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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of the annual *Home Missions - Our Own Needs* collection. We are given the opportunity to evangelize here in the United States by supporting work done through media, education, and within poor and remote communities. Prayers and 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 Diocese. This collection will take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025. Below are the four major beneficiaries represented in this collection:

- **Black and Indian Missions** exists to build Christian communities among the African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native peoples. All funds collected are distributed through diocesan grants to support and strengthen evangelization programs in the United States. Our Diocese has benefitted from grant funds supporting outreach 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. Half of all funds collected remain in our Diocese to support our local communication efforts, the other half supports USCCB's communication projects.
- **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. All funds donated are used for scholarships to assist students in completing their education.
- **The Catholic Home Missions** assists 40% of Dioceses in the United States. Home Missions provides financial assistance for Mass, the sacraments, and faith formation to Dioceses' dealing with fragile financial situations, poverty, vast distances, difficult terrain, and lack of priests.

As we look ahead to Pentecost Sunday, know of my gratitude for your encouraging, generous support. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and lead you in Christ's truth and Love, as I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD JCL
Bishop of Green Bay