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Solidarity and support from Germany for Northern Europe

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DIASPORA-KOMMISSARIAT
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DIASPORAHILFE DER PRIESTER



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What is the Diaspora Kommissariat?

From priests for priests

This is the guiding principle of the work of the Diaspora Kommissariat of German Bishops / Diaspora Aid of Priests. It supports the pastoral care in the area of the Nordic Bishops' Conference by funding building projects, providing salary subsidies and offering motorisation grants. The financial means for this are provided by the priests in the German dioceses as every priest pays one percent of his personal salary to the Diaspora Kommissariat.

Further information about the Diaspora Kommissariat can be found here:

➔ www.diaspora-kommissariat.de

What is the Bonifatiuswerk?

»No one should have to believe alone.«

The Bonifatiuswerk of German Catholics helps where Catholic Christians live their faith in a minority situation in the diaspora of Germany, Northern Europe and the Baltic states.

With its commitment, it calls attention to a hardship that does not blatantly catch our eye: Being alone in your faith, being alone among people who follow a different faith, who do not belong to any religion, or to whom the Christian belief has always been or become strange. The Bonifatiuswerk has supported projects in the diaspora since 1849, it promotes the propagation of faith and enables the faithful to live their faith in a community.

The President of the Bonifatiuswerk is Heinz Paus; Monsignore Georg Austen is Chief Executive Officer, Ingo Imenkämper has been Managing Director since January 2020.

Further information about the Bonifatiuswerk can be found here:

➔ www.bonifatiuswerk.de/english

Werde
Liebesbote!



Diaspora-Sonntag
21. November 2021

www.werde-liebesbote.de

Ihre
Spende
zählt!

Keiner
soll alleine
glauben

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Diaspora Sunday 2021:

„Become a
messenger
of love!“

21st November 2021

Every year the Bonifatiuswerk prays for its fellow Christians in the diaspora regions. In 2021 Diaspora Sunday takes place on 21st of November.

This year, the motto of the Diaspora Sunday is “Become a messenger of love!” — we want to be messengers of love when we are united in prayer with Christians in the diaspora regions on 21st November 2021. As every year, the Bonifatiuswerk prays with and for its brothers and sisters which shows our deep communion with one another.

„I give you a new commandment:
love one another. As I have loved you, so you
also should love one another.“ (John 13:34).

This love is stronger than any spatial distance and includes all people, regardless of their origin. Love is part of the core of our faith and helps us to overcome problems and challenges. The current situation of the Church and the Corona pandemic have given us the opportunity to make an “experience of love” in a special way: in prayer for one another and in commitment to one another.

We are pleased if you would talk about our request and the work of the Bonifatiuswerk during mass on Diaspora Sunday.

Let’s continue to pray with one another and for one another on Diaspora Sunday.

Aid of the Diaspora Kommissariat for the Northern European diaspora dioceses 2020

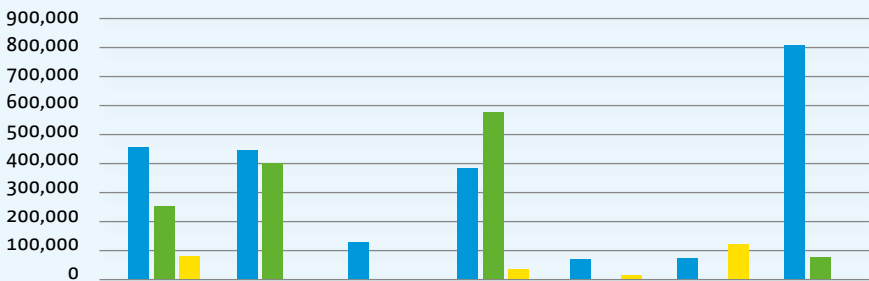


ICELAND

Inhabitants: 368,590
Registered Catholics: 13,990
Percent: 3.76
Priests: 13
Parishes: 8



