

# SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

## RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

In the past 30 years, Croatia has undergone significant change. The end of the communist system was followed by the breakup of the former Yugoslavia, of which Croatia was a part. Today, although Croatia is a member of the European Union, the country's economy still struggles with poverty levels close to 20%, and many young people who are educated have difficulty finding jobs. At the same time, new and vulnerable populations such as seniors, people with disabilities, homeless people, orphans, and refugees bring both material and social needs. The communist legacy in this region destroyed civil society and volunteerism, but young Catholics in Croatia, guided by the Church's social teaching, are being empowered to reengage and make a difference.

The 72 Hours Without Compromise project is organized by the Student Catholic Centre Palma and engages young Croats between the ages of

16 and 30, in ten cities and one municipality, by promoting volunteer service to those on the margins. Project participants come together from Thursday evening through Sunday morning; they richly experience the Church's mission by attending the opening and closing Masses of the weekend and learning and applying Catholic principles of solidarity in service to those in need. In the course of service projects, these young people also learn skills they can then use to secure employment.

Support from the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection has helped make 72 Hours Without Compromise a success, extending it beyond the capital city of Zagreb into cities and towns across the country. When you participate in the collection, you help young people such as these participants to put their faith into action, rebuild the fabric of society, and acquire valuable skills that improve their job opportunities.

More information about the collection and the projects it supports can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

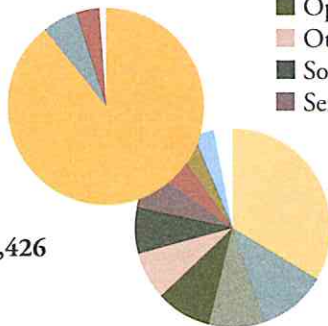
### 2020 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

**Total Number of Grants Approved: 323**

**Total Amount Approved: \$6,132,936**

#### EXPENSES

■ Grants and Donations	89.28%
■ Program Costs	5.87%
■ Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.77%
□ Administrative Expenses	1.07%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,869,426</b>



PROGRAM AREA	GRANTS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
■ Construction	78	\$2,070,197	33.76%
■ Scholarships	68	\$679,787	11.08%
■ Evangelization	48	\$567,745	9.26%
■ Operational Support	36	\$564,708	9.21%
■ Other	8	\$474,255	7.73%
■ Social Aid	27	\$450,562	7.35%
■ Seminary Support	17	\$394,146	6.43%
■ Equipment/Accommodation Purchase	14	\$326,760	5.33%
■ Vehicle Purchase	13	\$223,803	3.65%
■ Multimedia	8	\$200,973	3.28%
□ Education	6	\$180,000	2.93%



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