



February 28, 2019

Dear Pastor,

Global Solidarity Sunday will be observed in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis on the weekend of **March 30-31**, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. This year the theme is: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord*. As we reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters around the world, we make present the Body of Christ for those who still hunger and thirst for God's mercy, love and healing.

On Global Solidarity Sunday, we ask that you take up a combined collection of solidarity to support four initiatives selected by the U.S. Catholic Bishops: the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa and humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services.

Enclosed you will find materials to promote and facilitate the celebration and collection in your parish. For your convenience, we have also provided an online location to download all materials: **Download page at www.centerformission.org to find:**

- Bulletin Announcements (English and Spanish)
- Liturgy Suggestions
- Collection Report Form

Please forward this information to the appropriate Global Solidarity Sunday coordinator in your parish. The individual designated as the Administrator in your parish will also be receiving a letter with similar information.

If your parish has an envelope order on file, they are scheduled to arrive the week of March 11. If you have not previously ordered envelopes but would like them for this year's collection, we will attempt to satisfy your needs but have limited supply on hand. Please contact Bonnie Curry-Gabel at 651-291-4451 or curry-gabelb@archspm.org for envelopes and to change your order for next year.

Thank you for your leadership in shaping and fulfilling the call to global solidarity.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mickey Friesen".

Deacon Mickey Friesen
Director

