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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a diocese we will soon take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Eritrea, in the Horn of Africa, lies on the western shore of the Red Sea between Sudan and Ethiopia. Due to government travel restrictions that prevent Eritreans under age 50 from going abroad, pastors in Eritrean parishes have difficulty receiving the training that they need to effectively administer their parishes and develop pastoral plans.

With valuable assistance from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Eparchy of Keren in northern Eritrea organized workshops to train younger, recently ordained priests in pastoral planning and leadership skills that they can apply to minister to their parish communities. Your participation in this collection makes possible practical efforts such as those in Eritrea that equip priests to better lead and serve their communities.

The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. Please be generous to this collection for the Solidarity Fund in your parishes.

To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

In the Lord's peace,

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