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GIFT HOPE

THIS CHRISTMAS

Aid to the Church in Need

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...bringing good news of great joy for all people
(Luke 2:10)

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“Let us remember all who have to celebrate Christmas in poverty and in suffering, that a ray of God’s kindness may shine upon them”

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Christmas is a time of joy and celebration with loved ones, but as Christians we are encouraged to remember those less fortunate than us. Your Gift of Faith has the power to transform lives, give hope and bring joy to our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

So this Christmas we ask you to give a Gift of Faith and give hope to those who need it most.

Choose from our range of Christmas Gifts of Faith and please request cards if needed. Please give a Gift of Faith, give hope today.

Please offer a Gift of Faith today. Choose to be the light someone is waiting for.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT OF FAITH?

1. **CHOOSE YOUR GIFT OF FAITH**
Have a look at our range of gifts and make your selection.

2. **HOW TO ORDER**
If you are on our mailing list, please use the order form attached to the letter. Are you new to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)? Use the response form found separately inside this booklet. You can also order online at **acnmalta.org/giftsoffaith** or call **(+356) 2148 7818**

3. **SENDING YOUR GIFT**
If you choose to receive a Thank You Card for each of your gifts, we will send you the appropriate gift card. You could forward this card to your family and friends if you made the donation on their behalf or in their honour.

4. **THE POWER OF YOUR GIFT**
Your kind gift will help fund key projects which help provide essential aid to Christians in need in Ukraine, Lebanon, the Holy Land and around the world.

YOUR KIND GIFT WILL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

Please share this booklet with your friends and family once you have ordered your Christmas Gifts of Faith. God Bless.

PAKISTAN

HELP PROVIDE A FOOD PACKAGE FOR A FAMILY IN NEED

Christmas can be a difficult time for the elderly, widows, orphans and children in need. And in Pakistan, where Christians live under constant discrimination and persecution, it is even more difficult. That is why this Christmas, ACN is supporting the Diocese of Faisalabad to provide food packages for the poor, including widows, and nutrition kits for needy children, together with Holy Mass and a blessing ceremony. Your kind donation can help us bring this vital support to more people who desperately need it. This act of charity is much more than humanitarian relief; it is an act of service to Our Lord, providing hope, dignity and a future for Christians who refuse to abandon their faith, even in the face of enormous challenges. **Please donate today and help persecuted Christians in Pakistan know they are not forgotten.**

Left image: Children of St. John the Baptist Parish, Tando Allahyar, Pakistan.
Right image: Some of the widows who received food packages supported by ACN last Christmas.



€12
PROVIDE 3 NUTRITION BOXES FOR CHILDREN



€40
PROVIDE A FOOD PACK FOR A FAMILY IN NEED

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PROVIDE A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A CHRISTIAN CHILD

€25
GIVE A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO A CHRISTIAN CHILD IN BETHLEHEM

"You are helping the living stones remain in the Holy Land," says Fr Bashar Fawadleh, the parish priest of Taybeh, the last majority Christian town in the West Bank. "Over 2,000 years ago, the Three Kings were led to Bethlehem and there they presented their gifts to the Christ Child. With you, we also join the Kings on their pilgrimage to honour Our Lord, in the spirit of Christmas hope. What our people are living through today is very hard, yet we continue to stand, not because we are strong, but because our faith is strong," says Fr Bashar. With your support, we are determined to make sure our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land do not stand alone as they offer their witness to the world. Your kind generosity will help us share a ray of hope with Christian children in the West Bank through Christmas gifts in collaboration with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. **Your love will bring hope to a child in Bethlehem and help them experience the joy of Christmas.**





Left image: A Palestinian child carries a lamb in the shepherds' field near the place where the angels announced the birth of Jesus (Bethlehem).
Right image: A young Christian girl being confirmed by Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa of Jerusalem.

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VENEZUELA

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€1,000
SUPPORT A SEMINARIAN FOR ONE YEAR

€85
SUPPORT A SEMINARIAN FOR ONE MONTH

SUPPORT THE TRAINING OF A SEMINARIAN

Your generous heart can nurture a seminarian's vocation and prepare him to bring Christ's presence wherever it is needed most. Around 13,000 seminarians supported by ACN every year depend on kind benefactors like you to continue their training for the priesthood. In places like Ukraine, Venezuela and Nigeria, seminarians are a great sign of hope - stepping out into the front lines, helping and comforting God's people in very difficult moments. During the earthquakes that shook Venezuela, St Peter the Apostle Seminary in La Guaira was significantly damaged, and the seminarians were left without a place to live and study. Yet, they transformed the parking lot of a nearby stadium into a relief centre - bringing food, consolation, and the presence of Christ to those affected by the earthquake. **Your kind gift of faith this Christmas ensures that no vocation is lost due to lack of funds.**





Left image: Seminarians helping with the distribution of food and hygiene.
Right image: Seminarian Yeferson Soto, a student of the Divina Pastora seminary, Barquisimeto, Venezuela.

