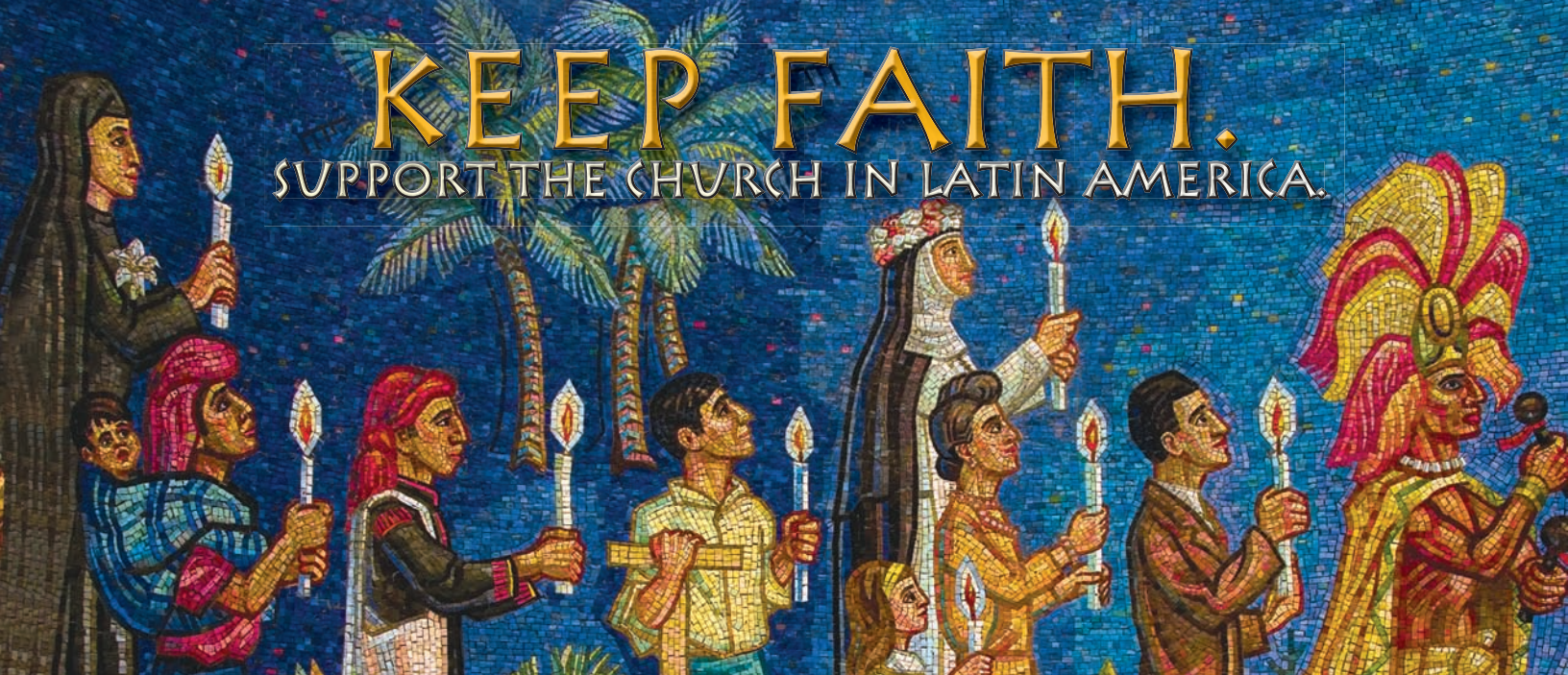


KEEP FAITH.

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA.



The Church in Latin America is facing serious challenges. There are many pressures on the Church's resources, even though the region is home to the world's largest Catholic population. Globalization, migration, and other factors are weakening the sense of family and community in the region, drawing people away from the Church. A study commissioned in the late 1990s by CELAM, the federation of Latin American Catholic bishops' conferences, found that 8,000 Latin Americans were leaving the Church every day.

The Church in Latin America is confronting a number of situations that impact the faith and inhibit its growth:

- Well-financed efforts of other groups that attract Catholics away from the Church
- Extreme poverty that limits the people's ability to financially support the Church
- Vast numbers of faithful combined with the shortage of trained religious personnel
- Globalization that forces people to travel in search of a better life for themselves and their children

The **Collection for the Church in Latin America** addresses these challenges and strengthens the faith by supporting evangelization, catechesis and formation programs, and seminary formation, with a focus on rural and remote areas of the region. The Collection funds an array of pastoral programs that deepen a sense of discipleship, foster leadership, and create missionaries in service of the Church in the region.

The Church in Latin America needs your help to cultivate the faith and strengthen the Church. As we continue to recover from recent economic difficulties, know that each donation makes a difference.

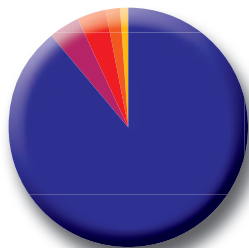
The cost of your morning coffee can buy a young girl's First Holy Communion book. Can you spare a cup or two?

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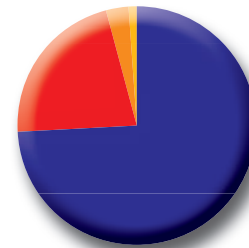
Uses of Funds **\$9,695,241**

- Grants to Latin America **89.6%**
- Grant to USCCB Justice, Peace, and Human Development **4.0%**
- Programs **3.5%**
- Administration **2.2%**
- Promotion **0.7%**



Sources of Funds

- National Parish Collection **75.0%**
- Fund Balance **22.3%**
- Interest Income **2.6%**
- Institutional and Individual Contributions **0.1%**



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