

# THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Your people shall rebuild the ancient ruins;  
the foundations from ages past you shall raise up;  
“Repairer of the breach,” they shall call you,  
“Restorer of ruined dwellings.”

—Isaiah 58:12



Dear Father,

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops established the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to help restore the Church in lands that survived decades of communist rule and to build a new, more hopeful future for the people living there. Although those communist regimes no longer rule, new challenges such as the ongoing catastrophic war in Ukraine reveal the great needs of countries throughout the region that continue today. Parishes like yours in dioceses across the country responded to the 2022 invasion of Ukraine with renewed commitment to the people of Central and Eastern Europe through generous contributions to the collection.

The work of restoring and building continues in the face of these new challenges today in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries, including Romania, where restoration is literally taking place at the Romanian Greek-Catholic Seminary of Blaj. With critical support from a grant received through the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the seminary is renovating its historic, centuries-old buildings to make them suitable for use by a new generation of seminarians.

The Romanian Greek-Catholic Eparchy of Cluj-Gherla is also building a hopeful future by developing new Romanian and Hungarian translations of the *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture*. This resource will be invaluable to theologians, clergy, and laity. These new translations result from interethnic cooperation between the Romanian and Hungarian peoples and ecumenical cooperation among Orthodox, Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic, and Lutheran scholars.

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe makes these examples of restoration and growth possible in Romania and more than 25 other countries.

**The most effective way for you to promote the collection is to mention it at Mass.** Please use the parish appeal and bulletin announcement found inside this mailer, as well as additional resources available at [www.usccb.org/lcee](http://www.usccb.org/lcee). If you have questions, please contact Margaret Hren, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3346 or [ncpromo@usccb.org](mailto:ncpromo@usccb.org).

With prayerful best wishes to you and your parishioners, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeffrey M. Monforton".

Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe



# Parish Appeal

## ENGLISH

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Communism in this region fell more than 30 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under communism, **religion and religious practices were openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced.** Your support of this collection funds grants that support vital pastoral ministries throughout the region. That means you support seminary programs, promote ministries and education for children and families, rebuild churches, and renew community life. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection today.

## SPANISH

Esta semana, nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. La caída del comunismo ocurrió más de 30 años atrás, pero la Iglesia aún sigue luchando para reconstruir después de años de estar bajo un régimen opresivo. Bajo el comunismo, **la religión y las prácticas religiosas fueron oprimidas abiertamente y el ateísmo se propagó y se impuso en forma activa.** El apoyo de ustedes a esta colecta financia subvenciones que apoyan unos ministerios pastorales vitales en toda la región. Esto significa que ustedes financian programas para seminaristas, fomentan ministerios y educación para niños y familias, reconstruyen iglesias y renuevan la vida de la comunidad en la región. Muchas gracias por su generosidad al apoyar a la colecta de hoy.

Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee) and select "Parish Resource Guide" under "Collection Resources" for an electronic version of the text that can be copied into your parish bulletin.

## Simple Steps

to promote the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe:

- 1** USE the bulletin announcements and parish appeal to educate your parishioners about the collection and the people it supports. Additional resources, including a social media tool kit and print ads, can be found online.
- 2** PREACH about the troubles facing people in the region and celebrate how the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is combating these troubles. For example, share the story from Romania included in the cover letter to this resource guide.
- 3** PRAY as a community for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe—that God will give strength to those who serve and give relief to those who suffer. Use the printed prayer cards you received with your campaign materials or download the digital version and share with parishioners.
- 4** SHARE collection information on your social media channels and website using the web banners and social media tool kit found online.



# Bulletin Announcements

## ENGLISH

### Week Before the Collection

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). #iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

### Week of the Collection

This week our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule and now the war in Ukraine. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity to the collection today. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). #iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) also accepts funds for this collection, if you prefer to donate online.

### Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! As a parish, we collected \$[amount] to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). #iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

## SPANISH

### Semana antes de la colecta

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Esta colecta ayuda a la Iglesia en más de 25 países que luchan para recuperarse del antiguo régimen comunista. Así mismo, ayuda a las comunidades en toda la región que han sido afectadas por la guerra en Ucrania. Estos fondos financian el cuidado pastoral, la catequesis, las renovaciones y la formación de seminaristas. El apoyo de ustedes restaura la Iglesia y construye el futuro en esa región. Por favor, en oración, consideren cómo pueden dar su apoyo a la colecta la próxima semana. Para más información, entren a [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). #iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) también acepta fondos para esta colecta en caso prefieran donar en línea.

### Semana de la colecta

Esta semana nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Sus donativos ayudan a restaurar la Iglesia y construir el futuro en más de 25 países que aún siguen luchando para recuperarse del antiguo régimen comunista y ahora de la guerra en Ucrania. Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan en la reconstrucción, educación, formación y programas sociales dirigidos a los pobres. Muchas gracias por su generosidad en la colecta de hoy. Para más información, por favor, visiten [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). #iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) también acepta fondos para esta colecta en caso prefieran donar en línea.

### Semana después de la colecta

¡Muchas gracias por sus generosas contribuciones la semana pasada a la Colecta para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental! Como parroquia, hemos recaudado \$[cantidad] para restaurar la Iglesia y construir el futuro en más de 25 países. Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, aún lo pueden hacer. Visiten [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). #iGiveCatholicTogether (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>) también acepta fondos para esta colecta en caso prefieran donar en línea.



# Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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## 2022 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 354

Total Amount Approved: \$8,522,439

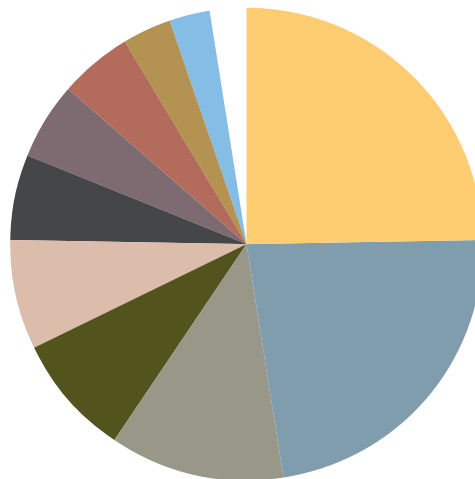
## DISTRIBUCIÓN DE LAS DONACIONES EN EL 2022

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### PROGRAM AREA

- Construction
- Emergency
- Evangelization
- Scholarships
- Seminary Support
- Operational Support
- Equipment/Accommodation Purchase
- Social Aid
- Education
- Vehicle Purchase
- Multimedia

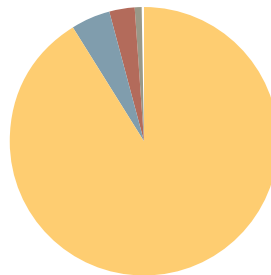


### ÁREA DE PROGRAMA

- Construcción
- Emergencia
- Evangelización
- Becas
- Apoyo a seminarios
- Apoyo operacional
- Compra/convenio de equipo
- Asistencia social
- Educación
- Compra de vehículo
- Multimedia

### EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	91.28%
Program Costs	4.76%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.06%
Administrative Expenses	0.88%
Allocations-Internal Grants	0.01%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,326,712</b>



### GASTOS

Subvenciones y donaciones	91.28%
Costos del programa	4.76%
Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos	3.06%
Gastos administrativos	0.88%
Asignaciones-subvenciones internas	0.01%
<b>Total de gastos</b>	<b>\$9,326,712</b>