



DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you in advance for your stewardship to promote the annual collection for *Home Missions-Our Own Needs*. I encourage you to please help strengthen our Church at home by inspiring support of this very important collection. The collection will take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019. Our generosity makes a wonderful difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States.

Below I have listed the four major beneficiaries represented in this collection, along with their purpose and mission:

- **The Catholic Communications Campaign** connects people with Christ through media programming to promote Gospel values. As people continue to access more information on mobile devices, there is an increased need to provide faith resources on these platforms. Half of the funds collected **remain in our diocese** to fund local communication efforts.
- **The Catholic Home Missions Appeal** assists 85 Home Mission dioceses in the United States. They provide financial assistance for basic pastoral services such as Mass, the sacraments and religious education needed in communities. Your support helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities while strengthening the Church here, at home.
- **Black and Native American Missions** exist to build Christian communities among the Native American, African American and Alaskan Native people in the United States. Every penny collected is distributed as diocesan grants to support and strengthen evangelization programs. Annually, in our Diocese, we receive a grant from this collection to assist parishes in Neopit and Keshena for outreach and service to people of the Menominee Indian Tribe.
- **The Catholic University of America** is the National University of the Catholic Church. It offers an excellent education guided by Catholic tradition. Every donated dollar to this collection supports scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education. Alumni include 12 living Cardinals, one third of U.S. Bishops and over 12,400 priests.

This collection provides the opportunity to further our mission of discipleship by inviting others to give in order to strengthen our Church and help those in most need, right here, in our local communities. Thank you for encouraging generosity.

In this Easter Season, I wish you joy and fortitude as you continue to lead other's to the awesome Love of Jesus Christ, as I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL  
Bishop of Green Bay