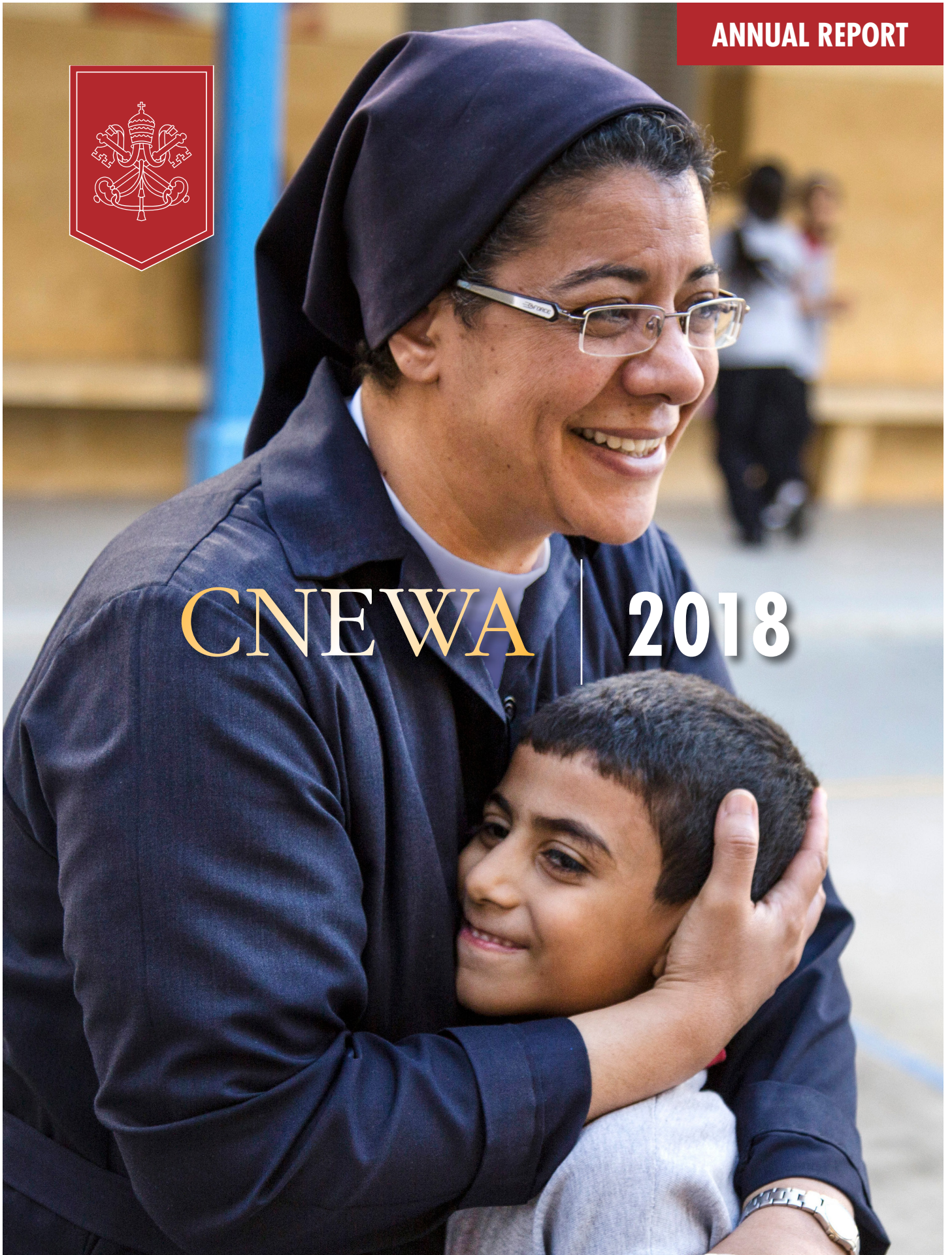


ANNUAL REPORT



# CNEWA | 2018









**I**t is my privilege to present our 2018 Annual Report, describing in detail the work of Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Whether it is helping refugees in the Middle East, orphans in India or hungry families in Ethiopia, CNEWA has continued to be a welcome pastoral and humanitarian presence to all those in need — and we remain indebted to you, our donors, for making that possible.

