



# SUPPORT THE Solidarity Fund for the CHURCH IN AFRICA

## Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

Congregations of religious sisters in ten English-speaking countries of eastern Africa—including Kenya, Tanzania, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Zimbabwe—are training senior members and superiors to lead their congregations' general assembly meetings so that their orders might successfully and sustainably live out their missions. Through two sessions in 2018 and 2019, 15 senior sisters from congregations in the region gathered at the Association of Consecrated Women in Eastern and Central Africa (ACWECA) headquarters near Nairobi, Kenya, to attend workshops on how best to facilitate, evaluate, and implement the mandates of their own orders.

Because of your support, these sisters are better equipped to lead their communities in their mission to evangelize, teach, and pray—now and into the future. Support the Solidarity Fund because strong communities of religious sisters are at the heart of the Church's call to make disciples throughout the world.

Four effective ways you can support the collection are to mention it at Mass, tell this story, use the parish appeal or bulletin announcements inside, and use the additional resources, including web ads and a social media tool kit, available at [www.usccb.org/africa/collection](http://www.usccb.org/africa/collection). Please use these before and during the collection weekend.

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Germain at 202-541-3365 or [ncpromo@usccb.org](mailto:ncpromo@usccb.org). Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR  
Archbishop of Newark  
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Africa

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# Simple Steps

*for Promoting the Collection*

1

**Announce** the collection 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 but that many needs remain, like those of the religious sisters in eastern Africa.

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 for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us, as a parish, to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs, and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. Please be generous.



### Spanish

Este fin de semana realizaremos nuestra colecta para el Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. La Iglesia en África es alegre y llena de fe pero también tiene unos desafíos pastorales únicos debido a la pobreza, los altos índices de enfermedad, la escasez de alimentos y la migración. El Fondo de Solidaridad es una oportunidad para que nosotros, como parroquia, apoyemos a los pueblos de África. Nuestras contribuciones apoyan la educación católica, los programas para la vida familiar y las iniciativas para la protección infantil que ayudan a fortalecer y edificar la creciente Iglesia africana. Por favor, sean generosos.



# Bulletin Announcements

## English

### Week Before the Solidarity Fund Appeal

Next week, our parish will take up a collection for 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. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in 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

This week, we take up the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but they also face challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages, and migration. This collection is an opportunity to stand with the people of Africa and support pastoral projects that this continent so needs. Please be generous today. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

### Week After the Solidarity Fund Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Your contributions will provide pastoral care and support to the people of Africa as they face many challenges that come from poverty and unemployment, high rates of disease, and migration. Your donations will 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/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

## Spanish

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

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará una colecta para el Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Aunque la Iglesia en África está creciendo, muchos todavía carecen de acceso a los recursos básicos y al cuidado pastoral. Muchos sufren debido a los altos índices de pobreza y de desempleo, al analfabetismo y a una educación deficiente. El Fondo de Solidaridad financia proyectos pastorales que fomentan la paz y la reconciliación duraderas en un continente que a menudo está marcado por división y tensión. Para informarse más, visiten [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

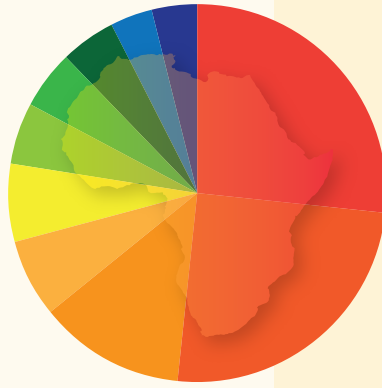
### Semana del llamado para el Fondo de Solidaridad

Esta semana realizaremos la colecta para el Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África. Los habitantes de África son alegres y llenos de fe pero muchos también enfrentan retos debido a la pobreza, a los altos índices de enfermedad, a la escasez de alimentos y a la migración. Esta colecta una oportunidad para apoyar a los pueblos de África y los proyectos pastorales que son tan necesarios en ese continente. Por favor, sean generosos hoy. Para informarse más, visiten [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

### 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 mientras enfrentan muchos retos provenientes de la pobreza y el desempleo, del alto índice de enfermedades y de la migración. Sus donativos financiarán talleres, retiros, catequesis y otros proyectos que fortalecen la fe de las comunidades africanas. Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, aun lo pueden hacer. Visiten [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).





**2018 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS**

TOTAL GRANTS: 92  
 TOTAL GRANTED: \$2,548,250

PROGRAM AREA	PERCENTAGE (\$)
Leadership Formation	26.8%
Construction	24.9%
Church Capacity Support	12.5%
Education of Clergy & Religious	6.8%
Catholic Schools/Religious Education	6.7%
Justice and Peace	5.3%
Child Protection/Safe Environments	4.9%
Communications	4.6%
Evangelization	3.8%
Youth Ministry	3.6%

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ÁREA PROGRAMÁTICA	PORCENTAJE (\$)
Formación de liderazgo	26.8%
Construcción	24.9%
Apoyo a la capacidad de la Iglesia	12.5%
Educación del clero y de religiosos	6.8%
Educación	6.7%
Paz y justicia	5.3%
Protección del niño/Ambiente Seguro	4.9%
Comunicaciones	4.6%
Evangelización	3.8%
Pastoral juvenil	3.6%



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