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Dear Diocesan Director,

The former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan is a landlocked and mountainous country in Central Asia on the border with China, with a population that is over 80% Muslim. A land of rugged terrain and great beauty but poor in natural resources, it continues to struggle through its transition to a free-market democracy. Despite the difficulties and its relative isolation, the Catholics of Kyrgyzstan, although small in number, are growing into a vibrant community, sharing the Gospel with the diverse population that includes Kirgыз, Uzbek, Uyghur, Russian, Polish, and German people. Many of them are the descendants of those who were deported to the region by Josef Stalin. They are served by seven priests, one religious brother, and five religious sisters, who minister in parishes, small village chapels, and even private homes.

With support from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Apostolic Administration of Kyrgyzstan is able to minister to many—not only to its parishioners and many mission centers but also to prisoners and those who are elderly and sick—regardless of ethnicity or religious affiliation. When you participate in the collection, you help bring the life-giving Good News of Jesus to people in one of the most remote regions on earth.

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Thank you for your continued support of this collection. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or ngermanin@usccb.org.

Gratefully in Christ,

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