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Dear Diocesan Director,

For more than 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a concrete expression of unity and solidarity between Catholics in the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Through their contributions, Catholics from across the United States have supported the formation of priests and religious, the training of catechists and other pastoral ministers, the education of children and young people, and relief efforts in the wake of natural disasters.

Parishioner support of the Church's efforts in the region through participation in the collection results in both spiritual and material care. In Haiti, for instance, the Diocese of Jacmel formed more than 600 youths from its 31 parishes in reading, praying, and living the Gospel over the course of a 21-day program. This same spirit of outreach was also at work across Haiti during the COVID-19 outbreak when the Haitian Episcopal Conference initiated a communication and pastoral ministry formation campaign to inform people, especially those in remote or marginalized areas, about the nature of the coronavirus pandemic and how to stop its spread.

We are here to support your efforts to promote this important collection. Bulletin announcements, parish appeals, web banners, and more are available for your use at www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection. There you can also find a social media tool kit with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram posts and photos to use. Please follow the USCCB's social media pages for the latest posts on the collection and other news, and share them to your local diocesan channels (#shareyourfaith and #1church1mission). If you have any questions or need additional materials, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or ngermain@usccb.org.

On behalf of those who benefit from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, thank you! May our merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, bless you always.

Sincerely,

Nicole Germain
Assistant Director, Promotions