

THE PAPAL FOUNDATION

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The Papal Foundation Announces More than \$9 Million in Grants

Latest round of funding to support needs prioritized by the Holy Father in 59 countries around the world

The Papal Foundation, whose mission is to serve the Holy Father and the Roman Catholic Church through faith, energy and financial resources, has announced its 2020 grants totaling \$9,019,490. These funds will support 110 programs identified by the Holy Father in 59 countries around the world, with a focus on developing nations.

This announcement is the most recent culmination of the Foundation's grant process, which originates with Apostolic Nuncios and local Bishops from around the globe, who submit funding requests to the Secretary of State Office of the Holy See. Once these are processed and reviewed, the Holy Father requests funding for the grants from The Papal Foundation. The Papal Foundation Board of Trustees then considers these requests and offers final approval.

"The Papal Foundation Board of Trustees very carefully and prayerfully reviews and approves the disbursement of grants requested by the Holy Father," said Eustace Mita, President of the Board of Trustees. "Through this latest round of funds, we have listened to and answered the call of the Roman Catholic Church by providing critical support to build our Church, literally and figuratively, in communities around the world."

Grants will be used to support the Holy Father's priorities including:

- Churches
- Schools
- Seminaries
- Hospitals and clinics
- Convents, rectories, and retreat centers
- Technology
- Humanitarian needs
- Education and formation programs

Since its founding and through the deep generosity of benefactors known as the Stewards of St. Peter, The Papal Foundation has awarded more than \$166 million through over 2100 grants in 121 countries, sharing Christ's love for those most in need. "We are tremendously grateful for the Stewards of St. Peter who help bring the Holy Father's vision for the Roman Catholic Church to life around the globe," Mita concluded.

For more information about The Papal Foundation grants, visit thepapalfoundation.org.

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