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Partner Profiles (1)—Compassion and Option for and with the Poor

JustFaith Ministries works in close collaboration with the following organizations. Both of these organizations address issues related to poverty and actively supports some of the key principles of Catholic social teaching through their work. These brief profiles (providing different information at the end of each phase of the JustFaith program) are offered to help you understand how these organizations make an option for (and with) the poor and how they connect human life and dignity with compassion through their work.

Bread for the World

Right now, more than 20 million people are in immediate risk of death from starvation in South Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria, and Yemen. When famine was officially declared in South Sudan in February 2017, Pope Francis called on us to go beyond statements that condemn the famine and “to provide concrete food aid and to allow it to reach suffering populations.”

In the spring of 2017, Bread for the World fought for and helped secure more than \$1 billion in US aid for famine relief for South Sudan, Yemen, Nigeria, and Somalia. Bread for the World is a collective, nonpartisan Christian voice that works with churches and individuals throughout the United States to address hunger at home and abroad. Bread for the World believes that the work of churches and charities in directly addressing hunger, such as through food pantries and soup kitchens, is important, but that they can’t end hunger alone. Bread for the World believes that our federal government must do its part in changing the policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, and so it equips ordinary people to advocate before Congress on legislation that addresses hunger. Bread is not a service organization that provides direct food aid but is a lobbying organization that organizes and mobilizes Christians to raise their voices before our national decision makers on issues related to hunger. The collective call of Christians around the country was critical to securing that nearly \$1 billion in funding for famine relief.

Each year, Bread for the World invites churches across the country to take up an Offering of Letters to Congress on an issue directly connected to hunger and poverty. With these thousands of letters, Bread members help make our laws more fair and more compassionate to people in need. For more information, visit www.bread.org/ol.

Maryknoll

The JustFaith Ministries partnership with Maryknoll includes all of their mission organizations—Maryknoll Sisters, Maryknoll Lay Missioners, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, the Maryknoll Affiliates movement, and the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns.



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The mission work done by Maryknoll in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the U.S. with people who live in poverty and exclusion cannot help but call forth compassion. This compassion translates into an urgent option with the poor. It asks that we all join together in seeking solutions that can result in lives of greater dignity and hope for all of us. For the world to live in peace, we all must be involved in respecting and nurturing the connection and responsibility we have to one another.

The journeys of the Maryknoll Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Lay Missioners, and Affiliates carries them deeply into the lives and hearts of others. Through these experiences, the “otherness” drops away. The missioners start to see that much of the brokenness, the lack of opportunity, and the obstacles to fullness of life that the people they grow to love face are bigger than questions of personal morality and faith. They see firsthand that the role of various structures and systems also needs to be understood and addressed — and addressed together because they are too big for any of us to face alone. Together we can carry on the mission of Jesus embodied in Catholic social ministry. For more information, visit one of these sites:

www.maryknoll.org • www.friendsacrossborders.org
www.maryknollaffiliates.org • www.maryknollogc.org