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HELP A PRIEST BE A SOURCE OF HOPE AND HEALING

€25
YOU CAN HELP A PRIEST PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE FOR ONE MONTH

Priests and religious have become the face of hope for the traumatised people of Ukraine. The suffering they encounter daily and the powerlessness they have to confront, puts them at risk of slipping into crisis. How can they bring hope and healing to others if they are not supported and equipped? Trusting in your kind generosity, ACN wants to provide more psychological support to the priests and religious of Ukraine so that they can continue to spread hope in the midst of so much despair. Your kind support will help many priests join the course run by the Exarchate of Donetsk in cooperation with a psychological centre. This course will help them deal with stress, avoid burnout, and accompany people who have experienced violence and are dealing with anxiety and depression. **Through your generosity, you are rekindling the light of hope in countless people experiencing the darkness of war.**





Left image: Auxiliary Bishop Volodymyr Hrutsa visits the "House of Mercy" in Lviv, a shelter for displaced people.
Right image: In the midst of the war, Priests and religious are standing with the people, providing much-needed pastoral care and support.

€300
YOU CAN HELP A PRIEST PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE FOR ONE YEAR

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HELP PROVIDE ACN CHILD'S BIBLE

Since its first publication in 1979, more than 50 million children have learnt about the Word of God from the ACN Child's Bible. It has been translated into nearly 200 languages, making it accessible to almost every child in the world. This Christmas, your kind gift can put this lovely book in the hands of a child who has never read it. And for many children around the world, it is the only book they will own in their own language. ACN is working with the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio in southwest South Sudan to translate the Child's Bible into the Pazande language. Fr Stefan Lecleir, a Belgian missionary priest working on this project, said: "To learn to read and pray in your own language is very powerful and something that the children respond to very positively." Through your generosity, children, families, catechists, and entire communities will be able to encounter Christ through Scripture and prayer. **This Christmas, help us pass on the Word of God to future generations.**

Left image: Bishop Jesus Tirso Blanco of Angola with school children displaying their copies of the Child's bible.
Right image: For many children, the ACN Child's Bible is the only book they will own in their own language.



€10
GIFT 10 CHILD'S BIBLES TO CHILDREN IN SOUTH SUDAN



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SUPPORT THE WORK OF A RELIGIOUS SISTER

Your kind gift this Christmas has the power to give orphans and street children a new home, care for the sick, assist the dying and bring hope to many. You can make all these possible by supporting the work of religious sisters who carry out their service of love in slums, war zones, jungles and wherever they are needed. For example, missionaries of the Brazilian Catholic Community "Sementes do Verbo" have been working in the Diocese of Tete in Mozambique for years - caring for people suffering from repeated natural disasters who have had to get by without a priest for decades. Sister Maria Sarah writes: "We continue to ask for your support so that our mission can continue". **Like Sr Maria, many religious sisters around the world count on the help of kind benefactors like you to be a sign of hope for those who need it most. Will you help them?**

Left image: A religious sister with a two-day old baby at The Virgin of Al Hamra in Asyut, Egypt. Right image: Consecrated missionaries of the Catholic Community Sementes do Verbo with the faithful at St Joseph of Boroma Mission in Tete Mozambique.

€75
SUPPORTS A RELIGIOUS SISTER FOR A MONTH





€900
SUPPORTS A RELIGIOUS SISTER FOR A YEAR.

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WOULD YOU CONSIDER OFFERING A REGULAR GIFT?

Donating a regular gift to Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) makes a big difference in helping us plan for the future and respond to emergency requests from our project partners around the world. Large numbers of Christians – young and old – look with hope to us for support and comfort.

With your regular gift – whatever you can afford – you will enable us to provide practical and most essential support for those Christians in greatest need. Thank you.

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THANK YOU FOR OFFERING A GIFT OF FAITH IN SUPPORT OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED.

I would like to order the following Gift(s) of Faith:

I enclose a cheque payable to "Aid to the Church in Need (Malta)"

	Description	Suggested offering	Qty Gifts	Qty Cards	€ Total Donation
1	Help provide 3 nutrition boxes for children **(pg 04)**	€12			
2	Help provide a food pack for a family in need **(pg 04)**	€40			
3	Give a Christmas gift to a Christian child in Bethlehem **(pg 05)**	€25			
4	Support a seminarian's formation for one month **(pg 06)**	€85			
5	Support a seminarian's formation for one year **(pg 06)**	€1000			
6	Help a priest participate in a trauma healing course for one month **(pg 07)**	€25			
7	Help a priest participate in a trauma healing course for one year **(pg 07)**	€300			
8	Help give 10 ACN Child's Bibles to children **(pg 08)**	€10			
9	Supports a religious sister for a month **(pg 09)**	€75			
10	Supports a religious sister for a year **(pg 09)**	€900			
☐ I do NOT require cards for my Gifts of Faith		Subtotal €			

IMPORTANT NOTICE .With effect from January 2027, donations made by APS or BOV cheques must be €50 or more. Cheques for amounts below €50 will no longer be accepted.

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Contact me about: ◯ **making a regular gift** ◯ **leaving a gift in my will.**

◯ I would like to receive my donation receipts by email.

Receipts by email: We are in the process of improving the receipts service and at the same time reducing the mailing costs, therefore, if you have an email address and you would like to start receiving the donation receipts electronically, please tick: **"I would like to receive my donation receipts by email." (✓)**, and include your email address. Thank you.

◯ **I also enclose a gift to help suffering Christians where the need is greatest.** €

I would like the following Masses offered for my intentions:

◯ **€5** Mass ◯ **€15** Triduum ◯ **€45** Novena

Living Departed **Mass Cards** €

Mass stipends are intended to secure the immediate livelihood of priests as well as pastoral and spiritual support of persecuted and suffering Christians.

For the Soul/Intentions of:

TOTAL €

THANK YOU FOR GIVING HOPE TO OUR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THEIR MOMENTS OF GREAT NEED.

ACN (Malta) wishes you and your families a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.







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