The difficulties facing our world are great, and can often seem insurmountable. War, persecution, religious conflict and political upheaval can overwhelm us. But CNEWA has steadily stood alongside all those who are facing these challenges, working to bring healing and hope to those so often battered by despair. We walk with our brothers and sisters, working with the Eastern Catholic churches in the regions we serve, reminding them they are not alone.

This is part of our great calling, our great commission.

Our mission entails so much more than providing relief in troubled corners of the world. CNEWA's work is multi-faceted. Most importantly, we build up and accompany the church. We also affirm human dignity; we encourage dialogue and peace and, above all, we strive to inspire hope.



I invite you to look over this report and see how this great mission is being lived out, thanks to you. In the pages you hold in your hands you will find the story of CNEWA's extraordinary work in the world, which in large part is a reflection of your own commitment to help those we serve.

**It is, fundamentally, a love story**, a story about love of neighbor, love for the stranger, love for all those made in the image and likeness of God — the story of God's love for all creation.

Thank you for being a part of this story and for making it possible.

God bless you,

*John E. Kozar*

Msgr. John E. Kozar

Where we serve in the Middle East — **Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine** and **Syria** — form the cradle of Christianity. Today, it is a land in turmoil. Political strife, violence, war, terrorism, persecution and economic uncertainty have pushed millions, regardless of nationality or creed, to flee. It is a land of families, broken and scattered, migrants and refugees, seeking stability and security — and a place to call home.

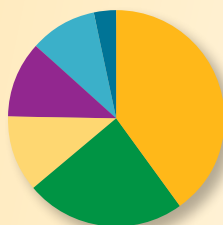
Since the rise of ISIS in Syria and Iraq in **2014**, CNEWA has rushed **\$49,792,660** to support the many programmatic activities of the Eastern churches in the Middle East. In 2018, CNEWA:

- Provided **\$456,995** to parish-sponsored mobile clinics serving displaced Christian and Yazidi families living in Iraqi Kurdistan; St. Raphael Hospital in Baghdad; and the temporary clinics set up in Erbil to assist those who fled the Nineveh Plains
- Assisted the St. James Vicariate of the Latin Patriarchate in Israel with **\$70,000** in funds for its pastoral outreach to migrants from Africa and the Philippines
- Helped St. Gregorios Church in the Jordanian Bedouin village of Ader develop its formation program, providing **\$32,733** for A/V equipment, kitchen upgrades and an open-air space to host larger groups
- Offered **\$605,225** for essentials to Iraqi, Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Jordan, including funds for Mother of Mercy pre- and postnatal clinic in Zerqa; medical needs for refugees at the Italian Hospital in Amman; and food packages and infant formula



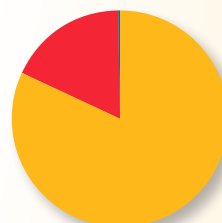
- Sponsored the formation of seminarians and religious in nine of Lebanon's houses of formation, providing **\$147,750** for the future of tomorrow's priests serving the churches and peoples of the Middle East
- Sent the Syriac Catholic Patriarchate **\$7,748** for food packages for refugees in its care in Lebanon
- Provided **\$308,595** to Al Ahli Hospital, the only Christian institution of its kind in Gaza, for its care of the elderly poor and malnourished children; its employment program for young Christian Gazans; and to shore up infrastructure, particularly to generate electricity
- Gave the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem **\$22,440** for its biblical formation program for the youth of Jerusalem and the West Bank
- Rushed **\$144,000** to the Marist Fathers in Aleppo, Syria, for milk for children impacted by the severe fighting there.

## \$ TOTAL BY COUNTRY



Lebanon .....	\$3,644,872
Palestine .....	\$2,146,748
Iraq .....	\$1,053,197
Syria .....	\$1,010,422
Jordan .....	\$916,362
Israel .....	\$289,199

## \$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM



Humanitarian ....	\$7,437,080
Pastoral .....	\$1,623,620
Other .....	\$100

# Northeast Africa

**\$2,248,520**

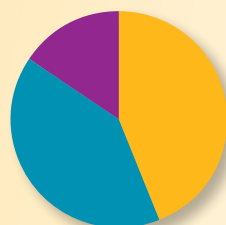
**Egypt, Eritrea** and **Ethiopia** mark a corner of the African continent where the Christian faith took root from its earliest days. It is a presence that has done much to enrich, educate, heal and inspire countless generations, Christian and non-Christian. But the region is facing daunting challenges — climatic, economic, political and social. Poverty and drought are taking a serious toll. Hunger is a daily fact of life for many. In some areas, religious intolerance and bigotry have sparked acts of terror and other forms of violence. It is a region anxious for miracles, hungry for hope.

