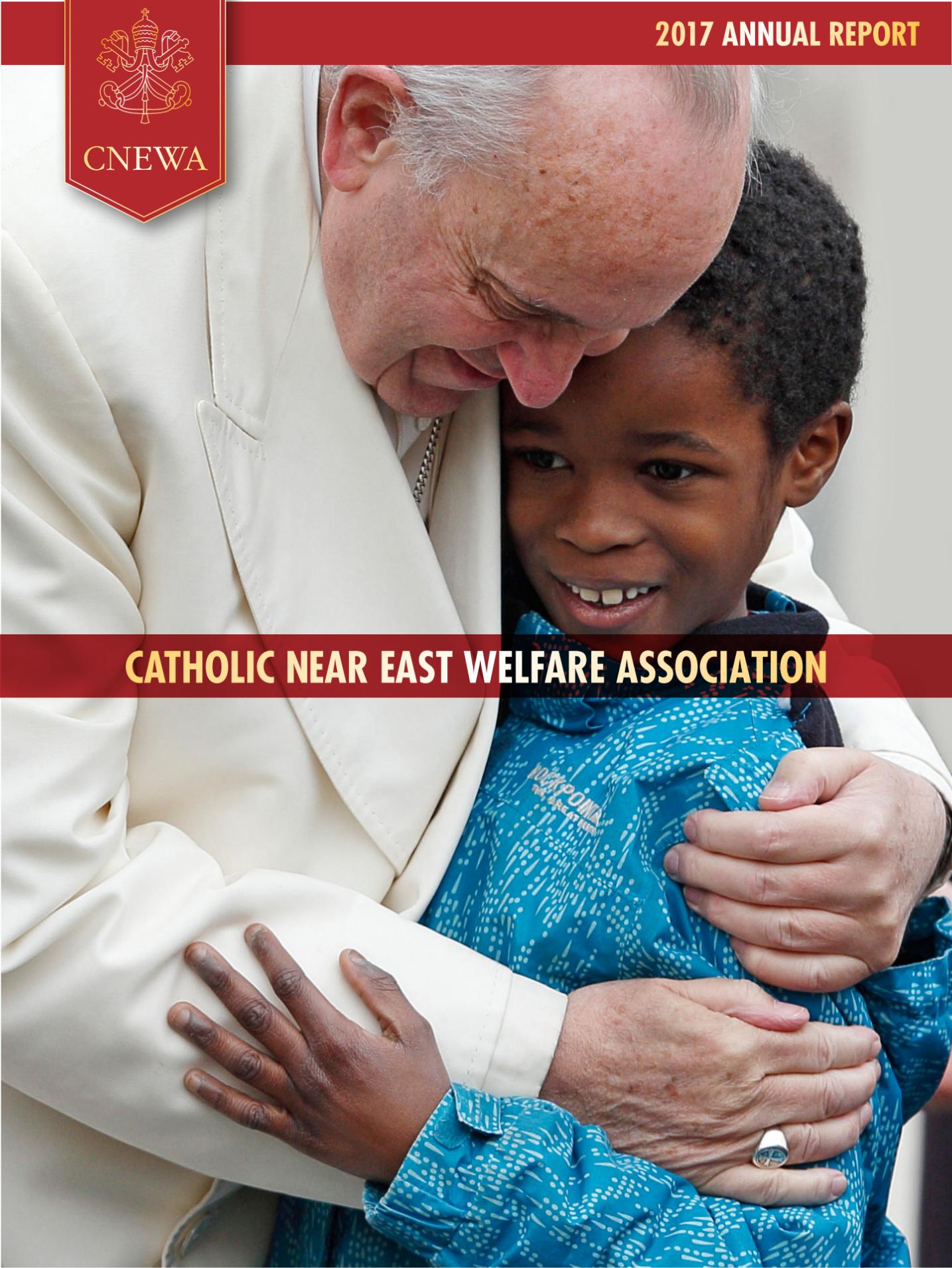


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A close-up photograph showing an elderly man with white hair, wearing a white clerical suit, embracing a young boy. The boy is wearing a blue shirt with a white pattern and has a joyful expression. The man's hands are visible, gently holding the boy. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION



Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) was founded by the Holy Father to express his love for and solidarity with those in need. We proudly accompany the historic Eastern Catholic churches, communities of faith which form the backbone and provide the lifeblood for so many who suffer and struggle in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

For nearly a century — thanks to the generosity of good people such as you — we have walked side by side with them. We have prayed with them when they were attacked, comforted them when they grieved, fed them when they hungered, bandaged them when they bled, sheltered them when they had no place to call home.

