



DIocese of Superior

Office of the Bishop

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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, a divine gift that prepares our hearts for the glorious resurrection of Jesus, it is truly inspiring to witness the transformative work of the Lord within us and through us as we approach Easter. In the Diocese of Superior, many faithful followers of Christ are contemplating contributing to the World Concern Collection (International Priests Collection for many) on the fourth weekend of Lent, March 30, 2025. Your gifts and fervent prayers will play a pivotal role in extending crucial relief services wherever they are most needed across the globe.

For those blessed with the service and guidance of one of the more than 25 International Priests in their parish community, all proceeds from the collection will be forwarded to the respective home diocese of these priests. This is a great opportunity to express our appreciation for their missionary service and to support their ongoing work.

The Collection to Aid the Catholic Church in Eastern Europe, endorsed by the U.S. Bishops as a vital fund, serves as a beacon of hope and humanitarian assistance in response to the ongoing war in Ukraine. It also empowers the Church to reconstruct parishes, schools, and seminaries, and impart religious education to the laity.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection stands as a pillar of support, delivering expertise, aid, and compassion to the most impoverished nations worldwide. As a front-runner in responding to crises, Catholic Relief Services continues to play a pivotal role in disaster relief efforts.

The Church in Latin America extends its helping hand to a continent grappling with poverty, injustice, and economic-political turmoil.

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa sponsors a multitude of essential pastoral programs that bolster the rapidly growing Church in the region. These programs include aid for Catholic schools, facilitating vocational training, education, and employment.

Contributions to the Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) empower Pope Francis to respond to direct appeals for vital assistance.

As we journey through this sacred season of Lent, please accept my warmest personal regards and the assurance of continued prayers.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. James P. Powers
Bishop of Superior