

# Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the  
Church in Latin America



**Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,**

Soon, our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. We need your help to promote this collection with your parishioners.

The collection supports groups like the Federación San Jose de Guadalupe: a network of 37 monasteries of Carmelite nuns throughout 21 states in Mexico. With your support of the Collection for the Church in Latin America, you help cover the cost of food, clothing, and health care for 35 women at all stages of formation so they can eventually commit to God for life. The formation process includes annual courses on church teaching, as well as spirituality in the Carmelite tradition of St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross. Through the efforts of the Federación, sisters receive religious formation not only as individuals, but also in solidarity with their communities and with the other monasteries in the Federación. The contemplative prayer of the Carmelite order lies at the heart of the Church's prayer of intercession for the many needs of the world and of humanity.

Religious sisters and nuns are the very heart of the Church. By supporting their material and educational needs, you help them give their gifts of selfless prayer and service to the Church and to the entire world. Your generosity ensures that their mission continues into the future.

**The most effective way you can promote the collection is to mention it to your parishioners during Mass.** You can find additional resources at [www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection). If you have any questions about the collection or need additional materials, including other stories of beneficiaries, please contact Nicole Germain, assistant director of promotions, at 202-541-3365 or [ncpromo@usccb.org](mailto:ncpromo@usccb.org).

May our merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, bless you always.

Gratefully in Christ,

Bishop Octavio Cisneros  
Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn  
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America



# Parish Appeal



## English

This week, our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers makes it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you!

## Español

Esta semana, nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Iglesia en América Latina. Para muchos de los que viven en América Latina y el Caribe, el incremento de una cultura secular, los difíciles terrenos rurales y la escasez de ministros, les dificulta la práctica de su fe. Sus donativos financian la catequesis, los programas para el matrimonio y la vida familiar y la formación de seminaristas a fin de que las personas se acerquen más a Cristo. Por favor, en oración, consideren dar su apoyo a esta colecta para compartir su fe con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en América Latina y el Caribe. ¡Muchas gracias!

# Simple Steps for a Successful Collection for the Church in Latin America

- 1 Announce** the collection. Use the parish appeal and bulletin announcements—including stories of projects funded by the collection—to tell parishioners what the collection is and how it makes a difference. **This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.**
- 2 Preach** about the challenges facing the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Issues include lack of access to education in the faith and to resources that strengthen the faith. The collection helps by funding catechetical programs, youth ministry, and leadership training for priests, seminarians, religious, and lay ministers. The stories provided to you (as well as many more on the program's website) can help enhance your preaching about Scripture and about the collection.
- 3 Pray** for the Church in Latin America as it works to provide basic pastoral care to parishioners and to share the faith with future generations. Use the intercessions and the "Prayer for Solidarity" in this resource to unite your parish with these communities.
- 4 Share** collection information on your social media channels and website using the web banners and social media tool kit available online. Some of the collection's posts include timely announcements or information about grantees and other events in Latin America and the Caribbean.

## Intercessions

### English

**R/. Lord of all creation, hear our prayer.**

That our Holy Father, Francis, our bishop, N., and all church leaders will continue to strengthen the faith of Catholics around the world, and especially in the Americas, as they lead the Church today, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

That the Holy Spirit may move our hearts to seek unity and solidarity with the faithful throughout Latin America and the Caribbean by sharing our material and spiritual goods, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

That we may follow the example of the many saints from the Americas and become humble and loving witnesses in our own communities, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

### Español

**R/. Señor de toda la creación, escucha nuestra oración.**

Que nuestro Santo Padre, Francisco, nuestro obispo, N., y todos los líderes de la Iglesia continúen fortaleciendo la fe de todos los católicos en el mundo y, especialmente, en el continente americano, mientras lideran a la Iglesia hoy, oremos al Señor. . . **R/.**

Que el Espíritu Santo conmueva nuestro corazón para buscar unidad y solidaridad con los fieles en toda América Latina y el Caribe, compartiendo nuestros bienes materiales y espirituales, oremos al Señor. . . **R/.**

Que sigamos el ejemplo de tantos santos del continente americano y seamos testigos humildes y amorosos en nuestras comunidades, oremos al Señor. . . **R/.**



All collection resources can be found at  
Estos recursos y otros se pueden encontrar en

> [www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection).

# Bulletin Announcements | Anuncios para el boletín

## English

### *Week Before the Collection*

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### *Week of the Collection*

This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### *Week After the Collection*

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$[amount], which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections). Your gift makes a difference!



## Prayer for Solidarity

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junípero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Oscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

## Español

### *Semana antes de la Colecta*

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Para muchos en América Latina y el Caribe, el incremento de una cultura secular, la dificultad que presentan los terrenos rurales y la escasez de ministros, son unos obstáculos para practicar su fe. Su apoyo a la Colecta proporciona capacitación para el liderazgo laico, la catequesis, la formación para sacerdotes y religiosos y otros programas para compartir nuestra fe católica con aquellos que anhelan escuchar la Buena Nueva de Cristo. Para informarse más sobre cómo sus donativos hacen una diferencia, visiten [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### *Semana de la Colecta*

¡Este fin de semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina! Muchas personas en América Latina y el Caribe no tienen acceso a los programas y ministerios de la iglesia debido a una creciente cultura secular, a terrenos rurales difíciles y a la escasez de ministros. Su generosidad hace posible que nuestros hermanos y hermanas en América Latina y el Caribe participen en la vida de la Iglesia y se acerquen más a Cristo. ¡Por favor, sean generosos en esta colecta especial! Para informarse más, por favor, visiten [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### *Semana después de la Colecta*

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Como parroquia recaudamos \$[poner cantidad], los que usaremos para compartir la fe con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en América Latina y el Caribe para que ellos, a su vez, compartan la Buena Nueva con los demás. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, todavía lo pueden hacer! Visiten [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections). ¡Sus donativos hacen una diferencia!

## Oración de solidaridad

Dios amoroso y misericordioso, mediante la intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, te pedimos que nos ayudes a crecer en unidad y solidaridad con los fieles de todo el mundo, especialmente, con los de América Latina y el Caribe. Concédenos la gracia para dar generosamente de nuestro tiempo, tesoro y talento a aquellos que lo necesitan. Que aprendamos del ejemplo de los santos Junípero Serra, Rosa de Lima, y Oscar Romero y de todos los demás santos del continente americano y que compartamos nuestra fe con humildad y amor. Te lo pedimos por tu Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

# Grants by Region



- Andean Countries: **33.41%**
- Mexico and Central America: **23.17%**
- Southern Cone: **20.08%**
- Caribbean: **14.97%**
- Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM) **5.93%**
- Multinational/Other: **2.44%**



## 2018 Funding Snapshot (Where Your Donations Go)

**\$1.8 Million**



More than 100 grants, totaling over \$1.8 million, supported formation and education programs for priests, permanent deacons, seminarians, and consecrated religious men and women.

**\$1.4 Million**



More than 80 grants, totaling nearly \$1.4 million, funded evangelization, catechesis, and religious education ministries for prisoners, university students, and diverse ethnic groups.

**\$1.4 Million**



More than 80 grants, totaling nearly \$1.4 million, assisted pro-life, marriage, family life, and youth ministries.



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