



# RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Dear Communications Director/Editor,

The national date for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) is Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. The Church in post-communist countries has struggled to rebuild, not only its structures, but also its intellectual and spiritual life. By promoting this collection in your diocese, you are helping to build stronger faith communities for those who live in this region.

In the small country of Montenegro, the elderly are an at-risk population due to societal views that portray them as a burden. Consequently, there is a lack of care programs and community support available. With your generosity to the Collection for CCEE, educational materials and videos were created to raise awareness of the dignity and rights of the elderly. In addition, training was provided for 100 people to support and advocate for the rights of this marginalized population. Donations from your diocese make a difference and lift the dignity of those at risk.

We rely on your help to promote this collection. Use your publication(s), website, social media channels, or any other outlets available to you to help get the word out about the collection. Tell the story of the work being done in Montenegro, or use the additional resources available online, including the social media tool kit. These resources can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee/collection](http://www.usccb.org/ccee/collection). If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at [bkennedy@usccb.org](mailto:bkennedy@usccb.org).

We truly appreciate your support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Gratefully in Christ,

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