



SYRIA:

SHINING THE LIGHT OF HOPE IN A TIME OF CRISIS

A child holding a candle for peace in Syria

Christians in Syria are turning to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), desperate for help amid widespread fear and huge uncertainty following a sudden regime change and a recent surge of violence which has left many dead and thousands more displaced.

Amid this turmoil, Aid to the Church in Need stands as a beacon of hope, offering much-needed support to those in crisis.

Your love can bring Christ's help and consolation to our brothers and sisters in desperate need and crippling despair in Syria. ACN's ongoing assistance in Syria includes:

- **Emergency aid** such as food, medicine, clothing and other basic necessities for displaced Christians;
- **Support for Christian schools;**
- **Trauma counselling,** summer camps and other pastoral activities for children distressed by the horrors of war;



Families in Syria waiting to receive ACN emergency aids

- **Formation support** for seminarians and religious novices &
- **Solar panels for Church buildings** to reduce soaring energy costs.

ACN's long standing project partner in Syria, Sister Annie Demerjian said: "Our people are so tired. They have suffered so much for so long. I want to thank each and everyone at ACN for all you are doing."

Our aid in Syria is not only a response to the dramatic humanitarian situation

caused by war and conflict; our help aims to prevent the Christian presence in the Middle East from being wiped out.

Your kind support can make a world of difference, offering stability and hope to those facing despair. Together, we can provide not only immediate aid but also long-term hope and resilience.

Let us stand together in faith and compassion, ensuring a brighter future for our brothers and sisters in Syria. ✝

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UKRAINE:

EVERY CHILD SHOULD HAVE A HOME

Sister Karmela Gora with orphans in Vorzel

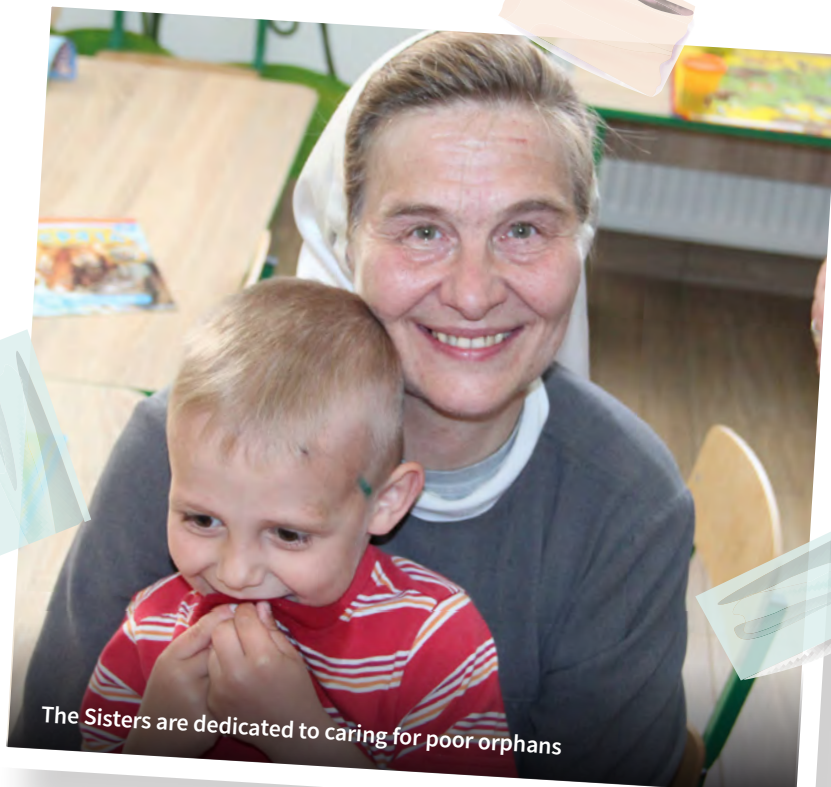
Every child deserves a loving home and a chance to thrive, and in Ukraine, the Little Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are dedicated to making this a reality. Despite the ongoing conflict, their commitment to care for the children who are being affected by war is unwavering.

