



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the national Collection for the Church in Latin America, which will help evangelize the message of Christ as countries there prepare for World Youth Day 2020. In his message for WYD in 2018, Pope Francis echoed Jesus' call for young people to encounter one another and to experience the beauty of the Church. Young people are the future of our Church, and we have a responsibility to support them as they grow in faith.

You have helped young people accept the challenge to grow in faith through your ongoing support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity will help the Archdiocese of Panama build relationships with one another, with their peers throughout Latin America, and with the rest of the world as they prepare for World Youth Day 2020. This is a tremendous event in the life of the Church, and you can give them the opportunity to grow as leaders and develop missionary hearts.

Our diocese takes up this collection the weekend of Jan. 26, 2020. Please be generous in this collection. Take this opportunity to share your faith with young people in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

The collection date for the Diocese of Charleston is Jan. 26, 2020.