CNEWA's primary partners in the region, the Coptic, Eritrean and Ethiopic Catholic churches respectively, are tiny minorities. Yet, each church plays a disproportionate role where it serves in helping to heal, teach and lift up those most in need. And from its beginnings, CNEWA has been there to accompany these churches, walking with them as they live the Gospel. CNEWA grants in 2018 included:

- **\$40,000** helped the Franciscan Sisters in Beni Suef, Egypt, finish the restoration of their classrooms scorched by a mob in the late summer of 2013
- **\$193,270** for the preparation of seminarians and religious brothers and sisters in 27 houses of formation in Eritrea
- **\$336,401** for the care of children enrolled in child care programs in Ethiopia, from those with special needs living in dormitories to those attending parish schools

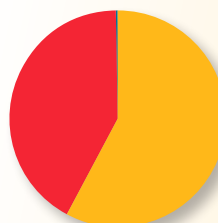


- **\$20,000** assisted the Eparchy of Assiut in Upper Egypt equip a new social and pastoral center
- **\$54,525** to the Capuchin Friars, Good Samaritan Sisters, Daughters of Charity and the St. Anne Sisters as they assist those men and women living with HIV/AIDS with food, clothing, workshops, schooling and health care in Eritrea
- **\$6,909** enabled the Community of St. Paul to provide low-income women job training opportunities in Meki, Ethiopia.



## \$ TOTAL BY COUNTRY

Ethiopia.....	\$993,063
Eritrea.....	\$905,905
Egypt.....	\$349,552



## \$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM

Humanitarian ....	\$1,300,948
Pastoral .....	\$947,457
Other.....	\$115



The challenges in **India** are as vast as the country itself with a population — at last count, more than 1.3 billion people — of distinctive cultures, languages, religions and class, or caste, structures. While there has been tremendous economic development in the last few decades, tens of millions remain in abject poverty as much of the nation's wealth, an estimated 58 percent of it, remains in the hands of the top 1 percent of the country.

The effects of climate change particularly impact the poor. Increasingly dramatic weather patterns are generating massive monsoons with devastating effect

on the environment, washing away arable soil, livestock and homes. The results — economic, physical, emotional and spiritual — cry out for a Christian response.

CNEWA partners with the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara Catholic churches, Eastern churches rooted in the preaching of the apostle Thomas, who brought the Gospel to southwestern India in the first century. For generations, the “sons and daughters of Thomas” have reached out to the very margins of the continent, witnessing the Gospel among the poor, the blind, the lame and those defined as “untouchable.” In 2018, CNEWA:

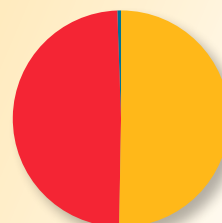
- Provided the Sisters of the Destitute in Vattavada with **\$5,367** to support their educational and health care ministries for tribal children in northern Kerala
- Sent **\$490,674** to 100 houses of formation to prepare future priests and religious sisters and brothers
- Gave the Eparchy of Rajkot **\$9,896** in funds for the formation of lay catechists



- Rushed **\$29,957** to the Eparchy of Idukki to assist its emergency response teams' work with families devastated by flash floods and mudslides

- Sent **\$15,824** to assist the Archeparchy of Trivandrum with its educational and vocational training program with Dalit children

- Subsidized 164 child care programs throughout India, seven of which focus on children with special needs, sending a total of **\$647,162** in funds.



## \$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM

Humanitarian ....	\$1,097,107
Pastoral .....	\$1,065,007
Other .....	\$4,976

# Eastern Europe

\$1,079,996

The nations in Eastern Europe where CNEWA focuses its activities — **Armenia**, **Georgia** and **Ukraine** — continue their struggle to rebuild after decades of oppression, economic collapse, natural disaster, political instability, corruption and war. Millions have left in search of better opportunities elsewhere, leaving behind their wives and children and many elderly poor, “the new orphans,” who have no one to care for them. These are people living humbly, but, despite everything, holding fast to their dignity.

