

# Diocesan Mission Collection: January 13th & 14th

*This collection combines four causes that support missionary outreach to the Universal Church:*

**STRENGTHENING**  
the **CHURCH AT HOME**

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**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS**

**Catholic Home Missions** is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people.

**SUPPORT THE**  
Solidarity Fund for the  
**CHURCH IN**  
**AFRICA**

**Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa:** While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. This Fund supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**  
**DOMINGO MUNDIAL DE LAS MISIONES**

**MERCY**  
CHANGES THE **WORLD**  
**LA MISERICORDIA**  
CAMBIA AL **MUNDO**

**The Society for the Propagation of the Faith**  
La Sociedad para la Propagación de la Fe

**The Society for the Propagation of the Faith** is vital to the missionaries serving in 1,111 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances covering more than half the globe.

**BUILDING** Our Mission to the Missions

**T**he Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities:

**Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis**

Grant funds from the BIMC enables us to support parish-based catechetical programs. We help form and train catechists who will form children to be disciples of Jesus in the world, and get bibles and catechisms in kids' hands so they can learn the ways of the Lord and take their place around His altar.



**Empowering Evangelizers**

BIMC grant funds help African American and Native American ministries to sponsor events and formation to encourage the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways. Religious sisters shown here, serve Native American Catholics spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.



**Helping Educators Reach Kids**

With your contribution to the BIMC, you'll help support good teachers to help African American and Native American kids learn. In 2016, your generous donations reached over 4,000 students in more than 250 schools and parishes across the United States.



**Encouraging Vocations**

We need men and women living the consecrated life to give witness to a radical Christian life. We need priests in order to have the Eucharist! Supporting the BIMC enables us to help encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life in diocesan communities across the country.



**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION**  
[www.blackandindianmission.org/nationalcollection](http://www.blackandindianmission.org/nationalcollection)