



Home Missions – Our Own Needs

May 19th, 2024

I appreciate your assistance in promoting the Home Missions – Our Own Needs collection in your parishes. Please take the following simple steps to promote the Home Missions – Our Own Needs collection in your parish:

- **Announce** the Home Missions collection in your parish. Please inform your parishioners what the collection is, when to expect it, and why they should support it.
- **Share** bulletin announcements, intercessions, and collection envelopes with your parishioners.
- **Pray** and encourage parishioners to make a difference by offering their prayers and generous gifts for a fruitful collection to bring faith, hope, and charity for all peoples to know Jesus Christ in our communities.

The Home Missions – Our Own Needs Collection supports the following Catholic agencies:

- **Black and Indian Mission** – Exists to build Christian communities among the Native American, African American, and Alaskan Native people. 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 Neopit and Keshena with outreach, education, and service to the people of the Menominee Indian Tribe.
- **The Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC)** – Modernizes how the Church communicates the joy of the Gospel nationwide and locally. Half of all funds collected for the CCC remain in our diocese to support local communication efforts. This collection connects people to the Gospel.
- **The Catholic University of America** – 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.
- **The Catholic Home Missions** – Assists 40% of dioceses in the United States. Poverty, distance, difficult terrain, and lack of priests significantly affects the ability of mission dioceses to offer basic pastoral needs. Home Missions provides financial assistance for Mass, sacraments, and faith formation.

Bulletin Announcements:

One week before collection (May 12th)

Next week, we will take up the Home Missions – Our Own Needs collection, which supports the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), Catholic University of America, and Catholic Home Missions dioceses. This consolidated collection helps the Church evangelize in the US, including here in the Diocese of Green Bay. Your support helps the Church spread the gospel message and form many in their faith.



On Collection Sunday (May 19th)

This weekend, we take up the collection for Home Missions – Our Own Needs collection. This consolidated collection benefits the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC), Catholic University of America, and Catholic Home Missions dioceses. Your support helps build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States through Catholic media, religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Intercessions:

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who work to communicate, educate, and connect all peoples to the Gospel message in this country and throughout the world. Let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

For those whose lives will be enriched by the support provided by the Home Missions collection. Pray for the success of the missionary work being done in the United States. May their work bring many more to see the light of Christ. Let us pray to the Lord. **R/.**

Please mail your parish check and standard remittance form to the Catholic Foundation, PO Box 23001, Green Bay, WI 54305-3001.

Please contact me with any questions at wmissions@cfgbwi.org. Resources are also located on our website <https://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/resources-world-mission-services/>. Please let me know if I can provide any assistance.

Blessings to you and your parish,

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