

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Dear Editor/Communications Director,

Since 2001, the De La Salle Blackfeet School in Browning, Montana, has provided a quality Catholic education to the children living on the Blackfeet (Pikuni) Indian Reservation. There, students not only learn critical skills such as reading, writing, and math but also cultivate a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith and their cultural heritage through Blackfeet studies classes. In response to the high rate of poverty in the community, the school relies on volunteer teachers and donations to keep the school accessible to members of the community, regardless of their economic status.

Due to its unique circumstances and special arrangement with the Diocese of Helena, De La Salle Blackfeet School prepares its eighth-grade students for the Sacrament of Confirmation with its own religious education program. With support from Catholic Home Missions, the school can purchase workbooks, pay salaries for religion teachers who extend their service beyond a one- to two-year volunteer period, and establish a prayer and reflection group for school staff. When you support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, your contribution helps the Church form disciples in communities with the greatest needs.

We need your help to promote this appeal. Please use your publications, website, social media channels, and other outlets to share this story and the importance of supporting this collection. Helpful materials, including a social media tool kit, web banners, and a sample letter from the bishop, are available at www.usccb.org/home-missions. It may be helpful to know that [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://www.givecatholic.com) also accepts funds for this program if parishioners in your diocese are looking for a way to support this collection through online donations.

If you have any questions or need more materials, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or ngermain@usccb.org. Thank you for helping to strengthen the Church at home.

Gratefully in Christ,



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