

# SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE



## RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

For those living in Central and Eastern Europe, rebuilding in the wake of 70 years of Soviet rule is a constant struggle. Often, people face poverty, infrequent pastoral care, and lack of spaces for worship, presenting challenges as they try to live lives of faith. Your support of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) helps provide grants for projects to **restore the Church and build the future** in these areas.

In Armenia, the recovery from a devastating earthquake in the late 1980s and the fall of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s has been difficult and slow. Many children in Armenia live on the street because of poor family situations or the need to earn their own money. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have

used a grant from CCEE to fund a summer camp for 850 children ages 8 to 15.

The camp is provided for children who are orphans, live in extreme poverty, or live in poor isolated villages. At camp, the children receive much-needed rest along with physical and spiritual support, all in a nurturing environment. Local and international volunteers help create an atmosphere of safety and trust while guiding and mentoring the children. Some of the camp activities include attending catechetical classes, going hiking and on field trips, and participating in sports and acting in theatrical presentations. While at camp, the children can experience the encouraging love and support of God and others.

In 2014, the Subcommittee on the Church in Central and Eastern Europe approved 290 grants for a total of \$7,853,306.

These grants represent scholarship and pastoral grants funded by your donations. In addition, 61 scholarship and evangelization grants were awarded, totaling \$850,552. The remainder of the collection was allocated to support construction, pastoral, social justice, and peace projects. All grants serve one purpose—to rebuild the pastoral capacity and form future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



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