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**ACN:** *E-news*  
 SUPPORTING THE FAITHFUL WORLDWIDE



*A Ukrainian Greek-Catholic priest in the Archeparchy of Ivano-Frankivsk celebrating the Divine Liturgy in an empty church because of the COVID-19 lockdown.*

**Aid to the Church in Need sends stipends from its benefactors to help priests where the Church is suffering or in dire need.**

According to **ACN's international annual report for 2019**, which was released this week, the charity passed on 1,378,635 Mass offerings from its supporters last year.

**Mass stipends represented nearly 16 percent of the all donations worldwide and enabled the charity to assist 40,096 priests – roughly one in every 10 around the world.**

Commenting on the report, Neville Kyrke-Smith, National Director of Aid to the Church in Need (UK), said:

*“These Mass stipends provide financial aid for the priests themselves – and enable them to help their people as they carry out their vital pastoral work – and in turn they offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass for our supporters’ intentions. They are a double or triple blessing.*

Bishop Dennis Kofi Agbenyadzi of Berberati in the Central African Republic said **ACN Mass stipends had provided crucial income for priests ministering to the 19 rural parishes in his diocese.**

*He said: “Thank you very much for your gesture of generosity and sign of solidarity. May the compassion and mercy of the Lord be with you all... especially in this painful and worrying time of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Read more [here](#)

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Syria Appeal

### **Making Marita’s wish come true**

Marita’s dearest wish is to go to university. She has her heart set on becoming a teacher. At 17, she lives with her family in Homs, where they went having escaped from Idlib, in north-west Syria. Housed in temporary accommodation funded by ACN, she remembers how Muslim extremists in Idlib started knocking on the doors of Christians telling them to leave. **“They fired guns into the air to make us scared, so we left.”** Read more [here](#).



Feast

## The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we bring you a message of comfort and solidarity from one of our project partners in Ukraine:

*“We are pleading with God for those in suffering and fear, for those in anguish and those who are sick, for the doctors and all those who are working to overcome this pandemic. May the Lord bless them and may the Immaculate Mother of God grant them her protection.”*

Sisters of the Greek-Catholic convent in Veliky Birky, Ukraine.

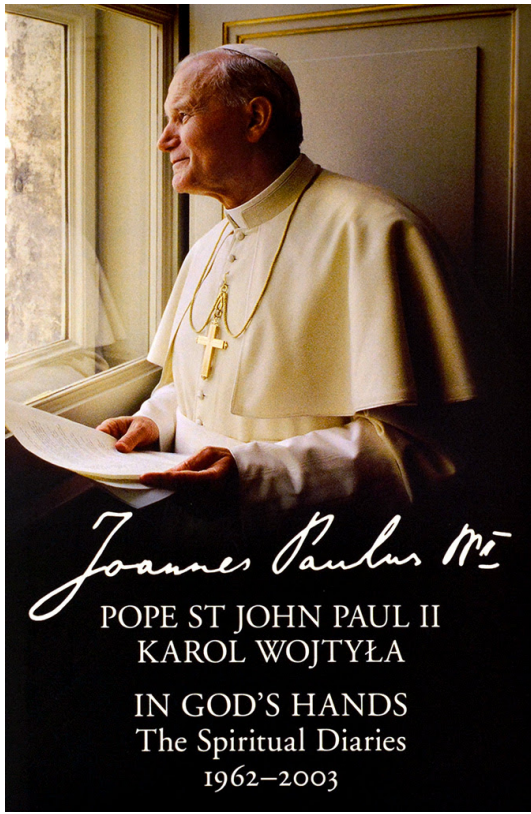
You and your families are remembered every day in Holy Mass by project partners around the world and by our International Ecclesiastical Assistant – an offering of love, in thanks for your generous and loyal support.

At this difficult time, you may wish to offer a Mass for a loved one [here](#). Your Mass offering will also support priests whose parishes have been hard hit – especially in Pakistan - by COVID-19.

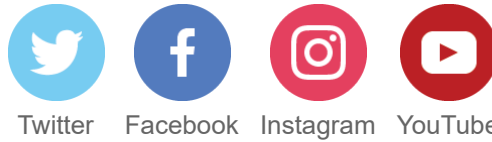
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personal secretary, who saw fit to have them published as they represent an unprecedented and important testament to the spirituality of this Christian leader, adored to this day by Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Now ON SALE [here](#). For other SALE items click [here](#).



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