



CNEWA

# UKRAINE

## ACTIVITY REPORT

2016-2017



# Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg

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Dear Friends,

The Ukrainian [Greek] Catholic Church in Canada has always been supportive of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Once the Soviet persecution ended in the God-loving land of Ukraine, it was important to rebuild the Church in the newly independent nation. During the past 26 years many of you have participated in numerous ways in support of the Church in Ukraine, being generous both in times of peace and in times of turmoil. Since becoming bishop some twenty years ago, I have visited Ukraine annually for the meeting of the Synod of Bishops and I have seen the visible results of the common support of the faithful, especially from North America and Western Europe.

Where in the past there were towns and villages with closed and destroyed churches, now there are vibrant parish communities worshipping in new churches. Where once priests were arrested and persecuted, now young clergy provide spiritual leadership to their renewed parish communities. The poor, the abandoned and the marginalized now receive support and care inspired by the teachings of Jesus.

Finally, God has blessed us with the Sobor of the Holy Resurrection – a cathedral church built in honour of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Ukrainian people. Constructed in the capital of Ukraine, Kyiv, this Cathedral Sobor stands as a symbol of the faith, perseverance and hope of the faithful in the power and love of the Almighty Lord, close to the place of birth of the Christian faith in Ukraine over a thousand years ago.

Through all these years the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has been our faithful and reliable partner as we assist the people of Ukraine. With the help of CNEWA the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada has helped with the building and renewal of churches; with the training of new priests, religious sisters and brothers; and with the overall development and growth of a strong Catholic community in Ukraine.

As a member of CNEWA's board of directors I want to thank you for your generous support and encourage you to read this report of activities administered by CNEWA in Ukraine. It will provide you with valuable information about how your donations were used and how you can continue to help.

May God, one in the Holy Trinity, bless you and reward you for your generosity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lawrence Huculak OSBM".

Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak OSBM  
Archbishop of the Winnipeg Archeparchy  
Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada  
Member, Board of Directors CNEWA Canada



# Catholic Near East Welfare Association Canada

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Dear Friends,

One of the most exciting parts of CNEWA's work is sharing the results of our projects with you. Your financial support is like a seed that has been planted and now we're happy to share with you the fruits of your generosity. Here at CNEWA we are committed to serving people through and with the Eastern Catholic Churches. The Ukrainian [Greek] Catholic Church (UGCC) has a very special place in the program of our agency.

In 1991 when Ukraine became independent from the Soviet Union, CNEWA was asked by North American bishops of the UGCC to help to bring back to life their church in Ukraine. Since then CNEWA has been committed to supporting the creation and development of the Ukrainian Catholic University in L'viv, as well as to helping orphans, the elderly and vulnerable people through the Caritas Ukraine network. CNEWA was there for Ukrainians in times of crisis and unrest. It supported the displaced people and now continues to help people coping with the devastating impact of ongoing war in Eastern Ukraine.



CNEWA's work in Ukraine would not be possible without your generosity and your prayers. I also would like to acknowledge the great support of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada and of our partners such as the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies.

As you read this report, I encourage you to consider making a generous donation so that we can continue our great mission in Ukraine.

