



ROMAN CATHOLIC  
**DIOCESE**  
**OF CHARLESTON**  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

From the post-industrial cities of Ohio and Michigan in the east to the prairies of Nebraska and Kansas in the west, the Byzantine (Ruthenian) Catholic Eparchy of Parma encompasses a vast and diverse territory of 12 Midwestern states. Founded in 1969 to serve the needs of Slavic immigrant families, the eparchy currently ministers to more than 5,200 Catholics in 28 parishes and six missions. One of the most effective ways the eparchy fosters unity among this widely dispersed flock is through its *Horizons* newspaper, published every three weeks, which reaches readers in the eparchy's 12 states plus Canada and even Europe.

Your generosity to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal has helped the eparchy improve its outreach through the development of a smartphone/tablet app that includes *Horizons* news stories and daily liturgical readings. Also, the eparchy established Horizons Press in 2017 to publish prayer resources for underserved Byzantine Catholics. These resources allow the faithful not only to grow in their own personal holiness but also to share their faith more easily with their neighbors.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo  
Bishop of Charleston

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