



Global Solidarity Sunday Collection

Called to Global Communion

March 30/31, 2019

God has bestowed each of us with certain gifts and talents. However, due to oppression, poverty and lack of education, these are often hidden or stifled for our brothers and sisters. The Global Solidarity Sunday Collection is an opportunity for Catholics of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to help release the gifts and talents of Catholics around the world.

The collection is distributed among four initiatives determined by the United States Catholic Bishops: humanitarian efforts of Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America, and Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Catholic Relief Services (CRS): creates opportunities for U.S. Catholics to help struggling people overseas by supporting CRS relief and solidarity efforts in the poorest 100 countries of the world.

Catholic Legal Immigrant Network, Inc: provides legal and support services to Catholic programs representing poor immigrants. It focuses on reunification of families and protection of those fleeing persecution or civil unrest.

Migration and Refugee Services: resettles approximately one quarter of the refugees admitted to the U.S. It promotes just public policy for newcomers and migrants and responds to their spiritual needs.

Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development: advocates for the poor and vulnerable through international peace and justice. It enables the Church to respond to global concerns such as religious freedom and debt relief for poor countries.

For the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Our Catholic family in Central Europe has been a story of vitality and strength, a story of hope. Collection funds are used for projects that build the pastoral capacity of the church and restore faith. Examples of projects include supporting seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, and church restoration.

For the Church in Latin America

Families in Latin America and the Caribbean face numerous challenges as they strive to live and share their faith. And they have tremendous joy and faith in the face of difficulties. The Collection for the Church in Latin America empowers the people of Latin America to deepen their faith and share it with the world. In addition, funds are distributed to aid earthquake victims.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

The Church in Africa is spiritually rich, but desperately poor. Building from the 2001 statement "A Call to Solidarity with Africa," the USCCB began a diocesan collection to build up the pastoral capacity of the Church in Africa.

Please be as generous as you are able during your parish's collection on March 14/15.
Thank you.