Thank you and God bless,

Carl Hetu,  
National Director, CNEWA Canada

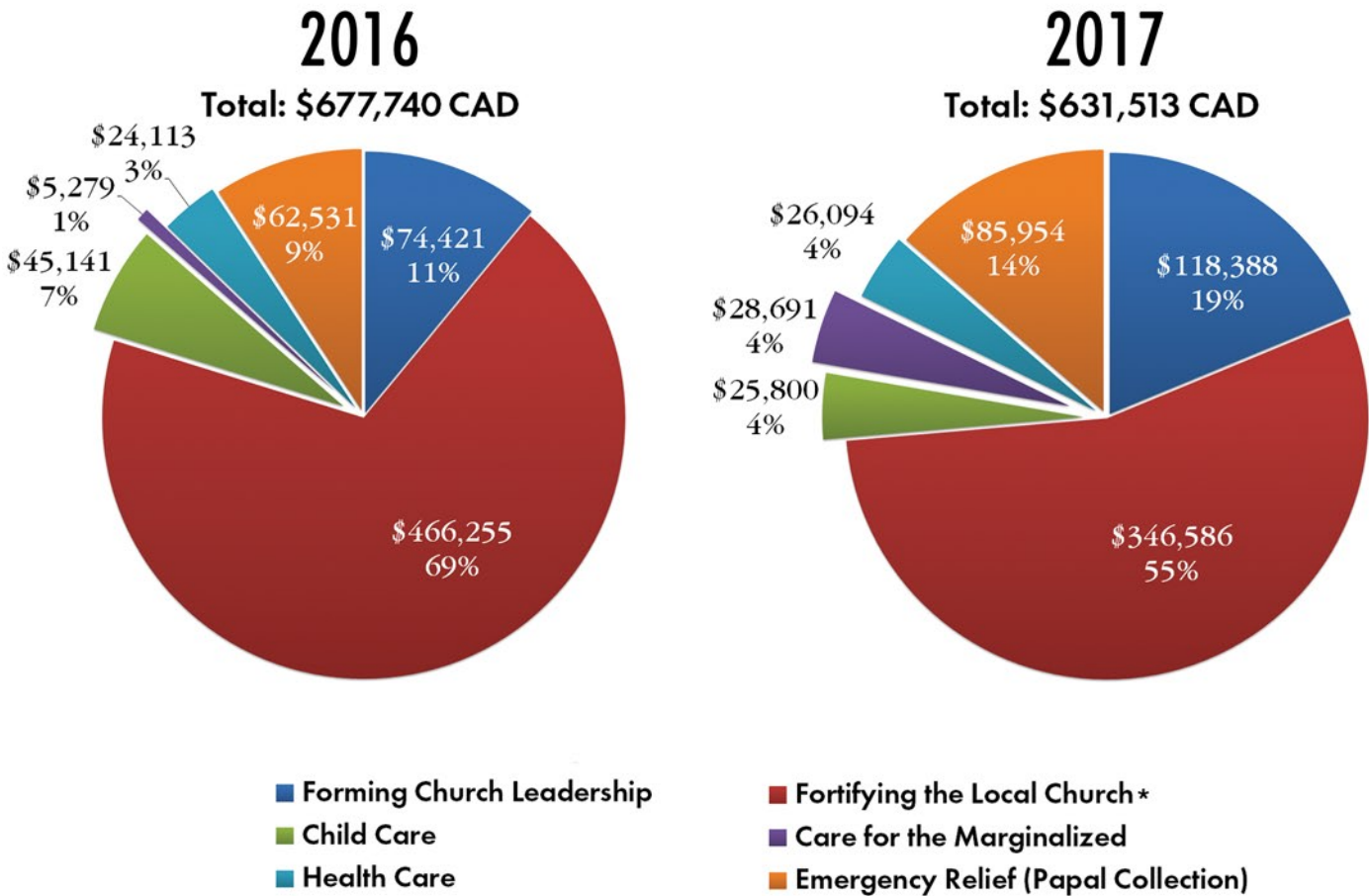
# CNEWA'S PROGRAM IN UKRAINE

## 2016-2017

CNEWA has been present in Ukraine for almost 25 years. In 1993 CNEWA began by supporting the emerging monastic communities of the Greek Catholic Church. Consequently, the program has included significant pastoral, educational and humanitarian components.

CNEWA's work in Ukraine expanded with the opening of a national office in Ottawa, which today works with the eparchies of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada. They have provided funds for various initiatives and have been joined by other faith-based Ukrainian Catholic organizations, such as the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood, the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies and the Holy Spirit Seminary now in Edmonton.

CNEWA's goal in Ukraine is to continue to support the church in Ukraine: to sustain its people, attend to the needs of internally displaced, help socially vulnerable people and develop a strong Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Here is our program at a glance, split into themes and followed by projects.



\* The share of the Pastoral program and of the "Fortifying the Local Church" theme is significantly larger than in previous years due to the Three Holy Hierarchs Seminary construction project

## Construction of the Three Holy Hierarchs Kyiv Theological Seminary

2014-2017: \$ 900,000

The seminary is a higher educational institution of the Ukrainian [Greek] Catholic Church blessed by the Archbishop of Kyiv. This seminary has special historic significance as it is the closest to the Eastern part of Ukraine where the church finally started to reestablish itself after decades of Soviet persecution. It is the church's vision that the Three Holy Hierarchs Seminary will form future priests for serving in Eastern Ukraine.



▲ *Consecration of the Three Holy Hierarchs Seminary. September 2017, village of Kniazhychi, near Kyiv*

This project would not be possible without generous support of Stan and Marge Owerko and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton.



## Supporting seminarians

2016-2017: \$178,942

We supported the Three Holy Hierarchs Seminary in Kyiv and The Holy Spirit Seminary in L'viv. **280 seminarians** received subsidies for studies.

