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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Catholic Church in Latin America is more than ever facing challenges in the work of evangelization. Shortages of resources and pastoral workers, as well as poor infrastructure make simple things like attending weekly Mass difficult for many. As members of the same family of faith, we are called to help our sisters and brothers in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America, scheduled to take place in our Diocese on the weekend of August 21-22, is one way to support them. Your participation in this collection is a meaningful and practical expression of solidarity with people in these regions. The proceeds are used in dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions. The collection also assists in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, catechists and youth ministers.

Please be generous toward this collection. Take this opportunity to share your faith with our sisters and brothers in need. Your financial support, and just as importantly, your prayers, will truly make a difference.

For more information on the Church in Latin America, and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Be assured of my own prayers for you and your family,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

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