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—BLESSED JOHN PAUL II



Support the Collection for the

CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE.

Could you live on only \$50 a month? Most of us could not, but this is a reality for many elderly residents of the former Soviet region of Georgia, who awoke one morning to find their pensions and life savings gone. Former doctors, lawyers, and musicians now find themselves living on a stipend that doesn't even cover the cost of one loaf of bread per day, leaving nothing to pay for transportation, clothing, or medicine. **The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** not only provides support for basic pastoral programs, scholarships for student leaders in local churches, and other important initiatives, but also helps fund medical dispensaries and shelters to care for the people in the region.

In the neighboring Republic of Azerbaijan, Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters of Charity run a homeless

shelter with aid from the Collection. In addition to providing bread, medical care, and transitional housing, the sisters visit the poor and elderly who are bedridden or too sick to travel to the shelter, helping to bring the light of Christ to those living in the darkness of poverty, illness, and loneliness. The sisters combat the destruction brought on by 70 years of state atheism, which undermined Christian ideals and contributed to increased alcoholism, domestic abuse, and deterioration of the family.

Through your donations, the Church is able to provide support for the Sisters of Charity and other Catholic organizations that help use the light of Christ to illuminate the region with faith. Please be generous in your parish Collection and continue this important work for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



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