



# Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

Soon your diocese will be taking up the Collection for the Church in Latin America, and your help is needed to promote this collection with your parishioners. The people are faith filled, but the needs and challenges that the Church faces in Latin America and the Caribbean are great. There are few catechetical and pastoral resources as well as a lack of ministers and poor infrastructure throughout the region. But with your help, we can support our brothers and sisters and share our faith with them in a prophetic and bold way. Inside this mailer you will find resources to help promote the collection, including an appeal you can read as well as bulletin announcements.

Let me give you an inspiring example of this bold and prophetic solidarity. In northeastern Ecuador, in the Amazon jungle, live hundreds of thousands of people. Many of these people are Catholic and have a strong indigenous culture, and most speak only their native language, Quechua. The first missionaries arrived to this area many years ago and provided basic material for evangelization. Through the Collection for the Church in Latin America, an updated devotional book was produced and adapted to the Quechua culture based on feedback provided by the ingenious people. The book contains prayers, songs, and basic teachings of the faith. News of the latest edition was spread through radio programs, and over 10,000 books were handed out. Your support made it possible for adolescents, adults, and elders living in the Ecuadorian jungle to deepen their faith and grow in love of Christ.

As you can see, supporting this collection in your parish makes a real difference in the lives of the Catholic faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. **The most effective way you can promote the collection is to mention it to your parishioners during Mass.** You can find additional resources for the collection 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 for promotions, at 202-541-3346 or [ncpromo@usccb.org](mailto:ncpromo@usccb.org). Thank you!

Gratefully in Christ,

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# Parish Appeal



## English

This week, our second collection is for the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, rural terrain and lack of ministers make it difficult to practice the faith. Your donations and renewed support will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection as a way to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you!

## Español

Nuestra segunda colecta esta semana es para la Iglesia en América Latina. A muchas personas que viven en América Latina y el Caribe, se les hace difícil practicar su fe porque viven en terrenos rurales y por la escasez de ministros. Sus donativos y su renovado apoyo financiarán la catequesis, los programas para el matrimonio y la vida familiar y la formación de seminaristas para que las personas se acerquen más a Cristo. Por favor, en oración, consideren contribuir a esta colecta a manera de 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 provided, 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 many challenges facing the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Issues include the lack of education in the faith and the lack of access to resources to strengthen the faith. The collection helps alleviate this problem by funding many programs such as catechetical programs, youth ministry, and leadership training for priests, seminarians, religious, and lay ministers. The stories provided here or on the collection website can help you enhance your preaching about the Scriptures and about the collection.
- 3 Pray** for the Church in Latin America as it struggles to provide basic pastoral care to its parishioners and works to share the faith with future generations. Use the intercessions and the Prayer for Solidarity to unite your parish to these communities.

## 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 everyone around the world and especially in the Americas as they lead the Church today, we pray to the Lord. . . . R/.

That our hearts may be moved 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 fieles alrededor del mundo, especialmente, en el continente americano, mientras lideran a la Iglesia hoy, oremos al Señor. . . R/.

Que nuestros corazones se conmuevan para buscar la unidad y la solidaridad con los fieles de toda América Latina y el Caribe, compartiendo nuestros bienes materiales y espirituales, oremos al Señor. . . . R/.

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



These resources and others can be downloaded 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 Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### *Week of the Collection*

This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the second collection! To learn more about the collection, 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 that they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!



## Prayer for Solidarity

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to give us 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 so many saints from the Americas, like St. Junípero Serra, 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.

## Spanish

### *Semana antes de la Colecta*

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Para muchas personas en América Latina y el Caribe, los terrenos rurales y la escasez de ministros son unos obstáculos para practicar su fe. El apoyo que le den a la colecta proporciona capacitación para el liderazgo laico, la catequesis, la formación sacerdotal y religiosa, así como para otros programas que ayudan a compartir nuestra fe con aquellos que anhelan escuchar la Buena Nueva de Cristo. Para informarse más, por favor, visiten [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

### *Semana de la Colecta*

¡Este fin de semana es 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 los terrenos rurales y a la escasez de ministros. Su generosidad permite que ellas compartan en la vida de la Iglesia y se acerquen más a Cristo. ¡Por favor, sean generosos en la segunda colecta! Para informarse más acerca de la colecta, 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 a la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina la semana pasada. Como parroquia, hemos recaudado \$[poner cantidad], que serán utilizados para compartir la fe con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en América Latina y el Caribe para que ellos, a su vez, la compartan 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) y hagan clic en "How to Give" en el lado izquierdo. ¡Sus donativos, de hecho, harán una diferencia!

## Oración por la solidaridad

Dios amoroso y lleno de misericordia, mediante la intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, te pedimos que nos des 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 tantos santos del continente americano, como San Junípero Serra, y compartamos nuestra fe con humildad y amor. Te lo pedimos por tu Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, quien vive y reina contigo en unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

# Grants by Region



- Andean Countries **40%**
- Caribbean **20%**
- Mexico and Central America **17%**
- Southern Cone **16%**
- Multinational/Other **7%**



## 2016 Funding Snapshot (Where Your Donations Went)

**\$2.03 Million**



More than 115 grants totaling over \$2.0 million have supported vocational programs including formation of seminarians, permanent deacons, religious men and women, and the continuing education of the clergy.

**\$1.57 Million**



More than 133 grants totaling nearly \$1.6 million have been awarded to laity, marriage, family life, and youth ministry programs.

**\$530,000**



More than 44 grants totaling over \$530,000 have funded evangelization and catechesis programs including lay religious education, mission outreach programs, Catholic social teaching projects, and campus ministry.



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