Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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2020 EXPENSES
- Grants and Donations 89.28%
- Program Costs 5.87%
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses 3.77%
- Administrative Expenses 1.07%
Total Expenses $6,869,426

GASTOS DE 2020
- Subvenciones y donaciones 89.28%
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- Gastos administrativos 1.07%
Total de gastos $6,869,426

RESTORE THE CHURCH
BUILD THE FUTURE

To learn more about this collection or to find additional resources, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

2022 COLLECTION INFORMATION INSIDE
Your people shall rebuild the ancient ruins; the foundations from ages past you shall raise up; “Repairer of the breach,” they shall call you, “Restorer of ruined dwellings.”

—Isaiah 58:12

Dear Father,

The fall of communism in the Soviet Union and its former satellite countries brought democracy and new freedom to millions in Central and Eastern Europe. In the nations that composed the former Yugoslavia in the early and mid-1990s, however, the difficulties of transitioning were further compounded by ethnic strife among Serbs, Croats, and Bosniaks (Bosnian Muslims), resulting in the deaths of about 100,000 people, including nearly 40,000 civilians. Though the wars of three decades ago are over, the ethnic divisions in Bosnia and Herzegovina remain, with Serbs, Croats, and Bosniaks living in ethnically separated enclaves.

With support from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the John Paul II Pastoral Youth Center in Sarajevo is training youth and young adult leaders to build relationships through sports and recreational activities. Through sports meetings in 10 different communities throughout the country, as well as a six-day interethnic sports camp in Mostar, a total of 250 students (ages 14 to 18) and young adult leaders (ages 18 to 25) are working to overcome differences in a safe environment where they can gather without fear of abuse and bullying. When you contribute to the collection, you bring hope for healing and reconciliation to places where neighbors had previously been divided.

The most effective thing you can do to promote the collection is to mention it at Mass. Please use the parish appeal and bulletin announcement found inside this mailer and find additional resources at www.usccb.org/ccce. If you have questions, please contact Nicole Germain, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@usccb.org.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your parishioners, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James S. Wall
Bishop of Gallup
Chairman, USCCB Committee on National Collections
Parish Appeal

ENGLISH

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Communism in this region fell more than 25 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Your support of this collection helps renew vital aspects of Church life: it supports seminary programs, promotes ministries and education for children and families, rebuilds churches, and renews community life around the region. Please be generous, and prayerfully consider how you can support this collection today.

SPANISH

Esta semana, nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. La caída del comunismo ocurrió más de 25 años atrás, pero la Iglesia aún sigue luchando para reconstruir después de años de estar bajo un régimen opresivo. Bajo el comunismo, se oprimió abiertamente la religión y las prácticas religiosas y se propagó y se impuso el ateísmo en forma activa. El apoyo de ustedes a esta Colecta ayuda a renovar aspectos vitales de la vida de la Iglesia: financia programas para seminaristas, fomenta ministerios y educación para niños y familias, reconstruye iglesias y renueva la vida de la comunidad en la región. Por favor, sean generosos y, en oración, consideren cómo pueden apoyar hoy a esta colecta.

Simple Steps

to promote the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe:

1 USE the bulletin announcements and parish appeal to educate your parishioners about the collection and the people it supports. Additional resources, including a social media tool kit and print ads, can be found online.

2 PREACH about the troubles facing people in the region and celebrate how the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is combating these troubles. For example, share the story included in the cover letter to this resource guide.

3 PRAY as a community for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe—that God will give strength to those who serve and relief to those who suffer. A digital prayer card is available online for you to download and share with parishioners.

4 SHARE collection information on your social media channels and website using the web banners and social media tool kit found online.

Visit www.usccb.org/ccee and select "Parish Resource Guide" under "Collection Resources" for an electronic version of text that can be copied into your parish bulletin.

ALL COLLECTION RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.USCCB.ORG/CCEE.
Week Before the Collection
Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Week of the Collection
This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Week After the Collection
Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish we collected $[amount] to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

2020 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS
Total Number of Grants Approved: 323
Total Amount Approved: $6,132,936

SPANISH
Semana antes de la colecta
La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Esta colecta apoya a la Iglesia en más de 25 países que aún siguen luchando para recuperarse del antiguo régimen comunista. Los fondos de esta colecta financian el cuidado pastoral, la catequesis, la renovación de sus edificios y la formación de seminaristas. El apoyo de ustedes restaura la Iglesia y construye el futuro en esa región. Por favor, en oración, consideren cómo pueden dar su apoyo a la colecta la próxima semana. Para más información, entrén a www.usccb.org/ccee.

Semana de la colecta
Esta semana nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Sus donativos de hoy ayudan a restaurar la Iglesia y construir el futuro en más de 25 países que aún siguen luchando para recuperarse del antiguo régimen comunista. Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan en la reconstrucción, educación, formación y programas sociales dirigidos a los pobres. Por favor, sean generosos en la colecta de hoy. Para más información, por favor, visiten www.usccb.org/ccee.

Semana después de la colecta

2020 DISTRIBUCIÓN DE LAS DONACIONES EN EL 2020
Número total de donaciones aprobadas: 323
Monto total aprobado: $6,132,936

ÁREA DE PROGRAMA
- Construcción
- Asistencia social
- Apoyo operacional
- Becas
- Evangelización
- Educación
- Apoyo a seminarios
- Compra/convenio de equipo
- Otros
- Compra de vehículo
- Multimedia

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