





Brazil

Bridging the Gap, Building the Kingdom



Catholic World Mission builds bridges. We seek to bridge the gaps between the physical and the spiritual ... between the rich and the poor ... between today and tomorrow ... and between all of us here on Earth and the eternal life in Heaven for which we strive.

This special-edition booklet celebrates some of the many ways Catholic World Mission is “Bridging the Gap” across the globe. It is our way of saying thank you to our faith-filled donors — caring people like you — who make this incredible work possible.

Our General Fund supports Catholic World Mission in its entirety, allowing us to extend our reach and distribute your contributions according to the greatest needs.

Catholic World Mission bridges the gap between donors and partners to uplift those in spiritual and material poverty. Our mission rises up on three pillars:

Evangelization — bridges the spiritual gap by introducing God’s love to as many people as possible. By words and deeds, together with our partners we introduce and proclaim the message of Jesus Christ and how He brings peace to our lives, puts joy in our hearts, and gives hope in times of need.

Dignified Living — bridges the gap of poverty by meeting the material and spiritual needs of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in Christ. Clean drinking water, sanitation projects, goats for milk and meat, and a dormitory for an orphanage are just some of the dignified living projects our donors have helped turn into reality.

Education — bridges the gap to the future by attacking poverty at the root level and uplifting youth and entire families with the knowledge and Christian values they need to discover their God-given talents, reach their full potential, and elevate their community.

Of course, bridges do more than just span chasms or rivers. They connect sides. They connect people. And most importantly, bridges connect people to the God who provides.

We seek to connect our international partners, our generous family of supporters, and the remote communities we serve to build a global Catholic World Mission network that comes together to build up God’s Kingdom.

People like you are our bridge-builders. Our supporters generously give their earthly treasures to store up treasure in Paradise, narrowing the gap between the world we live in and the world we want to create together.

With sincerest thanks from the staff and board of Catholic World Mission and me, your humble servant, I hope this snapshot of Catholic World Mission and the impact made by our supporters inspires you to learn more and be part of our work.

I end this letter with the proclamation: Let’s go build more bridges!

In Christ,

Father Daniel Brandenburg, LC



DR Congo



India



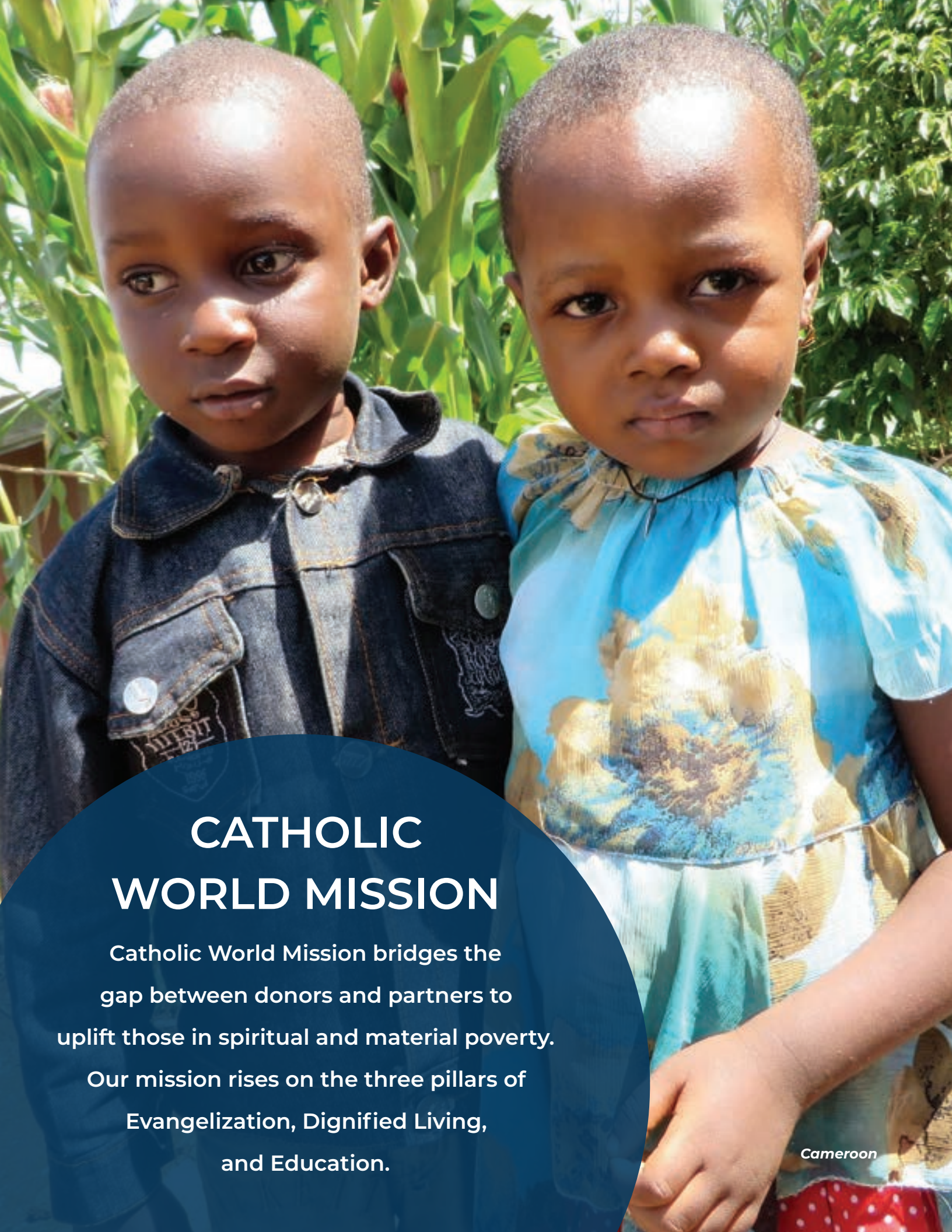
Jamaica



Poland



Kenya



CATHOLIC WORLD MISSION

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Who We Are

Catholic World Mission was founded on May 28, 1998, by a Legionary priest, a member of the Regnum Christi movement. Our mission is to bridge the gap between donors and partners to uplift those in spiritual and material poverty.

- We **spread** the message of the Church and help to rebuild communities worldwide. We also strive for the long-term transformation of poverty to self-sufficiency.
- We **support** the work of priests, religious, missionaries, and lay people who strive to make a difference in the lives of others.
- We **bridge** the gap between the poor of the world and our generous donors, making a way for Jesus to be better known to those who live in poverty and to the benefactors who give so selflessly wherever the need is greatest.

Our Partnership Model

Our partners come to us for help because they **trust our process** and know we intend to lift up their projects. All of our work is done in partnership with each community in need. We take a Trinitarian approach to transforming communities, relying on the teamwork of our generous Catholic World Mission family of **supporters**, a trusted **partner**, and the **community** itself. We want to assure our benefactors that we are good stewards of their hard-earned dollars. We vet all potential partners to ensure integrity. And we require an endorsement from the local bishop to approve of each project. Through our formal funds-distribution process, our partners are obligated to provide materials illustrating how the use of funds transformed the community.

Where We Work

We serve in more than **30 countries** in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and Central and South America. We work in collaboration with our supporters to educate, evangelize, and transform impoverished communities through physical and spiritual healing.

Cameroon



Evangelization

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Liberia



Pakistan



USA



Poland



Nigeria

Bringing Communities to Christ

Faithful people like you support a variety of Evangelization projects, including:

- Enabling more than **2 million people** to hear the Gospel, train in the Catholic faith, and share it with others
- **Constructing** community centers for worship and formation in India
- **Building churches** where people can celebrate Mass in places like Ghana
- **Equipping Catholic priests** in Nigeria with motorcycles so they can travel to spread God's Word
- Helping the **Missionaries of the Poor** bring relief to communities in Kenya



Haiti



Dignified Living

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Philippines



Mexico



USA

Lifting Up the Most Vulnerable

Compassionate people like you support a variety of Dignified Living projects, including:

- **Rebuilding** a crumbling orphanage in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Repairing** a roof over a home for abandoned seniors in Haiti
- **Shipping** needed medical supplies to Guatemala
- **Funding relief** for the COVID-19 pandemic in the state of Georgia
- Making possible a **self-sustaining, income-generating** cocoa farm in Ghana
- **Providing emergency aid** to Ukrainians fleeing violence



Cameroon



Mexico



Kenya



Education

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Cameroon

Paving the Path to a Brighter Future

Caring people like you support a variety of Education projects, including ...

- Providing more than **\$500,000** in **scholarships** to students and teachers in 10 countries
- Helping over **23,000 students** attend school
- Repairing, building, and supplying needed materials to more than **50 schools** worldwide
- Ensuring **148 children** of tea farmers in Bangladesh can go to school
- **Equipping schools** in Nigeria and Uganda with new bathrooms



Mano Amiga



Monstrances



ETC



Seminarians

Our Programs

In addition to supporting our partners in projects around the world, our generous donors allow us to engage the poor and share the Gospel of Christ through the following programs.

Mano Amiga Schools

Mano Amiga was founded in 1963 in Mexico to bring Catholic education to children from low-income families. Catholic World Mission supports **37 Mano Amiga campuses** in **seven countries** throughout **Latin America and the Philippines**. Run by Legionary priests, Mano Amiga schools offer rigorous academics, accompany children spiritually through Catholic formation, offer accessory programs to help students' families, provide basic health services, and more. Thanks to our supporters, more than **22,000** children who would never have had the chance to go to school have been educated at a Mano Amiga school.

Monstrances

Catholic World Mission emphasizes evangelistic revival and spiritual development in its core values. Since 2012, we've distributed **8-12 monstrances** every year to underprivileged parishes and communities in order to foster increased devotion to the life-giving power of the Eucharist.

Evangelizadores de Tiempo Completo (ETC)

ETCs are full-time Catholic lay missionaries supported by Catholic World Mission to address the shortage of priests in remote villages in South and Latin America. The ETC program is staffed with Regnum Christi members. ETCs have carried the Good News of the Gospel to 4,938 communities in Mexico alone. These evangelizers serve more than **50,000 people** through mission work, preparation for the sacraments, para-liturgical celebrations, catechism classes, and work at rehabilitation centers.

Seminarian Formation

Since 2018, Catholic World Mission has supported the needs of **hundreds of men** discerning the priesthood in different corners of the world. We focus on forming missionary priests — men who work as God's priestly shepherds in remote territories where people may never have heard of Jesus, or in places where poverty and hopelessness are extreme.



\$500,000+

Scholarship money provided to students and teachers in Latin America, Nigeria, and the Philippines

10 years

BRIDGING THE GAP



667

Mano Amiga students in Brazil learning more each day thanks to the purchase of new desks and laptops



2 Million +

Lives changed by hearing the Gospel of Christ and being trained in our Catholic faith in Mexico, Malawi, and the United States

\$100,000+

Donated to send monstrances, chalices, tabernacles, and liturgical vestments to Ghana, India, and the Democratic Republic of Congo

Across the World in

30+
countries

696,000 +

People who received hospital care, clinic visits, and vital medications in Chile, Sri Lanka, and Liberia



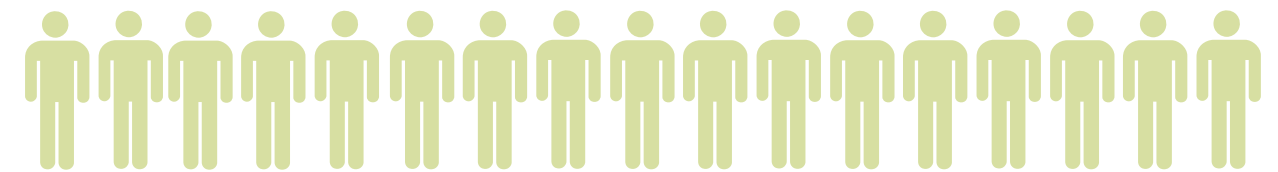
\$38.5 + million

Value of lifesaving medical supplies and other aid distributed, through our in-kind giving programs



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Seminarians supported in 2021. Since 2018 we have been forming zealous new priests in countries like Benin, Brazil, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland and Ivory Coast.



143,000+ PEOPLE WHO GAINED ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER, RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION, AND NUTRITIOUS MEALS IN CAMEROON, HAITI, AND KENYA



Building Bridges ... Together



We take a Trinitarian approach to every project we support. Each project includes the people or community being served; our generous Catholic World Mission family of supporters; and a trusted partner, such as a bishop, priest, religious order, or lay person who helps oversee the project. Here are a few of our dedicated partners:

Felicia Amanambu

Felicia served as a missionary in Nigeria. When she saw the poverty there, she asked people what their greatest needs were and how she could fill them. Since 2015, we have partnered with Felicia to **build** a new roof for a primary school, **renovate** and **transform** a rundown church into a school, and construct new bathrooms to keep Holy Rosary Elementary School students safer and healthier.



Monsignor Simon Assamoah

Monsignor Simon has been an agent of positive change for the people of Enchi, Ghana, for the past 10 years. He is the pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish and vicar general of the Diocese of Wiawso. With his help and the support of loving people like you, we have:

- **Constructed** a church and water wells for a poor village
- Provided **support** for the battle against COVID-19
- **Equipped** local schools with learning supplies, water, building improvements, and a covered cafeteria
- Supported a **cocoa tree farm** to increase its production and become a stable means of income for the community
- **Pioneered** our monstrance distribution program
- Fostered an **increase** in vocations in his diocese



The Missionaries of the Poor

The brothers seek to aid the most impoverished communities and individuals — particularly children. They **feed** over 275 people in Kenya every day, **educate** 120 children in full-time school, and **house and care** for dozens of homeless people, including those with disabilities. Our supporters help the brothers **defray the costs** of food, water, textbooks, facilities, clothing, and medicine.

The Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor

The sisters work in the **Philippines, Jamaica, Kenya, and Haiti**. They build centers for the poor, homes for the homeless, and orphanages and residences for children with mental and physical challenges. They also care for the elderly and terminally ill, operate free mini-schools, and more.



The Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales:

The missionary priests have developed a practical, wide-reaching plan to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in crushing poverty in Valdez Limones, Ecuador. In partnership with them and with our supporters, we have:

- Launched the **Child Empowerment Project** to provide orphans and street children with a daily meal, uniforms and clothes, school supplies, access to counseling, school fees, and more
- Raised funds to supply three rooftop **water tanks** and **purifiers** for the community
- Renovated and repaired a **community center** where the MSFS priests hold programs, faith formation classes, job-training classes, and other events
- Purchased three **motorized boats** to bring the hope of the Gospel to people in remote communities reachable only by water





Ghana

Ways You Can **GIVE**



Engage the poor and share the Gospel of Christ! Make a secure, tax-deductible donation using a credit or debit card at catholicworldmission.org, or donate by mail using a check sent to:

Catholic World Mission
30 Mansell Ct. Suite 103
Roswell, GA 30076

You can also scan this code with your smartphone to make a secure online donation right now!



Across the Bridge ... and Back

When Catholic World Mission builds a bridge, it's always a two-way street. People and communities benefit directly from the projects we facilitate. Here are some of the stories that illustrate our impact and inspire us for the work still to come:

Bonnya, Bangladesh

Bonnya is the youngest child in her family. Her mom and dad are both tea farmers. In the community where she lives, people have been working in the tea gardens for 170 years. Bonnya dreams of escaping the poverty of the tea plantations. When she grows up, she wants to serve her country by working as a police officer to make Bangladesh a better, safer place. Thanks to our generous supporters, Bonnya, 10, is receiving a Catholic education that will enable her to make her dreams come true!



Benwen Lopez, India

Benwen is a seminarian in the Diocese of Sindhudurg. He joined the seminary at age 39. "It was the intensity of God's presence in the Eucharist that drew me to the priesthood," he says. "For me, the Eucharist is everything." Catholic World Mission supporters helped provide Benwen with a scholarship to further his studies in Rome. There, he'll continue his journey to the priesthood as he grows academically and spiritually in preparation to serve generations of Catholics.



Egyam Children's Home, Ghana

The sisters who run the home ensure that **78 orphaned children** receive an education, learn about the Gospel, and form a family with one another. Soon, with the help of Catholic World Mission supporters, the sisters will be able to sell water packets to support their ministry. Construction is under way on the facility that will allow the sisters to commercially package safe, clean water. This will provide an urgently needed resource for the community and help the sisters generate sustainable income.



Stocks

Gifts of stock or appreciated securities provide tremendous support to Catholic World Mission's commitment to engaging the poor. It also provides you with certain tax advantages.



Donor Advised Funds

Would you like to support Catholic World Mission with the convenience of a Donor Advised Fund? Through a Donor Advised Fund, you can simplify your charitable giving, receive an immediate tax deduction, and recommend grants from the fund over time.



Matching Gifts

As a supporter of Catholic World Mission, you might qualify for a corporate match, which could double or even triple your already generous gift! Check with your Human Resources Department to determine if your company participates in gift matching.



Planned Giving

Leave a lasting impact by remembering Catholic World Mission in your final plans. A planned gift to Catholic World Mission ensures your care and concern for God's most destitute children and families will continue long after you are gone.



Qualified Charitable Distribution

Once you reach the age of 70½, you can support Catholic World Mission using your IRA withdrawals. You'll help change lives around the world while enjoying specific tax benefits for yourself.

Contact Us at 770-828-4966 to learn more about giving stocks, planned giving, and giving through your IRA.



Help Catholic World Mission Bridge the Gap!

Scan the code with your smartphone to make a gift and support our mission right now. Or, contact us any time with questions or prayer intentions at:



Through Catholic World Mission, we're bridging the gaps that separate us from one another and from God.

Jesus made it abundantly clear that our calling as Christians is to care for the most vulnerable among us as a sign of our love for Him. We simply cannot connect to Jesus if we pull away from the poor, the sick, or the imprisoned.

Simply put: We're all on this journey together. Let us, as the hands of Christ, build bridges that unite people in His name and span the divides of our secular world.

