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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On August 8/9, our parishes will take up a collection to aid the Church in Latin America and the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, splitting the funds between these two vital initiatives.

For more than 50 years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean to the southern tip of South America through this collection, supporting pastoral, catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers. The money raised helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford, which would prevent them from ministering effectively to the faithful.

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa has been making real differences in the lives of Catholics in Africa for more than 15 years through its support of formation programs for clergy and religious and other pastoral ministries that address the needs of the rapidly growing African Church. Giving to the Solidarity Fund helps train today's seminarians to become the pastoral leaders of tomorrow.

Your generous response to this appeal — monetarily and through prayer — will go far to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ known throughout the world. Thank you for going above and beyond for our struggling brothers and sisters.

Assuring you and all those you love of my continued remembrance in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and commending you to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles, I remain

Sincerely yours in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Most Reverend Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez, J.C.D.
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