



DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 14, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you in advance for your stewardship to promote the annual collections for the *Home Missions-Our Own Needs*. Pope Francis calls us to work as a family to help all of our brothers and sisters and to share the Love, Faith and Hope of Jesus Christ. All are encouraged to make a difference by offering their prayers for the support of the missions in the United States and to consider expressing their Christian solidarity through sacrificial offerings to these organizations. The needs have never been greater during this unprecedented Pandemic. History tells us that lasting change to a community comes through faith, hope and charity. This collection will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021. Below, are the four major beneficiaries represented in the collection;

- **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 to assist our parishes in outreach, education and service to the people of the Menominee Indian Tribe.
- **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.
- **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 19 Cardinals, 58 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. Help us invite all peoples to open the door of faith and begin the journey of a lifetime! Let us strengthen our Church here at home and in our local communities. Thank you for generous support.

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