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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for supporting the annual *Home Missions - Our Own Needs* Collection. As a people called to evangelize, we can seize the opportunity to support the beneficiaries of this collection as they work to share the Love, Faith, and Hope of Jesus Christ. Prayers and consideration of sacrificial offerings to these organizations are encouraged. The generosity of your parishioners makes a difference for our brothers and sisters across the United States, including here in our local communities. This collection will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2023. 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 peoples. Every penny collected is distributed as diocesan grants to support and strengthen evangelization programs in the United States. 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** modernizes how the Church communicates the joy of the Gospel nationwide and locally. This enables us to spread the Gospel message and reach more people. Half of all funds collected for the CCC remain in our Diocese to support our 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 40% of Dioceses in the United States. Their 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.

Thank you for your help and generous support, as we work to strengthen our Church here at home, in the United States. As we look ahead to Pentecost Sunday, may the Holy Spirit fill you with joy and peace as you continue to lead others to the merciful Love of Jesus Christ, as I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD JCL
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