Aid by type and diocese



	COPENHAGEN	HELSINKI	REYKJAVIK	OSLO	TROMSØ	TRONDHEIM	STOCKHOLM
Salary subsidies	456,244.00	443,600.00	126,000.00	380,800.00	69,093.00	72,000.00	806,400.00
Building grants	250,500.00	400,000.00	0.00	574,500.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
Motorisation grants	76,660.00	0.00	0.00	31,200.00	12,800.00	120,800.00	0.00

Figures: Diaspora Kommissariat, 2020



NORWAY

Inhabitants: 5,383,523
Reg. Catholics: 166,015
Percent: 3.08
Priests: 115
Parishes: 39

FINLAND

Inhabitants: 5,536,146
Reg. Catholics: 15,902
Percent: 0.29
Priests: 28
Parishes: 8

ESTONIA

Inhabitants: 1,220,042
Reg. Catholics: 6,600
Percent: 0.54
Priests: 14
Parishes: 5

LATVIA

Inhabitants: 1,862,687
Reg. Catholics: 331,062
Percent: 17.77
Priests: 150
Parishes: 269

DENMARK

Inhabitants: 5,948,610
Reg. Catholics: 51,975
Percent: 0.87
Priests: 71
Parishes: 40

SWEDEN

Inhabitants: 10,380,245
Reg. Catholics: 125,318
Percent: 1.2
Priests: 169
Parishes: 44

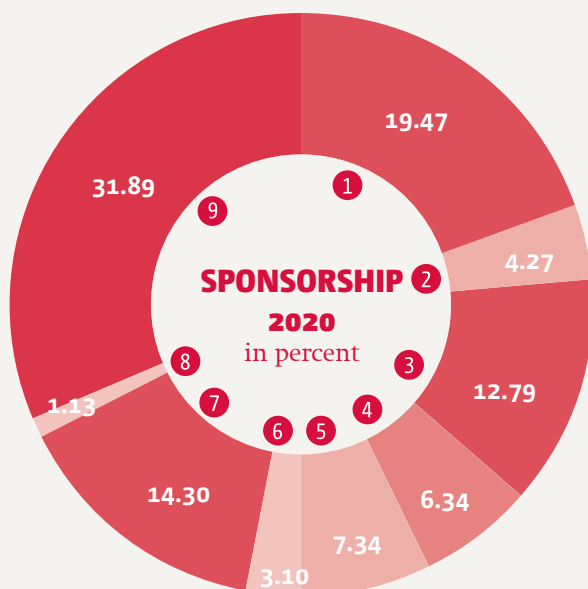
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Figures Baltic states: www.renovabis.de,
Map: www.freevectormaps.com, 2016

Helsinki/
Finland

Copenhagen/
Denmark

Trondheim/Norway

Sponsorship with funds provided by the Bonifatiuswerk in 2020 – by types of aid



Project Type	Subsidy Amount
1 Building aid	2,542,400.00 EUR
2 Transport aid	556,916.58 EUR
3 Aid for children and youths	1,670,330.00 EUR
4 Faith aid	827,258.93 EUR
5 Comprehensive projects / sponsorship for a specific purpose	958,121.03 EUR
6 Project monitoring and support	404,606.30 EUR
7 Educational, campaign and awareness training	1,867,570.72 EUR
8 Support for pastoral care	147,000.00 EUR
9 Project sponsorship from the funds of the Diaspora Kommissariat	4,082,567.00 EUR
TOTAL	13,056,770.56 EUR



Of these funds, the following were allocated specifically to Northern Europe:

