

The Bonifatiuswerk of German Catholics helps wherever Catholic Christians live their faith in a minority situation in the diaspora.

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 for 165 years. Today the aid organisation is active by order of the German Bishops' Conference in Germany, Northern Europe and the Baltic states. For: „No-one should be alone in their faith.“

The commitment of the Bonifatiuswerk in Germany is supported solely by donations. The Bonifatiuswerk awards approximately EUR 10 million annually as „help to self-help“ for construction projects, transport aid, children's and youth projects and missionary faith aid.

On Diaspora Sunday, the third Sunday in November, Catholics throughout Germany collect donations for their fellow Christians in the diaspora. On the feast of the First Communion and during the celebration of Confirmation, children and youths collect donations for projects in the diaspora.

Your help makes a difference

Make a donation now!

- For the propagation of faith with children and youths.
- For providing a lively community of faith in the diaspora.
- For moving messengers of faith.
- For new missionary changes.

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The Bonifatiuswerk of German Catholics registered association at a glance

No one should have to believe

alone.



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Building aid:

For places of faith

Where Catholics live their faith in a minority situation, they need places where they can build a community. They require premises for meetings and prayer.

Therefore, the Bonifatiuswerk supports the construction and maintenance of churches, convents, chapels, community centres, Catholic schools and pre-schools in the diaspora in Germany, Northern Europe and the Baltic states.



Aid for children and youths:

For the propagation of faith

The propagation of faith with children and youths is a particular challenge in the diaspora. Perceiving yourself as the only Catholic among persons of the same age, among friends, can often cause problems, particularly to adolescents.

The Bonifatiuswerk's aid for children and youths sponsors pastoral and diaconal, charitable projects in the diaspora and provides a wide variety of opportunities to make contact within faith.

Subsidies are, for instance, granted for „religious children's weeks“ in Eastern Germany, religious pre-school education and pastoral school projects, Catholic daycare facilities, children's hospice services and youth facilities.

Transport aid:

For living your faith within a community

Having to travel long distances for celebrating Mass, for preparation classes for the First Communion, for attending Catholic schools or senior citizen groups - this is often the harsh reality in regions where Catholics live their faith in a minority situation.

Therefore, the transport aid of the Bonifatiuswerk supports church communities and organisations in the diaspora in Germany with the purchase of vehicles. Approximately 40 rapeseed yellow BONI buses are sponsored by the Bonifatiuswerk every year.



Faith aid:

For missionary changes

Being alone in your faith - today Catholics experience this not only in extreme diaspora regions, but also in traditionally predominantly Catholic regions. The number of people who have grown apart from faith and the Church is growing. A new faith diaspora is developing.

Therefore, the faith aid of the Bonifatiuswerk sponsors missionary, pastoral projects throughout Germany. It funds posts in the diaspora, which take the missionary aspect into account, and it supports campaigns and education of the church communities in order to put forward, strengthen and pass on faith.