



WHY A MIDDLE EAST CHRISTIANS ENDOWMENT

STRENGTHEN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES AND PROMOTE CHRISTIAN VALUES

Christianity was born in the Middle East. It is where the Angel Gabriel told Mary, “*Do not be afraid.*” Where Jesus proclaimed the Gospel and was crucified and rose again. Where the Apostles first preached about God’s mercy and love.

But today, Christianity is disappearing from the Middle East. Extremism, political instability and economic hardship are driving Christian families away. As they leave, fewer voices remain to call for forgiveness and peace – the very values needed to stop this downward spiral.

The good news is that we can help slow the exodus of Middle East Christians. They want to stay in their homeland, and Catholic leaders are committed to helping. But to succeed, they need our prayers and support. That is why we created the Middle East Christians Endowment.



WHAT IS THE ENDOWMENT

A contribution to the Middle East Christians Endowment is unlike your other contributions to CNEWA. Your gift is deposited in a long-term investment and yearly earnings will be used toward the strengthening of Christian humanitarian and pastoral ministries in the Middle East.

It is a gift that keeps on giving, allowing the programs being supported to live on forever. It is a way to make sure Christians in the Middle East will never be without help.

WHAT YOUR ENDOWMENT GIFT WILL ACCOMPLISH



EDUCATION

You will invest in Catholic schools, orphanages and homes for handicapped youth. With an education, thousands of youth will secure good jobs, support their families, give back to their people and keep their Christian identity alive.



EMPLOYMENT

You will help create jobs for unemployed Christians through numerous initiatives. You will support the development of small businesses and help those who work in trades. You will support agricultural cooperatives and also artisans who make goods such as wine, olive oil and soap. Your support strengthens tourism and the economy, allowing Christians to thrive, earn more, and live better lives.



HEALTH CARE

Thanks to you, Catholic hospitals and medical clinics will have qualified staff and will not run out of medicine and essential supplies. You will also help doctors and nurses acquire necessary medical training.



THE CHURCH

You will ensure the Gospel values of the church continue through your support of seminaries and novice houses that are educating the religious leaders of tomorrow. You will help support training programs for lay people that provide quality catechesis to thousands of children.



Dear Friends,

We are a Catholic family from Ontario. Our parish has a beautiful church, two Catholic schools and an active congregation. We are blessed because we are free to practice our faith.

Being Catholic means having a universal concern for the world and the church. Our family is especially pained by the suffering of Christians throughout the Middle East.

CNEWA's Middle East Christians Endowment is a unique opportunity to help make a difference in a very big way. That is why we made the first contribution.

Will you join us?



*Peace in Christ,
John & Marleen Gomes*

HOW YOUR ENDOWMENT GIFT WILL BE MANAGED

Our investments are overseen by our financial board and managed by expert investment professionals. We strive to maximize returns while preserving the resources you entrust to us. Our investments are consistent with the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church.

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to start by raising \$1 million for the endowment. However, this is an ongoing campaign and we hope to continue increasing the total amount of this fund in the years to come. Help leave a lasting legacy of good in the Middle East.

CONTACT US

To learn more about the endowment and how it works, please contact us:

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- ☐ **Yes**, I want to help my brothers and sisters in need through CNEWA's **Middle East Christians Endowment** with my contribution of:

\$ _____

- ☐ Enclosed is my cheque made payable to:
CNEWA Canada

Your information:



Credit card number

_____/_____
Expiration date

I hereby authorize CNEWA Canada to charge my credit card as indicated on this form.

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