



# SUPPORT THE Solidarity Fund for the CHURCH IN AFRICA

## Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

Our life as Christian disciples is one of joy, in which we are called to “be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another [in] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” (Eph 5:18-19). Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has called for translating both the Bible and liturgical books, such as hymnals and missals, into the everyday languages of people, to draw all God’s children more closely to Christ.

Bible and liturgical translation is an ongoing process throughout the world, as the Church works to foster unity while recognizing the dignity, traditions, and gifts of the different cultures it evangelizes. In Africa, the Southern African Catholic Bishops’ Conference and the Namibian Catholic Bishops’ Conference published Bibles and hymnals in local languages that allow diverse peoples to study and worship in their own tongues. Through grants from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Namibian Catholic Bishops’ Conference supported the publication of the Tutange Bible in the native language of the Rukwangali people as well as a hymnal in the Rumanyo language. In the Pastoral Conference Xhosa region, comprising eight dioceses in South Africa, the Southern African Catholic Bishops’ Conference used a grant from the Solidarity Fund to print updated hymnals in the Xhosa language, which is spoken by about 150,000 Catholics.

Throughout Africa, pastoral efforts to bring the liturgy and Sacred Scripture alive in the native languages of believers are made possible when your parish joins Catholics throughout the United States in supporting the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

The most effective way you can help is to highlight the Solidarity Fund at Mass and encourage your parishioners to be generous through the offertory collection envelope or your parish’s e-offertory platform. You will find material to assist you in this resource. Additional materials, including a bulletin insert, parish appeal, and social media tool kit, are available at [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa). Please use these before and during the collection weekend.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Hren at 202-541-3346 or [ncpromo@usccb.org](mailto:ncpromo@usccb.org). Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Peter L. Smith  
Auxiliary Bishop of Portland in Oregon  
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Africa

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# Simple Steps

*for Promoting the Collection*

1

**Announce** the collection for the Solidarity Fund in your parish using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided, so your parishioners know what it is, when to expect it, and why they should support it. **This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.**

2

**Preach** about the need for solidarity with the Church in Africa. Share the good news that the Church is growing not only by ministering to the pastoral needs of the people but also by helping to foster peace among neighbors, as it does in the Central African Republic.

3

**Pray** for those who live in Africa and work to spread the Gospel message.

## Parish Appeal

### English

This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled—but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. Clergy formation, communications programs to bring the Gospel to remote territories, youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples—these and all the Church’s needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges and build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection today.



### Spanish

Este fin de semana realizaremos nuestra colecta para apoyar al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Los habitantes de África son personas alegres y llenas de fe, pero a medida que crece la Iglesia en África, crecen también las necesidades pastorales de sus habitantes. Desde la formación del clero a los programas en el área de las comunicaciones que llevan el Evangelio a territorios remotos, a la pastoral juvenil dirigida a la próxima generación de discípulos, son muchas las necesidades de la Iglesia. El Fondo de Solidaridad es una oportunidad para nuestra parroquia para solidarizarse con los pueblos de África. Nuestras contribuciones los ayudan a enfrentar estos desafíos y a construir unas bases duraderas para un discipulado misionero. Muchas gracias por su generosidad al apoyar esta colecta hoy.



# Bulletin Announcements

## English

### Week Before the Solidarity Fund Appeal

Next week our parish will take up a collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

### Week of the Solidarity Fund Appeal

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### Week After the Solidarity Fund Appeal

Thank you for your generous support for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your contributions provide pastoral care and support to the people of Africa, who face many challenges from poverty and unemployment to inadequate health care and forced migration. Your donations fund workshops, retreats, catechesis, and other projects that build the faith of African communities. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa). The #iGiveCatholicTogether website also accepts funds for the collection at [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-africa](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-africa).

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

## Spanish

### Semana antes del llamado para el Fondo de Solidaridad

La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia realizará la colecta para apoyar al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Aunque la Iglesia en África está creciendo, muchos aún carecen de acceso a los recursos básicos y a un cuidado pastoral. El Fondo de Solidaridad financia proyectos pastorales para incrementar la capacidad de la Iglesia y fomentar una paz y reconciliación duraderas en un continente que a menudo está marcado por divisiones y tensiones. Para informarse más, visiten [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

### Semana del llamado para el Fondo de Solidaridad

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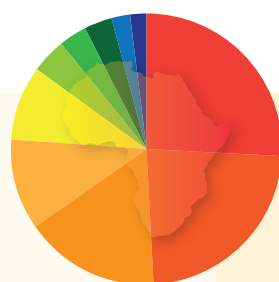
### Semana después del llamado para el Fondo de Solidaridad

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo al Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Sus contribuciones les proporcionarán cuidado pastoral y apoyo a los pueblos de África los cuales enfrentan muchos desafíos que provienen de la pobreza y el desempleo, un deficiente cuidado de la salud y una migración forzada. Sus donativos financiarán talleres, retiros, catequesis y otros proyectos que fortalecen la fe de las comunidades africanas. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar a la colecta, aún lo pueden hacer! Visiten [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa). El sitio web #iGiveCatholicTogether también acepta fondos para esta colecta entrando a [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-africa](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-africa).



## SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

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### 2022 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

**Total Grants: 91**

**Total Granted: \$2,669,600**

PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF GRANTS	GRANT AMOUNT
Leadership Formation	23	\$696,300
Construction	16	\$617,700
Church Capacity Support	18	\$428,600
Communications	11	\$291,300
Justice and Peace	8	\$242,500
Clergy/Religious Continuing Education	4	\$107,500
Evangelization	4	\$92,500
Youth Ministry	3	\$83,200
Religious Education and Catholic Schools	2	\$61,800
Child Protection	2	\$48,200

### EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	\$2,654,141	80.09%
Program Costs	\$430,944	13.00%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$149,345	4.51%
Administrative Expenses	\$77,305	2.33%
Allocations-Internal Grants	\$2,048	0.06%

**Total Expenses \$3,313,783**

### DISTRIBUCIÓN DE LAS SUBVENCIONES EN EL 2022

**Total de subvenciones: 91**

**Cantidad otorgada: \$2,669,600**

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Educación continua para clero/religiosos	4	\$107,500
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Pastoral juvenil	3	\$83,200
Educación religiosa y escuelas católicas	2	\$61,800
Protección del niño	2	\$48,200

### GASTOS

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Costos del programa	\$430,944	13.00%
Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos	\$149,345	4.51%
Gastos administrativos	\$77,305	2.33%
Asignaciones-subvenciones internas	\$2,048	0.06%

**Total de gastos \$3,313,783**

