



Global Solidarity Sunday Collection

One Church, One Mission, Real Lives

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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 nurture 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): supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts that include resettlement for victims of war and natural disasters, projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support for poor immigrants, peace and reconciliation work for poor who suffer from violence and more. Organizations supported by this collection include:

- Catholic Legal Immigrant Network, Inc:**
- Migration and Refugee Services**
- Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development:**
- Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church:**

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 spiritual, material and emotional needs of those suffering from regions of conflict. Examples of projects include supporting priestly formation, seminaries, social service programs, healthcare and counseling facilities.

For the Church in Latin America

Communities in Latin America, especially countries like Brazil and Venezuela, face tremendous lack of basics like food, shelter and healthcare. In addition, human trafficking and environmental concerns are prominent and are destructive to human dignity. Collected funds support many Church programs that enhance lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, programs to protect the vulnerable and poor, and defend human life and dignity addressing human trafficking, poverty, and emigration.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. This Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.