



# STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Dear Father,

Mission dioceses are not found only in faraway locations overseas. They also exist here at home, throughout the United States and its territories. These are dioceses that have small Catholic populations dispersed over a wide geographic territory, experience economic hardships caused by loss of industries, or have diminishing populations because of migration from rural to urban areas. For all these reasons, mission dioceses need financial help from Catholic Home Missions to support their ministries.

Parishes in your diocese will soon take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal to help mission dioceses minister to the unique pastoral needs of the people they serve. **You can support this appeal by mentioning it at Mass on collection weekend and by using the social media tool kit, bulletin insert, and web ads found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).**

The Diocese of Superior, in northwestern Wisconsin, is a good example of a home mission diocese. It serves a territory that exceeds 15,700 square miles—more than twice the size of the state of Massachusetts—with rural towns and small cities. Only a small number of priests are available to celebrate Mass and attend to parishioners' other pastoral needs. But the diocese has developed a vocations-team approach to encourage young men to explore priestly vocations. With critical funding from Catholic Home Missions, the vocations team brings together priests of various ages and experience levels, along with a lay team member, to recruit, support, and determine the suitability of candidates for seminary. Using this team approach, the diocese is heightening interest in priestly life among young men through "Come and See" weekend retreats and semiannual St. Andrew Dinners, where young men and their parents can get answers to their questions and concerns about seminary and priestly life.

When you participate in the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal—via a second collection or as part of your parish and diocesan stewardship ministry—you make possible the development of priestly vocations in Superior and more than 70 other dioceses throughout the United States and its territories.

Thank you for your continued support of this appeal. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Hren, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3346 or [mhren@usccb.org](mailto:mhren@usccb.org).

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight  
Bishop of Jefferson City  
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions

Visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions) and select “Parish Resource Guide” under “Collection Resources” for an electronic version of this text that can be copied into your parish bulletin.

## WHAT IS A “HOME MISSION” DIOCESE?

Home mission dioceses are those dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Right now, nearly 40% of dioceses in United States and its territories are considered home missions.

## ¿QUÉ ES UNA DIÓCESIS “MISIONERA”?

Las diócesis misioneras son aquellas diócesis en los Estados Unidos, sus territorios y antiguos territorios, que no pueden proporcionar los servicios pastorales básicos sin recibir una ayuda externa. Los servicios pastorales básicos incluyen la Misa, los sacramentos, la educación religiosa y la capacitación en el ministerio para sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosas y personas laicas. Casi el 40% de las diócesis en los Estados Unidos y sus territorios, es considerado territorio de diócesis misioneras.

## PARISH APPEAL

This weekend, our special collection supports the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. This appeal assists our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please be generous.

## LLAMADO A LA PARROQUIA

Este fin de semana, nuestra colecta especial apoya el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. A cerca del 40% de las diócesis en los Estados Unidos y sus territorios no les es posible financiar las labores pastorales básicas que sus comunidades necesitan. Este llamado ayuda a nuestros hermanos y hermanas aquí en los Estados Unidos quienes no tienen acceso a los servicios pastorales básicos como la Misa, los sacramentos y la educación religiosa. Mediante su apoyo, el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas ayuda a estas diócesis misioneras a formar entusiastas comunidades de fe y a fortalecer la Iglesia aquí. Por favor, sean generosos.

# SIMPLE STEPS

*Follow these simple steps to strengthen the Church at home:*

**1 ANNOUNCE** the appeal in your parish using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided, so parishioners know what it is, where their money goes, and when to expect the collection. **This is the most effective way to ensure the success of the appeal.**

**2 PREACH** about the difficulties faced by home mission dioceses. These dioceses struggle with poverty and unemployment, rugged terrain that makes travel between parishes difficult, a lack of priests and lay ministers, and limited financial resources to fund vital pastoral ministries.



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE WEEK BEFORE THE APPEAL

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### THE WEEK OF THE APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### THE WEEK AFTER THE APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$[AMOUNT] to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection—see [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).



