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My Dear Friends in Christ,

As missionary disciples, we are called to follow the Gospel's call to love others! The World's Poor Collection on March 27, 2022, provides us the opportunity to do just that. This collection encompasses a multitude of agencies working against poverty and promoting human dignity in the name of the Catholic Church. This collection includes **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**, **Peter's Pence** and the **Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**.

- ❖ **Catholic Relief Services** provides food for the hungry, housing for victims of natural disasters, educational opportunities for refugees displaced by war, pastoral ministries to travelers and migrants who lack consistent access to the sacramental life of a parish community.
- ❖ **The Catholic Campaign for Human Development** helps essential employees advocate for safe and healthy workplaces. Those living in poverty in our own diocese are empowered through the 25% share of our collection that stays here. Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).
- ❖ **Peter's Pence** supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Its initiatives provide the Holy Father with the financial means to reach out to people suffering from war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. It also supports the ongoing activities of the Holy See.
- ❖ **The Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** supports the efforts of the Church throughout Africa to witness the Gospel through evangelization, pastoral ministry, and the reconciliation of neighbors. When you participate in the collection to support the Solidarity Fund, you join this work of building the peace and healing work to which we are all called.

Today, I ask you to respond to Our Holy Father, Pope Francis' invitation to be a witness of charity throughout the world.

***"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" ~Matthew 25:40.***

I thank you for revealing Christ's love to people living on the margins of society by sharing this information and offering your inspiring encouragement to your parishioners; may they embrace this opportunity to give generously to the World's Poor Collection. Together we will make the world a better place!

May Jesus bless you and walk closely with you and your families, as I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL KC\*HS  
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