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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the United States our home mission dioceses have small or widely dispersed Catholic populations, large or rugged areas of land that make it difficult to minister to the needs of the people, or economic challenges caused by poverty, unemployment, or natural disasters. For those reasons parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will participate in the annual collection for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal on the weekend of April 27-28, 2024**.

Funds from this collection support a host of ministries and services here in the nearly 80 mission dioceses of the United States and its territories. In the Diocese of Amarillo your donations provide ministry in the name of Christ to those who are incarcerated in seven area prisons. In the Diocese of Fairbanks, permanent deacons are trained and formed to assist priests in the ministry of service and in building communities of faith in rural Alaska. The poverty-stricken Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux receives funds to serve the large Catholic population of Louisiana's coastal Cajun territory especially when frequent hurricanes stretch their limited resources.

Your generosity to the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal provides the financial help to sustain core pastoral services and missions of mercy that spread the Gospel of Jesus right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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