



movimento apostolico ciechi



WE WALK TOGETHER

In Church and society to promote individuals, families and communities in the presence of disability

The Apostolic Blind Movement

MAC

- Is an association of seeing person and blind people who make a path of faith, sharing and human promotion together
- Collaborates in the apostolic mission of the Church in the presence of disability
- Born in 1928, it was recognized by the Catholic Church and the Italian state
- Its purposes are: the Christian formation of adherents, the inclusion and active participation of people with disabilities in the Church and society
- It is present in Italy in 48 dioceses with as many territorial groups



MAC in Italy



Promotes awareness initiatives

- for the breaking down of every barrier
- for the diffusion of a culture of rights and solidarity

- **Announces** two awards annually to promote the educational and social inclusion of people with disabilities
 - “Antonio Muñoz” Award for students with visual impairments
 - “Diana Lorenzani” Award or Third Sector entities and schools that carry out projects for people with severe disabilities
- **Implements** activities for the blind elderly, people with severe disabilities and their families, in the spirit of homecare and territoriality
- **Provides** people with visual impairments with an accessible reading service through the “Maria Motta” Braille Library in Syracuse, the “Libro Parlato MAC” in Milan, and the Digital Library
- **Adheres** to the Italian Federation for Overcoming Disability (FISH), a membership network that advocates for social policies that guarantee equal opportunities for people with disabilities
- **Plans** training and refresher courses for teachers
- **Manages** Casa “Teresa Fusetti”, a training and living center located a Corbiolo di Bosco Chiesanuova (VR)

MAC works for a society without excluded

MAC around the world

Fosters cooperative initiatives among peoples

- for the prevention of blindness and treatment of eye diseases in the poorest countries
- for the education and social promotion of people with visual disabilities
- for sympathetic development and fair distribution of wealth

- **Supports** eye clinics in Togo, Burkina Faso and Ethiopia by providing medicines, diagnostic and therapeutic equipment and financial contributions
- **Collects** and **sends** eyeglasses and sunglasses through the “Eyeglasses for ...” center in Milan, Italy
- **Provides** educational materials for the blind and contributes to the funding of schools for the blind in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Togo
- **Adheres** to the Federation of Christian International Voluntary Service Organizations (FOCSIV), which focuses on international cooperation



MAC is committed to fair development alla pagina 4

MAC in the Church



Gets going so that

- parishes, groups, movements and ecclesial organizations, priests, seminarians, catechists, pastoral workers, always be welcoming, open to differences, inclusive
 - people with disabilities become active individuals of evangelization and participate in the life of the church community of which they are a part
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- Annually **announces** the “Don Giovanni Brugnani” Award aimed at parish communities that are active in involving people with disabilities of all ages in their lives and activities
 - **Supports** blind catechists in Kenya, Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Uganda, and Togo by sending Bible texts and aids in Braille, and financial contributions to those in need
 - **Collaborates** with the National Service for the Pastoral Care of Persons with Disabilities of the Italian Bishops' Conference and diocesan offices/referents of the Service
 - MAC is a **member** of the National Council and diocesan councils of lay aggregations(CNAL and CDAL)

MAC acts for a hospitable church community

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