◀ *These seminarians are preparing to serve in Eastern and Southern Ukraine*

# PASTORAL PROGRAM

## Patriarchal Curia Pastoral Program

2016-2017: \$113,067

The pastoral program is a series of initiatives of the Patriarchal Curia in building the pastoral capacity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church throughout the world. This includes catechesis, liturgical life, fostering religious vocations, supporting priest formation, media support, beatification and canonization efforts, and missionary activities.

Funding of this program was kindly provided by the Archeparchy of Winnipeg, the Eparchy of Edmonton, the Eparchy of Saskatoon and the Eparchy of New Westminster of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada.



▲ *Young Catholics discuss how to bring about positive changes in Ukrainian society. Photo: [upax-ugcc.org.ua](http://upax-ugcc.org.ua)*

## Peace and Justice Commission

2016-2017: \$33,051

The Peace and Justice Commission was created by the Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC to popularize Catholic Social Teaching and adapt it to the local challenges in Ukraine. Within 16 months the commission held **76 events** engaging **144 leaders** and close to **20,000 parishioners**. 108 projects were generated addressing local social problems in the areas such as rural development, poverty reduction, environmental protection, civic education, fight against corruption, protection of human rights and promotion of democracy.





*New mobile chapels foster growth of new Catholic communities in Kyiv Archeparchy*

## Mobile Chapels for Mission Communities

2017: \$43,860

The availability of a temporary chapel allows priests to work more effectively within the local community and reduce rental costs for religious services. Mobile chapels are easy and fast to assemble and easy to disassemble and transport to another location where a temporary chapel is needed. In December 2017 Kyiv Archeparchy started construction of two mobile chapels in Novohrad-Volyns'kyi, 225 km west of Kyiv and in Mala Vil'shanka, 60 km south of Kyiv. The parish in Mala Vil'shanka had been gathering for divine liturgies in a rented room of the old Soviet-era facility.

This project was made possible due to the generous donation in memory of Most Rev. Roman Danylak, bishop Emeritus of the Ukrainian Catholic eparchy of Toronto.

## Formation of religious sisters

2016: \$13,876

Through formational activities, **120 Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate** had an opportunity to develop their spirituality. The seminars provided the sisters with necessary knowledge to support families, who lost their breadwinners in war in Eastern Ukraine.



*Photo: ssmi-ua.org*

# HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

## Helping internally displaced by war in Ukraine

2016-2017: 91,368

CNEWA helped Caritas Ukraine to provide basic necessities to about **2,000 internally displaced people (IDPs)** who moved to Kyiv from Donbas warzone. This included diapers, hygiene products, food distribution packages, clothing and medicine. Children with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) affected by the loss of a parent or those who witnessed violence were treated in play therapy sessions. Displaced families with small children, single mothers, and poor families with disabled children or immobile elderly were given priority.

## Helping families with post-traumatic stress disorder

2016-2017: \$30,991

CNEWA supported a new program offered by the Ukrainian Catholic University to train four young Ukrainian Catholic priests in ministry to people in crisis and those living with the post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). We also helped these priests to hold two summer camps in 2016 for families traumatized by the war experiences in Eastern Ukraine. The program of the camps included spiritual workshops and recreational components for **140 people**.



*Food and basic necessities helped displaced  
Photo: Ivan Chernichkin*



▲ *Caritas Kyiv provides special care for children who are traumatized after escaping the war in Eastern Ukraine*

## Feeding internally displaced in Kyiv

2016: \$13,376

CNEWA helped Kyiv Archeparchy to create a soup kitchen program at the parish of St. Nicolas (Askoldova Mohyla) in Kyiv. This program provided displaced families with at least one meal a day. The initiatives included purchase of basic equipment (gas stove, refrigerator, dishes, etc.) for the soup kitchen and purchase of basic necessities (medical supplies, children's diapers and hygiene products). It helped about **90 displaced people** and local poor.





*families who fled to Kyiv from war in Eastern Ukraine to survive*

## Supporting children orphaned through war and internally displaced youth

2017: \$12,902

In 2017 CNEWA helped Caritas Ivano-Frankivsk with its two child and youth care programs. One project supported **45 children** psychologically traumatized and orphaned through war in Eastern Ukraine, and **31 families**. Another component of the program was focused on providing access to quality education to **39** disadvantaged and internally displaced youth in need.

## Orphanage in Bibrka

2016-2017: \$31,495

The Holy Family Sisters provide full residence and care for **10 children** between the ages of 5 and 16 years old (boys and girls) in their monastery in Bibrka near Lviv. All children come from disadvantaged families. At the monastery, they experience the loving care of the sisters, a normal life with regular meals, and support with their studies.

