

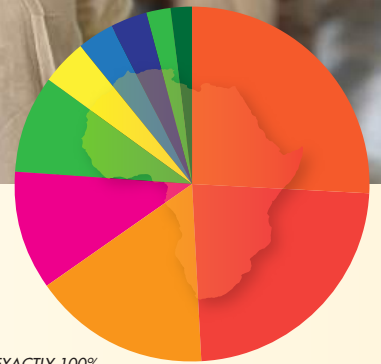
SUPPORT THE Solidarity Fund for the CHURCH IN AFRICA

We live our Catholic faith with a deep understanding of ourselves as pilgrims walking together and helping one another through life. From biblical times to our present day, Catholics have always visited holy sites, shrines, and other places significant in the history and life of the Church. In walking and praying together at these sites, Catholic pilgrims experience unity with Christ, with one another, and with the Church today and throughout history in a deeper way.

During the first week of Lent, in early March 2024, approximately 1,000 Catholics from across the Diocese of Gbarnga in Liberia in west Africa went on a pilgrimage to the site of the people's first encounter with Catholic missionaries in the town of Saclepea, Liberia. By retracing the footsteps of those 19th-century missionaries, these pilgrims connected with their history while also deepening their call to build upon this legacy today.

This special event was made possible by a grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, which helped provide food and accommodations for the pilgrims and liturgical furnishings for Masses and confessions. Throughout Africa, your donations to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, a program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, help African Catholics continue the work of evangelization and building up the Church that began with those first missionaries.

Please be generous through the offertory collection envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



2023 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

PERCENTAGES HAVE BEEN ROUNDED OFF TO THE NEAREST ONE HUNDREDTH AND SO MAY NOT TOTAL EXACTLY 100%.

Total Grants: 75
Total Granted: \$2,108,250

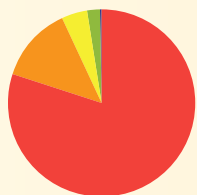
PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF GRANTS	GRANT AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Construction/Renovation	10	\$412,600	19.57%
Leadership Formation	16	\$380,850	18.06%
Church Capacity Support	14	\$301,300	14.29%
Vocations	4	\$170,000	8.06%
Communications	5	\$169,100	8.02%
Evangelization	7	\$157,000	7.45%
Justice and Peace	6	\$155,300	7.37%
Religious Education and Catholic Schools	4	\$116,000	5.50%
Child Protection	4	\$103,100	4.89%
Clergy/Religious Continuing Education	3	\$94,000	4.46%
Youth Ministry	2	\$49,000	2.32%

*CONSTRUCTION GRANTS PRIMARILY FUND REHABILITATION AND RENOVATION OF EXISTING, DETERIORATED STRUCTURES.

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	\$2,110,175	73.39%
Program Costs	\$510,169	17.74%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$158,843	5.52%
Administrative Expenses	\$95,998	3.34%

Total Expenses \$2,875,185



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