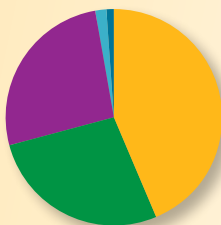
Deeply rooted Christian cultures, Armenia and Georgia’s small Catholic communities have rallied after decades of suppression, reaching out to the most marginalized despite modest human and financial resources. Ukraine’s Greek Catholic churches have taken on the numbing effects of the Soviet past, reinvigorating parishes and communities. CNEWA works closely with these communities of faith, focusing its activities on caring for isolated and marginalized peoples. For example, CNEWA in 2018:

- Supported the Greek Catholic seminary in Uzhorod, in southwestern Ukraine, providing **\$62,000** in funds for its operations
- Provided **\$75,000** to help the Armenian Ordinariate and the Armenian Sisters in their summer camp programs for children living in remote areas of Armenia and Georgia
- Rushed **\$168,333** to assist Caritas Armenia provide food to 500 vulnerable families in 15 villages, as well as heating supplies, medicines and food to the elderly



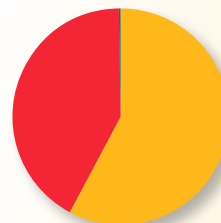
- Provided **\$10,022** in tuition fees for courses attended by priests counseling displaced families with posttraumatic stress disorders in Lviv, Ukraine
- Sent **\$50,959** to the St. Barbara Center of Caritas Georgia for the care of abused women and their children
- Assisted the Nazaret Center near Lviv with **\$5,013** in funds to help rehabilitate substance abusers.

## \$ TOTAL BY COUNTRY



Ukraine .....	\$471,168
Armenia .....	\$296,072
Georgia .....	\$285,756
Romania .....	\$17,000
Belarus .....	\$10,000

## \$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM



Humanitarian .....	\$600,136
Pastoral .....	\$479,228
Other .....	\$632

## Other Regions

**\$1,451,622**

CNEWA works with the Roman Curia, which assists the pope in governing the church. CNEWA's primary partner is the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, which receives CNEWA's portion of the annual World Mission Sunday collection. As CNEWA receives Mass stipends, it sends them to the congregation as well, which in turn distributes them to the bishops and priests of the Eastern churches.

CNEWA also funds special activities of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, such as scholarships.

CNEWA focuses its aid in the regions where the Eastern churches first developed. On occasion, CNEWA is asked for support for an initiative outside its traditional area of support, especially for pastoral purposes.

Holy See .....\$1,362,070  
Canada .....\$45,447  
Italy.....\$7,440

Sudan.....\$4,000  
Switzerland.....\$30,000  
United States.....\$2,665

**\$ TOTAL BY PROGRAM**  
Humanitarian.....\$4,000  
Pastoral.....\$1,447,622

### 2018 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue	Without Restrictions	With Restrictions	2018 Total
Contributions	\$5,984,589	\$5,760,947	\$11,745,536
Grants from funding agencies	27,735	6,770,068	6,797,803
Collections	1,654,649	—	1,654,649
Legacies and bequests	4,202,775	1,156,845	5,359,620
Investment return	850,478	959,593	1,810,071
Contributed services	207,156	—	207,156
Net assets released from restrictions	13,262,245	(13,262,245)	—
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$26,189,627</b>	<b>\$1,385,208</b>	<b>\$27,574,835</b>
Expenses	Without Restrictions	With Restrictions	2018 Total
<i>Program services</i>			
Accompanying the church	\$6,622,788	—	\$6,622,788
Responding to human needs	13,285,015	—	13,285,015
Public awareness	1,428,854	—	1,428,854
Total program services	21,336,657	—	21,336,657
<i>Support service</i>			
Management and general	2,124,168	—	2,124,168
Fund-raising	2,585,359	—	2,585,359
Total support services	4,709,527	—	4,709,527
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,046,184</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$26,046,184</b>
Net Assets			2018 Total
Undesignated			\$15,324,561
Board designated			6,614,902
Plant			3,730,189
Without donor restrictions			25,669,652
With donor restrictions			30,044,945
<b>Total Net Assets</b>			<b>\$55,714,597</b>

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