

## ROMANIAN CHURCH PROVIDES SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN



In honor of the new school year, Orthodox dioceses throughout Romania have been providing children with necessary school supplies.

A week before school started, priests of the Archdiocese of the Lower Danube received donated backpacks filled with school supplies, which they then distributed to 4,000 children, reports the Basilica News Agency.

On September 16, the Brăila Deanery distributed 650 backpacks with supplies to its parishes, who in turn distributed them to children from poorer families. Other deaneries and parishes will do the same in coming days.

The amount of aid granted through the diocesan “Christ in School” program amounted to \$71,400 (300,000 lei).

On Thursday, September 9, His Eminence Metropolitan Andrei of Cluj personally distributed backpacks, school supplies, prayer books, and candy to 400 Roma children, purchased by the Archdiocese of Vad, Feleacu, and Cluj, with the support

of the Orthodox Philanthropy Association in Cluj, the International Organization of Christian-Orthodox Charity and the Prison Fellowship Romania Foundation.

The value of the gifts amounted to \$11,430 (9,700 euros).

Earlier in September, the Archdiocese of Bucharest put on a day of fun and educational workshops for 600 children, who received school supplies, prayer books, sports equipment, and books before they left.

In Moldova, 100 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed by the Metropolis of Chişinău and All Moldova of the Russian Orthodox Church, with the support of donors and Church charities.

















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