

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Dear Editor/Communications Director,

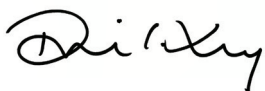
The Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) was established to strengthen the Church here at home. Almost half of the dioceses in the United States struggle to make ends meet, and without support from this appeal would not be able to sustain many of their essential ministries. By promoting this appeal in your diocese, you are helping our brothers and sisters grow in their faith.

The Diocese of Great Falls–Billings is stretched over all of eastern Montana, leaving many isolated, alone, and without access to a nearby Catholic faith community. To foster unity, the diocese sends out a newspaper, *The Harvest*, six times a year to nearly 20,000 households. The paper carries a message from the bishop, news, and photos from parishes and schools, and evangelization and stewardship promotion. With the gifts of your parishioners, the faithful in Montana are reading about and included in the larger diocesan community.

We appreciate your help in promoting this appeal. **The most important thing you can do is ask your parishes to announce the appeal at Mass.** Additional promotional materials, including a social media tool kit, web banners, and a sample letter from the bishop, are available online at www.usccb.org/home-missions/collection. Use your publication(s), website, social media channels, and any other outlets to tell the story of the Diocese of Great Falls–Billings and all those who benefit from the appeal.

If you have any questions or need more materials, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at bkennedy@usccb.org. Thank you for **strengthening the Church at home**.

Gratefully in Christ,



Bevin Kennedy
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To find additional resources or learn more about this appeal,
please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



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