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## ANUNCIOS PARA EL BOLETÍN

### SEMANA ANTES DEL LLAMADO

La próxima semana realizaremos el Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Hoy, a cerca del 40% de las diócesis en Estados Unidos y sus territorios no le es posible financiar las labores pastorales básicas que necesitan sus comunidades. El apoyo de ustedes a este llamado les ayuda a satisfacer estas necesidades de formación en la fe y los sacramentos. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a este llamado. Pueden encontrar más información en [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### SEMANA DEL LLAMADO

¡Apoyen hoy al Llamado para las Misiones Católicas! Cerca del 40% de las diócesis en Estados Unidos y en sus territorios es considerado territorio misionero ya que esas diócesis no pueden financiar las labores pastorales básicas que se necesitan en sus comunidades. El apoyo de ustedes financia la educación religiosa, la formación de seminaristas, la capacitación de ministros laicos y otros programas que forman entusiastas comunidades de fe, aquí mismo, en los Estados Unidos. Por favor, sean generosos. Pueden encontrar más información en [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

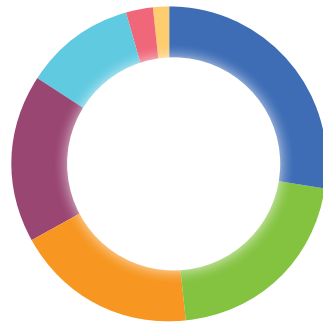
### SEMANA DESPUÉS DEL LLAMADO

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada al Llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Como parroquia, hemos recaudado \$[CANTIDAD] para fortalecer la Iglesia aquí y difundir el Evangelio en todo Estados Unidos. ¡Si ustedes no alcanzaron a contribuir al llamado, aún lo pueden hacer! Solo visiten [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions). #iGiveCatholicTogether también acepta fondos para la colecta—entren a [usccb.igivecatholictogether.org](http://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

**3** PRAY for our neighbors in home mission dioceses who live without regular access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education.



## WHERE DOES YOUR SUPPORT GO?



### Totals by Program Area

• Diocesan and Parish Assistance	\$2,715,000
• Priestly and Religious Vocations	\$2,085,000
• Special Grants*	\$1,832,200
• Faith Formation	\$1,695,000
• Cultural Ministries**	\$1,125,000
• Strengthening Marriage and Family Life	\$260,000
• Life and Dignity of the Human Person***	\$155,000

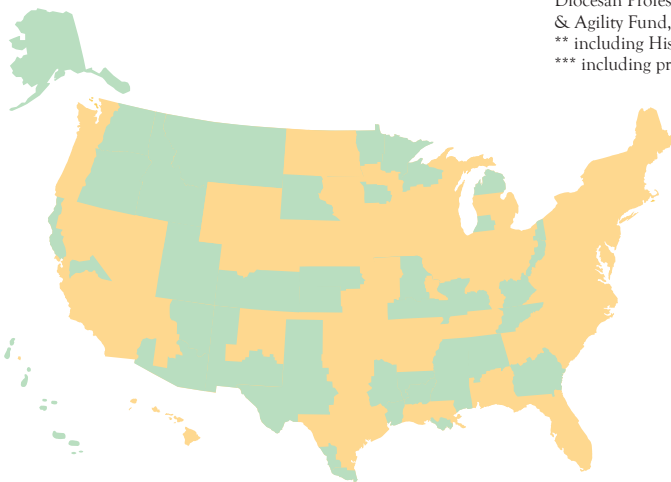
**Total: \$9,867,200**

\* Special Grants: Eucharistic Revival, \$680,000 | Natural Disaster Recovery Efforts, \$500,000 | World Youth Day, \$320,000 | Diocesan Professional Development Opportunities, \$174,200 | Installation Grants for New Bishops, \$108,000 | Staff Discretion & Agility Fund, \$50,000

\*\* including Hispanic and other ethnic and cultural ministries

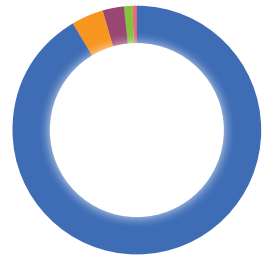
\*\*\* including prison ministries and ministries for persons with disabilities

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• Grants and Donations	\$9,761,689
• Program Costs	\$448,070
• Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$317,517
• Administrative Expenses	\$90,847
• Allocations - Internal Grants	\$47,935

**Total Expenses: \$10,666,058**



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To find additional resources and learn more about this appeal, please visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

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