

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Dear Diocesan Director,

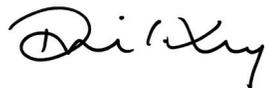
The Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA) was established to strengthen the Church here at home. Almost half of the dioceses in the United States struggle to make ends meet and without support from this appeal would not be able to sustain many of their essential ministries. By encouraging your parishes to support this appeal, you are helping our brothers and sisters grow in their faith.

The Diocese of Laredo is located in southern Texas, along the US–Mexico border. Many in this diocese live on the margins of society, either as immigrants or as people living in poverty, and it is a challenge for the diocese to keep up with the needs of its people. With contributions from your parishioners to CHMA, the diocese reaches out to some of the most marginalized people—those in prison. Many detainees are returning to the Catholic faith and are in need of God’s mercy. Your diocese’s gift provides liturgical and educational supplies, helps priests offer the Eucharist and other sacraments, and supports volunteers’ and ministers’ outreach to over 10,000 men and women in detention facilities. Your generosity brings Christ’s message of love, compassion, and reconciliation to this often forgotten population.

We need your help to promote this appeal in your parishes. The most effective thing you can do is to remind parishes to announce the appeal at Mass. A parish appeal, bulletin insert, and social media tool kit are available online, free for download by you and your parishes at www.usccb.org/home-missions/collection.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at bkennedy@usccb.org. On behalf of all of those who benefit from this appeal, thank you for helping **strengthen the Church at home**.

Gratefully in Christ,



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