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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 collections for the *Home Missions-Our Own Needs*. Pope Francis reminds us that everyone is meant to evangelize. This collection clearly calls us to work as a family to help our brothers and sisters to share the Love, Faith, and Hope of Jesus Christ. Encourage all to make a difference by offering prayers for the support of the missions in the United States and to consider sacrificial offerings to these organizations. The generosity of your parishioners makes a difference for our brothers and sisters across the United States. This collection will take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022. Below, are the four major beneficiaries represented in this 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 grants to assist our parishes in outreach, education, and service to the people of the Menominee Indian Tribe.
- **The Catholic Communications Campaign** connects people through the internet, social networks, television, radio, and print to Christ. This enables us to spread the Gospel message and reach more people locally and nationally. Half of all funds collected for the CCC **remain in our Diocese** to support local communication efforts. This collection connects people around the world to the Gospel message of Jesus.
- **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 40% of Dioceses in the United States. The fragile financial situations, poverty, vast distances, difficult terrain, and lack of priests significantly affects the ability of the Diocese' mission to offer basic pastoral needs. Home Missions provides financial assistance for Mass, the sacraments and faith formation.

Let us strengthen our Church here at home and in our local communities. Thank you for your generous support. In this Easter Season, I wish you joy and fortitude as you continue to lead others 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