

Dear Pastor,

**Global Solidarity Sunday** will be observed in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis on the weekend of **March 21-22**, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. This year the theme is, “...**I was blind and now I see**” (**Jn. 9:25**). As we reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters around the world, we let our light shine 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 this year we focus on the global, 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 source to download all materials to aid in a successful Global Solidarity Sunday. **Go to the Download page at [www.centerformission.org](http://www.centerformission.org) to find:**

- Bulletin Announcements
- Explanation of Four Initiatives
- Liturgy Aid
- 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 Parish Report Form to fill out and mail in with the parish collection.

**If your parish has an envelope order on file, envelopes are scheduled to arrive by the second week of March.** If you have not previously ordered envelopes but would like them for the collection next year, please contact Bonnie Curry-Gabel at 651-291-4451 or [curry-gabelb@archspm.org](mailto:curry-gabelb@archspm.org).

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



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