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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of April 26-27, 2025, parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will take up the annual ***Catholic Home Missions Appeal***. It probably comes as no surprise that this collection supports the pastoral needs of dioceses with small Catholic populations thinly dispersed here in the United States. Dioceses like El Paso, TX, Baker, OR, and Savannah, GA would not be able to provide youth ministry opportunities, pastoral care on Native Americans on reservations, or social ministry to immigrants without our support.

Little known is how the ***Catholic Home Missions Appeal*** also supports immigrant communities who have fled persecution and violence in their home countries to live in the U.S. One such community is the Chaldean Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle, an Eastern Catholic Church in full communion with the Holy See, with its distinct cultural heritage and liturgical traditions. These recent immigrants and refugees living in the Detroit MI area come here with the challenges of an unfamiliar language and the cultural pressure to assimilate. Support from the ***Catholic Home Missions Appeal*** provides for essential pastoral care, marriage enrichment, and the language translation of materials into Syriac Aramaic/Arabic to foster their spiritual growth.

Your generosity of this collection touches people in our own mission territories and allows these communities to keep the faith active and connected to the universal Church. I encourage you to be as generous as you can to your fellow Catholics.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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