## Supporting orphans and disadvantaged youth in Zaporizhzhia

2016: \$6,688

Based on traditional Christian values, Center Prominnia organizes educational and skill-development activities for orphans and the homeless youth of the Zaporizhzhia region. In 2016 around **400 children** of different social backgrounds participated in various programs such as sports and handicraft classes where Christian values were taught.



▲ *Orphaned boys feel happy playing soccer at the Prominnia Centre*

# HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM



▲ *At the House of Hope the girls are welcomed and feel safe*  
Photo: ectarphoto.com

## Orphanage in Zolochiv

2016: \$2,912

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate provide care and full residence to **10 children** 5 to 16 years old (boys and girls). One of the teens needs treatment due to childhood cerebral palsy. This contribution helps the sisters to organize the childrens' after school program, medical treatment and summer activities.

## Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre

2017: \$12,000

Founded by the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre provides high-quality family-centred services for the greatest possible number of children and youth with severe physical and intellectual disabilities. In 2017 CNEWA supported the Dzherelo Outreach awareness program engaging community leaders in other parts of Ukraine interested in opening similar centres.

## House of Hope for Disadvantaged Girls

2016-2017: 30,727

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate provide care, room and board for **22 teenage girls** and young women that come from orphanages and disadvantaged families. Their ages range from 15 to 23. These girls need additional support to successfully integrate into Ukraine's society and labour market and the House of Hope strives to accomplish this goal. While living at the House of Hope girls attend various vocational schools and universities. The Sisters provide shelter as well as psychological, spiritual, legal, and, if necessary, medical support, clothing, footwear and food to the girls.



## Nazaret Centre

2016-2017: 11,730

Nazaret Centre is an addiction rehabilitation centre operating under the umbrella of a Catholic Church eparchy to treat alcoholism, drug addiction and compulsive gambling. Nazaret strives to help restore the individual dignity of each person using a holistic approach in all aspects of its treatment program. Close to **200 men** received treatment at Nazaret in 2016-2017.

## Medical Equipment Lending Libraries

2016-2017: \$50,207

The libraries allow vulnerable people like the elderly to borrow reliable medical and rehabilitation equipment at the Caritas-Ukraine's Home Care Centres in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Kharkiv. Medical equipment was lent more than 2,700 times to people who have difficulty moving or are immobile. In 2016-2017 CNEWA also helped the centre to purchase new items (17 mattresses, 4 pillows, 15 toilet chairs, 12 walkers, 8 crutches) and to provide **14,398 consultations and workshops to 1,000 local caregivers.**



▲ *New pressure relief mattress will provide necessary comfort for this immobile old lady. Photo: Caritas Ukraine*

This project would not be possible without the generous support of Anastasia Shkilnyk and Jim Kingham who created an endowment fund with CNEWA Canada.



## L'Arche-Kovchek community

2016-2017: \$30,991

The L'Arche-Kovchek community organizes workshops for persons with developmental disabilities that will enable their integration into society. In 2017 a total of **65 persons, along with 30 parents, 28 assistants and 63 friends** received assistance at L'Arche-Kovchek. CNEWA helped purchase materials and cover transportation costs to ensure quality activities and maintain high attendance at the centres.

◀ *L'Arche-Kovchek community helps people with disabilities to integrate into society*



# CNEWA Canada

*a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support*

CNEWA has been present in Ukraine for almost 25 years. Founded by Pope Pius XI in 1926, the agency supports the humanitarian and pastoral work of the Eastern Catholic Churches. Present in Canada since 2005, CNEWA continues its mission today under the guidance of Pope Francis. Since 1991 the agency has been helping the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to reestablish itself through the renovation of churches, providing aid to seminarians, supporting the Ukrainian Catholic University and helping many social service initiatives aimed at alleviating poverty, affirming human dignity and inspiring hope. Here is how you can help Ukraine's Catholic Church to grow and fulfill its mission in Ukraine:

## MAKE A DONATION

**Mail:** 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, ON, K1H 6K9  
**Online:** [cnewa.ca](http://cnewa.ca)  
**Call:** 1-866-322-4441



**THANK YOU** for being a part of the CNEWA family.  
**God bless your thoughtfulness!**

If you need more information about CNEWA's projects in Ukraine, please contact us at +1(613) 738 9666 or at [adombrovska@cnewa.org](mailto:adombrovska@cnewa.org)



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