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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, taking place on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026. We are given the opportunity to evangelize here in the United States by supporting work being done through media, education, and within poor and remote communities. The generosity of your parishioners makes a difference for our brothers and sisters across the United States, including the Diocese of Green Bay. 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 as diocesan grants to support and strengthen evangelization programs in the United States. The Diocese of Green Bay has benefitted from grant funds supporting outreach to 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 the Diocese of Green Bay to support 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 to financially assist students 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.

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.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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