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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On August 12/13, our parishes will take up a collection to aid the Church in Latin America and the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The funds collected will be split between these two initiatives.

For more than 50 years, Catholics in the United States have supported diocesan pastoral, catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers by donating to the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The collection 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 generosity, as well as your prayerful remembrance, will go far to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ known throughout the world.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach