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RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

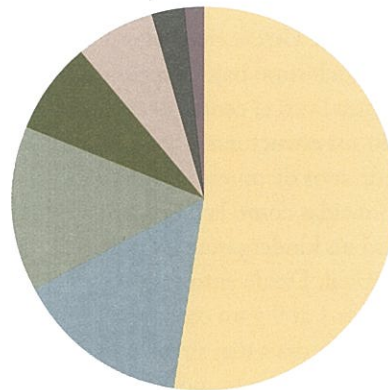
Our shared faith is deeply present in the cultures of Central and Eastern Europe, but this faith was severely tested over the course of the previous century. Countries in this region were under communist rule for 40 to over 70 years. During this time, bishops, priests, and church leaders were arrested and martyred. Churches were confiscated, communities broken, and people were forced to practice the faith in secret. Despite this religious persecution, the faithful of Central and Eastern Europe today are rebuilding and renewing what was lost—and you can help. With your support of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE), you aid those who strive to rebuild their faith communities.

The country of Albania is nestled north of Greece on the Adriatic Sea. This small country suffered greatly under communist rule. In the capital of Tirana, located in the middle of the country, the Church is continuing to restore not only its structures but also the spirituality of the faithful after years of oppression. In 1996, the congregation of sisters known as the Company of Mary Our Lady founded a kindergarten, the first Catholic school in the entire capital city. Since then, they have opened a school for grades 1-9 and a daily activity center for children. The sisters are now serving over 700 children daily from all different backgrounds, faiths, and ethnic groups. With your support of CCEE, these sisters will be able to make critical repairs to their building to maintain their ministry. Your support helps the sisters to continue teaching children and equips the congregation to provide a space to build peaceful communities.

Please be generous to the collection. Your assistance will provide vital resources to build faith, to educate children, and to help restore communities in Central and Eastern Europe. More information about the collection and the projects it supports can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

2016 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Number of Grants Approved: 239
Total Amount Approved and Paid: \$7,069,646



PROGRAM AREA

- Construction and Equipment
- Operational Support
- Poverty Outreach and Miscellaneous Programs
- Scholarships
- Education, Formation, and Evangelization
- Vehicle Purchase
- Communications Programs



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