

November 1, 2024

Dear Father,

Warm greetings from Aid to the Church in Need, Ireland on this the feast of All Saints Day.

ACN is a Papal Foundation that supports 6,000 communities in 140 countries.

An important part of the work of ACN is to highlight those often-forgotten Christian communities who are persecuted or discriminated against because of their faith in Christ.

**Today, 360 million Christians live under active persecution.**

Next week we will send you material in the post about ACN's annual '**Week of Witness**' campaign which takes place every November, and at the heart of which is '**Red Wednesday**' when we seek to raise awareness and prayerful solidarity. This year, the Week of Witness runs from November 17-24 with Red Wednesday falling on November 20.

The material we will send you will include a fact sheet with key information about the extent of Christian persecution, homily notes for Sunday November 17 and suggested prayers of intercession for both the Sunday and for Red Wednesday.

To help raise awareness, we would be very grateful if at Masses in your parish on the weekend of **November 16/17** and on **Red Wednesday (November 20)** you would invite your parishioners to learn more about the work of ACN Ireland, and request prayers for all those whom the charity is privileged to serve.

With good wishes from all the team at ACN Ireland.

Yours faithfully,



Harry Casey  
National Director