FIGURES IN EUR

COUNTRY	TOTAL	BUILDING AID	AID FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTHS	FAITH AID	TRANSPORT AID
DENMARK	208,500.00	125,000.00	83,500.00	—	—
FINLAND	154,000.00	154,000.00	—	—	—
ICELAND	204,500.00	203,500.00	1,000.00	—	—
NORWAY	419,000.00	412,000.00	7,000.00	—	—
SWEDEN	382,700.00	196,700.00	58,000.00	128,000.00	—
ESTONIA	85,000.00	85,000.00	—	—	—
LATVIA	321,179.36	216,200.00	34,000.00	36,984.00	33,995.36

For further information, please read the annual financial report on the homepage of the Bonifatiuswerk:

➔ www.bonifatiuswerk.de/werk/zahlen-fakten/

You can find the most important information about the Bonifatiuswerk of German Catholics in english on the homepage of the Bonifatiuswerk as well: ➔ www.bonifatiuswerk.de/english

The application forms for project support you can find here:

➔ www.bonifatiuswerk.de/en/en/application-details

Sponsored projects in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden

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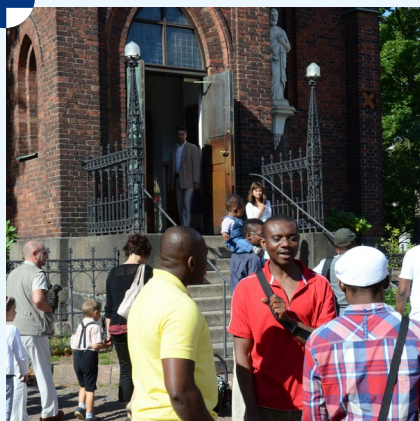
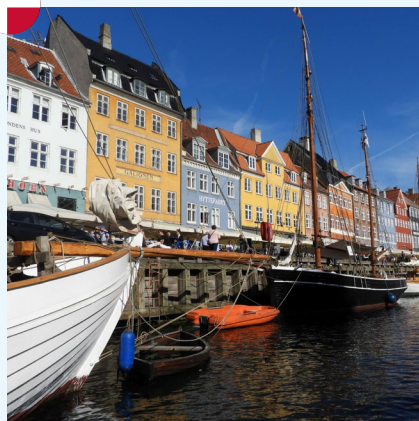
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You can find more information at ➔ www.bonifatiuswerk.de/projekte (german) and www.bonifatiuswerk.de/english (english)

Diocese of Copenhagen: Renovation of the rectory

Two priests are living in the rectory of the parish in Randers. Now one part of the very large kitchen is to be separated and converted into a second bathroom, so that in future each priest will have their own bathroom within the shared flat.

Funding: 20,000.00 €**



Diocese of Helsinki: Reconstruction of the parish centre

The parish centre in Tampere and also the priests' living quarters are in great need of renovation. In addition to replacing the roof tiles, the entire water supply system of the 1,531 square metre complex is to be renewed.

Funding: 63,000.00 €**



Diocese of Reykjavík: Attaching of a winter garden

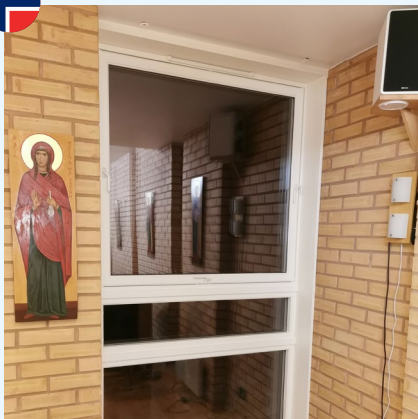
The parish in Akureyri has 1000 registered Catholics. In each of the four masses at the weekend, up to 100 faithful came to the church, which is only designed for 50 people. A winter garden was added to the parish hall so that 75 more people can now follow the mass via loudspeaker or video stream.

Funding: 50,000.00 €*

Territorial Prelature of Tromsø: Renovation of the Carmel Monastery

The Carmelite nuns of Totus Tuus speak and pray with those seeking help. During the long winters, the cold came through windows and doors. These have been replaced, resulting in an impressive improvement in the indoor climate and reduced costs for heating.

Funding: 142,500.00 €*



Diocese of Stockholm: Reconstruction of the rectory

Near the village Haninge, there are two neighbouring parishes. It is difficult for them to provide pastoral care for the elderly in the region. Therefore new flats are to be built for three priests. The plan is to renovate and modernise the aging rectory: Furthermore the existing ventilation system must be fundamentally renewed.

Funding: 200,000.00 €**

Sponsored projects in Estonia and Latvia

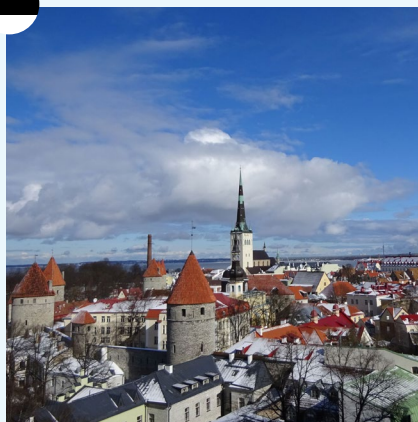
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Apostolic Administration of Tallinn: Modernisation of the school

St Michael's School is a private school in Tallinn that currently teaches around 230 pupils. The attic was converted to accommodate three additional classrooms, a library and the staff room. In addition to the roof insulation and floor construction, installation work was also necessary.

Funding: 50,000.00 €*



Archdiocese of Riga: New purchase of a BONI-Bus

The convent of the Dominican Sisters of Bethany is located on the outskirts of Riga. With a focus on prison pastoral care, their concern is to empower people, especially women in crisis situations. In addition to everyday use, the bus is used to take people to excursions, courses or events.

Funding: 22,000.00 €*

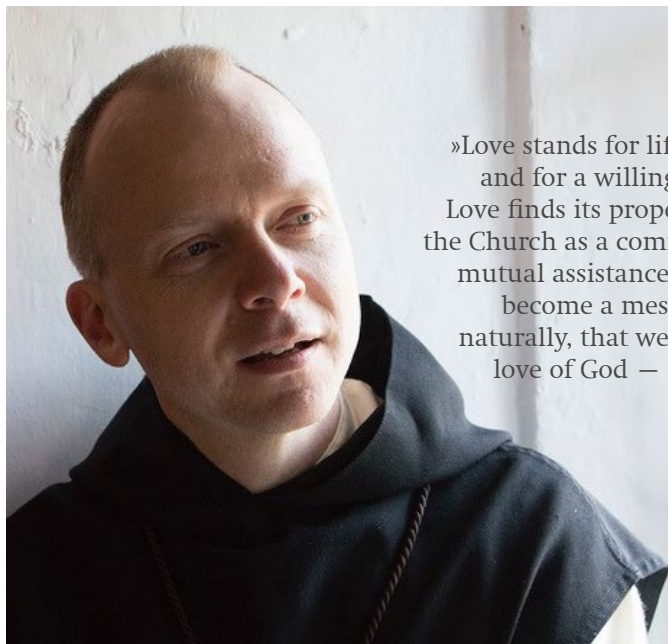
Sponsored project “Praktikum im Norden“

Sponsored by the Bonifatiuswerk (BW) with total amount of 128,000.00 €

The Bonifatiuswerk invites young people for six to 14 months to get to know the Catholic Diaspora Church in Northern Europe and the Baltic States. It is a cooperation programme between the Bonifatiuswerk and the Newman Institute in Uppsala, Sweden. 177 people have completed or are part of the project Praktikum im Norden.

X = number of trainees





»Love stands for life, for solidarity, for listening and for a willingness to be present to others. Love finds its proper form in the building up of the Church as a community of reconciliation and mutual assistance. Everyone has the chance to become a messenger of love. This requires, naturally, that we remain deeply rooted in the love of God — this is the necessary source.«

Erik Varden O.S.C.O.,
Bishop of Trondheim

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