

## Collection for the Church in Latin America

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## Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

## Dear Diocesan Director,

Soon, your diocese will participate in the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your leadership is key to making this year's collection a successful show of solidarity with love for our brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands.

Christ calls us to love one another by revealing his mercy to the world, especially to our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors. The Church answers this call through works of mercy: spiritual works such as prayer and education, as well as corporal works such as feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and visiting the sick.

In Brazil's Archdiocese of São Salvador da Bahia, the archdiocesan Social Action Network engages and mobilizes the faithful to live the social teachings of the Church by providing food and medical care to the homeless, collecting and recycling cooking oil as biofuel for vehicles, and advocating for policies that prioritize the poor and most vulnerable citizens. This comprehensive program is one of the many ways that the Collection for the Church in Latin America expresses solidarity and brings the care and concern of Catholics in the United States to their brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean islands.

Bulletin inserts, a parish resource guide with bulletin announcements and a parish appeal, web content, 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, X, and Instagram posts and photos you can use. Please follow the USCCB's social media pages for the latest posts on the collection and other news, and share them on your diocesan channels (using the hashtags #shareyourfaith and #1church1mission). If you have any questions or need additional materials, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or mhren@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,

Margaret Hren

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