection Resources” for an electronic version of this text that you can copy into your parish bulletin.

Parish Appeal

English

This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled—but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. Clergy formation, communications programs to bring the Gospel to remote territories, youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples—these and all the Church’s needs are wide-ranging. The collection for the Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection today.



Spanish

Este fin de semana realizaremos nuestra colecta para apoyar al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Los habitantes de África son personas alegres y llenas de fe—pero a medida que crece la Iglesia en África, crecen también las necesidades pastorales de sus habitantes. La formación del clero, los programas de comunicación para llevar el Evangelio a territorios remotos, los ministerios juveniles que comprometen a la próxima generación de discípulos—éstas y todas las necesidades de la Iglesia son abundantes. La colecta para el Fondo de Solidaridad es una oportunidad para nuestra parroquia para solidarizarse con los pueblos de África. Nuestras contribuciones los ayudan a enfrentar estos desafíos y a construir unas bases duraderas para un discipulado misionero. Muchas gracias por su generosidad al apoyar esta colecta hoy.

Bulletin Announcements

English

Week Before the Solidarity Fund Appeal

Next week our parish will take up a collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. As the Church in Africa grows, its need for pastoral leaders increases. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this appeal if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).

Week of the Solidarity Fund Appeal

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Week After the Solidarity Fund Appeal

Thank you for your generous support for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your contributions provide pastoral care and support to the people of Africa, who face many challenges that include poverty, unemployment, inadequate healthcare, and forced migration. Your donations fund workshops, retreats, catechesis programs, and other projects that build the faith of African communities. If you missed the appeal, it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/africa. The iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this appeal if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



Spanish

Semana antes del llamado para el Fondo de Solidaridad

La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia realizará la colecta para apoyar al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. A medida que crece la Iglesia en África, también crece su necesidad de contar con líderes pastorales. El Fondo de Solidaridad financia proyectos pastorales que fortalecen la capacidad de la Iglesia y fomentan una paz y reconciliación duraderas en un continente que a menudo está marcado por divisiones y tensiones. Para informarse más, visiten www.usccb.org/africa. iGiveCatholic también acepta fondos para este llamado si es que prefieren donar en línea, vean el código QR.

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Semana después del llamado para el Fondo de Solidaridad

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Sus contribuciones les proporcionarán cuidado pastoral y apoyo a los pueblos de África los cuales enfrentan muchos desafíos que incluyen pobreza, desempleo, un cuidado deficiente de la salud y una migración forzada. Sus donativos financiarán talleres, retiros, programas de catequesis y otros proyectos que fortalecen la fe de las comunidades africanas. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar a la colecta, aún lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/africa. El sitio web iGiveCatholic también acepta fondos para este llamado si es que prefieren donar en línea, vean el código QR.