

## Collection for the Church in Latin America

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## Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

## Dear Communications Director,

Soon, dioceses across the country will be participating in this year's Collection for the Church in Latin America.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a way for Catholics in the United States to express a closer unity with and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands and the Church there for more than 50 years. This unity was fully expressed in autumn 2024, when Catholics from around the world gathered for an International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, to celebrate the country's 150th anniversary of its consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Using funds received from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Archdiocese of Quito welcomed thousands from around the world—including a delegation of Catholics from the United States led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens—to pray together, encounter the love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and share their faith. When parishioners in your diocese participate in the collection at their parishes, they support special events such as the Eucharistic Congress as well as the ongoing work of forming catechists, supporting vocations to priesthood and religious life, and implementing family ministries throughout Latin America.

You can make this year's collection successful by sharing these examples—and more stories about projects funded by the collection—in emails to parishes, and on your social media channels, by using the collection's web banners on your diocesan website, and by placing content in your diocesan paper. You can find the materials you need at *www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection*. The #iGiveCatholicTogether website also accepts funds, if parishioners in your diocese prefer to support the collection through online donations. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or *mhren@usccb.org*.

We appreciate your support for the collection. Thank you for your generosity to the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. May our merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, bless you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Margaret Hren Assistant Director, Promotions