

# STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Dear Diocesan Director,

When your diocese supports the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), you help make the Church in the United States stronger. Whether you are from a small mission diocese, or from one of our large archdioceses, the support of your parishioners makes a difference for our brothers and sisters across the country. Without your help, basic pastoral programs would not be accessible for the faithful who long to grow closer to Christ.

The Hispanic Catholic population is growing throughout the nation, and the Diocese of Stockton in California has experienced an especially high number of Hispanic immigrants and migrants. There is a great need for Hispanic ministry and evangelization, especially within the migrant camps, and for the development of leadership skills among Hispanics who are eager to participate in parish life. With your diocese's support of CHMA, three Guadalupan sisters from Mexico minister to the 20,000 migrant farm workers who live in Stockton during the summer months. Your help has allowed the sisters to provide liturgies, religious education, bible studies, and leadership training for those who long to hear the message of the Gospel.

We need your help to promote this appeal in your parishes. **The most effective thing you can do is to remind parishes to announce the appeal at Mass.** A parish appeal, bulletin insert, and social media tool kit are available online, free for download by you and your parishes at [www.usccb.org/home-missions/collection](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions/collection).

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at [ngermain@usccb.org](mailto:ngermain@usccb.org). On behalf of all of those who benefit from this appeal, thank you for helping strengthen the Church at home.

With gratitude,



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