



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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OF CHARLESTON
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By virtue of our baptism, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. As a way continue to build God's kingdom, we invite you to help Build Our Mission to the Missions by supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Your support provides the presence of missionaries in African American, Native American, and Alaska missions, schools, and religious education programs. Your partnership places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of Black Catholic communities in places such as the Diocese of Jackson, Miss.; Native American pueblos in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M.; to the far reaching villages of Alaska; and so many other places. Your sacrifice addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations right here in our neighborhood.

Pope Francis reminds us in *Lumen Fidei* (51), "Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope." Your prayer needs to be constant as together we join our hearts and hands, always serving the Christian communities in love and in imitation of Christ, the first missionary sent from the Creator above.

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection. For promotional materials, visit us online at www.blackandindianmission.org.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

The collection date for the Diocese of Charleston is March 1, 2020.