



Help the Church Bless the Poor in Latin America



In his groundbreaking *Populorum Progressio* encyclical, Pope Saint Paul VI wrote: “The hungry nations of the world cry out to the peoples blessed with abundance. And the Church... asks each and every man to hear his brother’s plea and answer it lovingly.”

Now more than ever before, it is important we Catholics heed these wise words.

Cross Catholic Outreach is honored to partner with the *Populorum Progressio* Foundation — founded by St. Pope John Paul II — to lift up impoverished children and families in Latin America.

Our goal is to empower these Catholic efforts by committing \$377,160 to fund 14 critical relief projects in seven Latin American countries.

With your help, we can meet urgent needs for safe water, nutritious food and medical care. Other outreaches will pursue long-term goals, making families more self-sufficient through microenterprise projects.

Join us today to fuel this meaningful mission and deliver lasting relief in Christ’s name!



“Today is the day to ask, ‘Am I, who have so often received God’s that receives but does not give. Having received m



CLEAN WATER & SANITATION

Dirty water is a dangerous and deadly threat. **Contaminated and parasite-infested water is a leading cause of death among children in developing countries.** Tragically, many families have no choice, and mothers and fathers must watch their children suffer because clean water is out of their reach. Your support will provide entire communities with safe water systems as well as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) education, **helping children grow up happy, healthy and strong.**

PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT

- Borehole and Storage Cistern in Brazil
- Rainwater Collection and Storage in Rural Colombia
- Latrines and WASH Training in Colombia
- Microirrigation Systems in Bolivia



AGRICULTURE

Effective farming techniques are vital in the fight against hunger — and protecting God’s creation. **Food insecurity is especially pronounced in Latin America, where disrupted supply chains have made it more difficult than ever for impoverished families to access nutritious meals.** Your support will empower families and communities to grow fruits and vegetables to supplement their diets — with critical nutrients needed to help children develop healthy bodies and brains. **Together, we can fight malnutrition and restore dignity and hope to our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT

- Home Gardens in Brazil
- Community Gardens in Colombia

All *Populorum Progressio* Foundation projects are studied and selected by a Board of Directors composed of Latin American bishops. Learn more at [CrossCatholic.org/mobilize](https://www.CrossCatholic.org/mobilize).



*mercy, merciful to others?’ Let us not live a one-way faith, a faith
mercy, let us now become merciful.” – POPE FRANCIS*



MICROENTERPRISE

Catholic social teaching is clear: the dignity of work must be protected. Work is the setting for personal growth, empowering family leaders to break the chains of poverty once and for all. But loan sharks prowl in impoverished communities, offering high-interest loans that threaten to eat up profits and prevent the poorest families from ever getting ahead. **Together, we can restore dignity and give hardworking men and women the opportunity to earn their daily bread and set their families on a path to self-sufficiency.**

PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT

- Poultry Husbandry in Bolivia
- Poultry Husbandry in Colombia
- Poultry and Guinea Pig Husbandry in Ecuador
- Business Loans for Street Vendors in Nicaragua
- Machinery and Microfinancing for Fruit Processing in Brazil



MEDICAL CARE

Health has been at the forefront of everyone’s mind this past year — but basic medical care is still out of reach for many poor families in developing nations. In many communities, pregnant women, sick children and the vulnerable elderly must walk long distances to the nearest health clinic. Even then, these medical facilities often lack critical medicines and equipment. **Your gift can end this unfair divide, extending the Church’s long-standing history of healing the sick and restoring faith in the Lord.**

PROJECTS YOU CAN SUPPORT

- Medicine and Medical Equipment for a Health Clinic in Nicaragua
- Community Medicine Cabinets in the Peruvian Amazon
- Medications for Clinics in Venezuela



Give Generously

St. John Paul II created the *Populorum Progressio* Foundation 29 years ago to bless the poorest children and families in Latin America and the Caribbean. While this legacy of compassion continues today, the impact and effectiveness of these outreaches can be magnified significantly with your support. Please, answer the Holy Father's call to pour out an abundance of mercy by supporting lifesaving missions in Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela.

Join Cross Catholic Outreach as we stand with the Church and embrace her efforts to foster lasting change in Christ's name!



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Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Good Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach. These detailed accountability measures have earned us ongoing accreditation by the following organizations:



The Chronicle of Philanthropy
The nonprofit world's No. 1 news source

Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2022, the close of our ministry's fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the campaign, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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