

# SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

## RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Each year, countless Catholics living in countries once dominated by the Soviet regime are assisted in rebuilding their faith communities through the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

In Bucharest, Romania, the Collection is funding a repair of the New Home Centre, run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The Centre provides a home for abandoned children, offering them nursery care and preschool education. However, the sisters' building was poorly insulated and overcrowded. The repair and expansion project will provide living quarters for children and a separate kindergarten, ensuring that the children live in a safe and welcoming environment.

Approximately 40,000 Ukrainians die each year from alcoholism, a remnant of the hopelessness fostered by generations of communist oppression. In response to this tragic predicament, Fr. Andriy Lohin founded four centers to care for those struggling with alcohol addiction and their families. This dynamic priest designed the centers to provide for the physical and spiritual welfare of those suffering the consequences

of alcoholism. The centers focus on direct counseling and spiritual therapy, as well as educational outreach to rural villages. Thus far, the program has reached 15,000 people; therapists have conducted more than 350 consultations and visited over 150 villages.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe helps to fund Fr. Lohin's travel—amounting to 19,000 miles per year over poorly maintained roads—so that he can visit and supervise the centers. Our continued support of Fr. Lohin's visits will allow the centers to remain open and continue their mission of outreach and support for the Ukrainian people.

Your support strengthens the Church of this region through grants that give pastoral care, affordable shelter, and a cultural and spiritual education to those in need. Please be generous in your parish Collection. Your donation will restore the Church and build the future of Central and Eastern Europe.



In 2012, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Subcommittee approved 306 grants for the total amount of \$5,909,903.

These grants represent both scholarship and regular grants that come from **your donations**. In 2012, 88 scholarship grants were given, totaling \$743,976. The remainder of collection donations was allocated to support construction, pastoral, social justice and peace projects. All grants (regular and scholarship) serve one purpose—that of rebuilding pastoral capacity and creating future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



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