Our mission is simple: to reach out to the forgotten and care for the abandoned — spiritually and materially. We strive to follow the lesson of the Good Samaritan, to “go and do likewise” and bind the wounds of a broken world.



We work for, through and with the local churches — quietly, prayerfully, joyfully. Our regional offices have decades-long relationships with the communities we serve and the ministries we support.

And when a crisis hits, and a people are confronted with war or destruction or drought, we are there — and we stay, offering continued support, ensuring needs are met, faith is sustained and hope prevails.

Hope is our calling card. We exist not only to give those things one can see — food, shelter, medicine — but also to provide those things one cannot: comfort, faith, education, consolation, hope.

CNEWA is supported by a generous, compassionate and loving family of donors — people just like you — who carry in their hearts Jesus’ great command to “love one another” and seek to live out that command by reaching out to those in need.

Always, we channel this generous aid through the local churches — our “boots on the ground” — which touch countless lives in incalculable ways in Syria and Iraq, Israel and Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan, as well as in Egypt, India, Ethiopia, Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine.

In 2017, thanks to you, CNEWA distributed **\$22,249,568** for **402 project grants**; **441 subsidies** to assist child care programs, seminaries and other houses of formation; and 2 special awards. Together, we are building up the church, affirming human dignity, alleviating poverty, encouraging dialogue and inspiring hope.

How?

ACCOMPANYING THE CHURCH

Pope Pius XI founded Catholic Near East Welfare Association in 1926 to bolster the Eastern Catholic churches in their efforts to serve the world as they witness to and preach the Gospel of Jesus. Since then, our mission has evolved, but our mandate to walk with these churches — which date to the time of the apostles — remains the same.

Central to this commitment to accompany the Eastern churches is our abiding concern for faith formation and catechists — especially for those preparing for lives of service as priests, religious sisters and brothers, and as lay catechists and faith formation leaders. For without this commitment to and investment in faith formation, the outreach of the churches would be ineffective, shallow, hollow.

In addition to supporting the formation, education and preparation of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay leaders, we support Eastern Catholic parishes and dioceses with their many outreach activities. These include pastoral works such as university chaplaincies, prison ministries, summer Bible camps for youths, and counseling for refugees, migrants and the displaced.



CNEWA's support of these faith communities also includes grants to make improvements of parish facilities and structures, especially those impacted by violence or natural disasters. These modest works represent an investment in the good health and future of these local churches so they may bring light to some of the darkest places of the globe, and give life to those living in the shadow of death.

Thanks to you, CNEWA committed **\$3,400,607** in 2017 to help form 624 men as priests, 145 women and men to serve as religious sisters and brothers, and hundreds of lay leaders, allocating an additional **\$185,909** in scholarships for the advanced studies of priests and religious. In addition, we awarded **\$2,647,351** in grants to assist the local churches, including:

- **\$35,000** to support summer Bible camps of the Armenian Catholic Church in Armenia
- **\$10,000** to paint and waterproof the exterior of the Coptic Catholic Patriarchal Seminary of St. Leo the Great, near Cairo
- **\$3,800** for a youth workshop program for a community of brothers in Eritrea
- **\$5,361** for a university chaplaincy program in Hosanna, Ethiopia
- **\$50,000** to the Holy See for scholarships for missionary sisters pursuing their studies
- **\$9,929** to repair the village chapel and fencing at a mission in Gojoli in central India
- **\$31,100** for catechetical programs for displaced children in Iraqi Kurdistan
- **\$9,887** to repair three classrooms at the Melkite Greek Catholic parish in Ader, Jordan
- **\$5,500** to support a youth program at Holy Family Church in the Gaza Strip
- **\$67,200** to set up and operate pastoral programs of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Homs, Syria
- **\$25,000** to winterize the provincial house of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate near Lviv, Ukraine

Each year, CNEWA receives a portion of the World Mission Sunday Collection that is taken up in parishes across the United States. These funds support a number of initiatives of the Holy See, including an annual subsidy of **\$750,000** to the Holy See's Congregation for the Eastern Churches, our primary partner in support of the Eastern Catholic churches throughout the world, for educational and operational needs.