In Vorzel, Sister Karmela and her fellow sisters have created a safe haven for children facing immense challenges. These young souls, dealing with mental and physical disabilities, find a refuge in the sisters' orphanage - a place where love and care help mend hearts broken by the horrors of war. In Sister Karmela's words, "we believe every child should have a home."

This safe sanctuary, supported by Aid to the Church in Need, operates all year round, offering a nurturing environment for boys and girls who need it most. Here, every child finds more than shelter; they find a family.

The need is great, and the sisters are asking for your help. Will you join us in supporting their work, ensuring that no child is turned away?

Your generosity can help continue this crucial work amid the challenges of war,



The Sisters are dedicated to caring for poor orphans

providing food, shelter, and counselling for traumatised children and displaced families. Join us as we stand together with the Sisters to show that even in

the darkest times, compassion and charity shine through. Help us give every child the home and love they deserve. ✝



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LEBANON:

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF TRAUMA

The girls take part in various activities for skills development

In Nabaa, Lebanon, a new door of hope is open for vulnerable girls, thanks to the amazing work of Sister Marie Akl and her fellow Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Supported by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), these dedicated Sisters are changing lives, providing shelter, and lighting a path forward for young people beset by trauma.

With support from ACN, the Good Shepherd Sisters have helped about 70 girls “break the cycle of trauma” and escape violence and poverty, according to Sister Marie Akl.

Targeting girls entrapped by the chains of poverty and abuse, the Sisters provide not just safety, but the essential tools for a better future.

“These girls have grown up in a very difficult environment. They need to develop healthy habits. Therefore, they need protection and psychological support,” Sister Marie explains.

The Sisters’ work isn’t simply important; it is a lifeline. Without this sanctuary, these girls face bleak futures marked by drugs, crime, and exploitation.

“We offer them sessions on their rights, to show them that they are strong and

complete. We also organise sessions for families, to support parents and help them to protect their children.”

Sister Marie’s words ring with hope: “We have seen plenty of improvement in these girls. They find meaning, and they can face the challenges life has for them.”

Sister Marie emphasizes the crucial nature of this work: “Giving them these opportunities is very important to helping them become strong and stable women. Through dancing, painting, and self-

defense classes, the girls learn not just to survive, but to thrive”.

Your support can ensure these vital programmes continue, providing more girls the stability and encouragement essential to rise above dire circumstances.

Join us in supporting them, ensuring they have a safe, nurturing environment today, and a future filled with possibilities. ✝



An empowerment session for vulnerable girls supported by the Good Shepherd Sisters





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LEBANON: CREATING HOPE THROUGH ART

Displaced children with special needs
in an art therapy session

Countless children in Lebanon face the devastating impacts of war, with disabilities amplifying their struggles. Amid this turmoil, the Basilian Choueirite Sisters are creating hope through art and creativity.

Supported by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), these Sisters have launched a trauma counselling centre that harnesses the therapeutic power of arts and crafts.

During the peak of the recent conflict, over 400,000 children were displaced in just three weeks, as reported by the UN. In response, the Sisters turned to ACN for help. Their initiative focuses on using creative activities as a healing tool for children with disabilities, such as hearing

impairments and learning difficulties.

Sister Patrice Moussallem, who leads this heartwarming project, shares a message of hope:

“Your support will help us transform the lives of Christian children in Lebanon, providing them with a sanctuary where they can heal, create, and thrive.”

This programme does more than offer a momentary escape; it provides children with a way to overcome trauma and build

resilience. By nurturing their emotional and creative development, these young souls are given the tools they need for a brighter future.

Your generosity can ensure this initiative continues to reach the children who need it most.

Join us in supporting the Sisters' vital work, and together, we can help these children rise above their challenges and embrace a better tomorrow. ✝



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