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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, May 31, 2020. 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** through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print connects people to Christ to spread the Gospel message locally and nationally. Half of all funds collected for the CCC **remain in our diocese** to support local communication efforts.
- **Black and Indian Missions** exists 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 of Wisconsin.
- **The Catholic University of America** is the National University of the Catholic Church. Your gift enables the University to prepare the next generation of Catholic leadership, both religious and lay. Every donated dollar 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.
- **The Catholic Home Missions** assists our 85 Home Mission dioceses in the United States. They provide financial assistance for basic pastoral services such as Mass, the sacraments and faith formation. Your support helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities while strengthening the Church here, at home.

This collection provides the opportunity to further our mission of discipleship by inviting others to give in order to strengthen our Church 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