

## Diocese of Palm Beach

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Next weekend, June 8/9, the Diocese of Palm Beach will collect funds to support two significant initiatives: Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Missions.

The Black and Indian Mission collection, established as the first national collection in 1874, exists to help African American and Native American Catholic communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Your support helps missionaries to serve, form children and adults in the faith and build hope in areas where it is in short supply.

The Catholic Home Missions portion of the collection helps struggling dioceses across our nation and its territories that require financial assistance to sustain their core pastoral services and works of mercy. Your support of this appeal makes a difference in mission communities through programs for evangelization, faith formation, human life and dignity, strengthening marriages and families, and priestly and religious vocations.

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito

Bishop of Palm Beach