RESPONDING TO HUMAN NEEDS

CNEWA also accompanies the Eastern Catholic churches as they evangelize by witnessing the Gospel in word and deed. How do we share Jesus with the poor, the oppressed, victims of war, and the displaced?

The opportunities are endless.

For every good work of the church to assist a human being in need and done in the name of Jesus — feeding the poor, healing the sick, caring for the lonely and the forgotten — we share the Good News that God loves all of us and wants us to share in his love.

Thanks to loyal donors such as you, CNEWA allocated **\$13,764,489** in subsidies and grants in 2017. This includes regular support for 298 child care programs and funds to support 258 projects to rush emergency relief supplies; assist social service initiatives to assist the lonely, the abandoned and the neglected; help health care centers, including hospitals, mother and child clinics and dispensaries; and advance sustainability initiatives, such as:



- **\$9,454** to support the students enrolled at Abba Gebre Michael School in Mekele, Ethiopia
- **\$25,000** to help Caritas Armenia rush food to vulnerable families in remote villages of northern Armenia
- **\$20,000** to rehabilitate the Sacred Heart Dispensary, serving the broader community in Esna, Egypt
- **\$4,000** to help the Eparchy of Barentu in Eritrea provide drinking water to four remote villages
- **\$1,492** to support the Malankara Boys' Home in Thonnakkal, Kerala, India
- **\$50,000** to help Caritas Georgia shelter vulnerable mothers and their children
- **\$13,000** to assist the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Thuckalay to educate and offer career counseling for Dalit children in Tamil Nadu, India

- **\$272,200** to educate displaced Iraqi children in Catholic schools in Erbil and Dohuk, Iraqi Kurdistan
- **\$104,962** to subsidize the Mother of Mercy clinic of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena in Zerqa, Jordan
- **\$64,076** to assist the Good Shepherd Sisters provide health care to Iraqi refugees and the local poor at St. Antony's Clinic in Jdeideh, Lebanon
- **\$223,670** for the education of Syrian refugees at St. Rita's School in Zahle, Lebanon
- **\$70,375** to help Al-Ahli Hospital nourish underweight children in Gaza, Palestine
- **\$21,525** to the St. Nicholas Home in Beit Jala, West Bank, Palestine, for the care of the elderly
- **\$769,978** in emergency relief supplies — clothes, food and milk — counseling and schooling for displaced families throughout Syria
- **\$51,700** to assist the Caritas network in Ukraine reach out to those displaced by conflict in Ukraine's eastern frontier

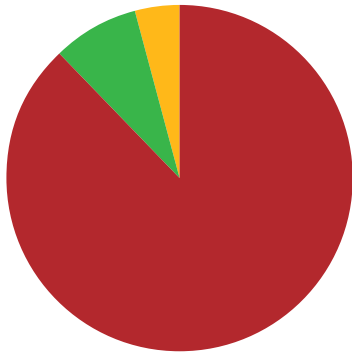
The needs remain pressing. Yet we press forward in faith, hope and love — inspired anew by the generosity and compassion of our benefactors.

You remind us daily of our Gospel mandate to love one another, for your support sustains us as we together carry out our commitment to accompany our brothers and sisters in need — on behalf of our Holy Father.

God bless you for helping to make all this happen through Catholic Near East Welfare Association. And remember, the people whose lives you have so generously touched remember you and your intentions in their prayers of gratitude — for the Lord hears the cry of the poor.

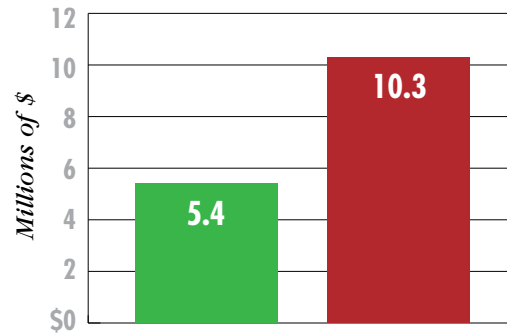
OUR FINANCIAL BREAKDOWNS IN 2017

PROGRAMS AND EXPENSES



■ Programs.....	87.9%
■ Fundraising.....	8.1%
■ Administration.....	4.0%

PROGRAM SERVICES



■ Accompanying the Church
■ Responding to Human Needs

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