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I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

Dear Communications Director,

Youth and young adults are energetic and enthusiastic disciples of Christ, as we see at events like World Youth Day. They also need support from the Church and their communities of family, mentors, and friends to guide them through a time in life when they think about their vocation, course of study, job opportunities, and family life.

The Diocese of Carúpano, on the northeastern coast of Venezuela, was established in April 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II. As part of this young diocese's mission to strengthen the faith of youth and young adults, it has established a vocational center where young people can gather for recreation, prayer, and development as disciples of Christ. Three-day weekend conferences offer young people opportunities to learn devotions, share their faith with peers, discern God's will in their lives, and discover their vocational call.

With support from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the diocese equips young people to be active, faithful disciples who develop their talents for lives of service in the states of life to which God calls them.

You can make this year's collection successful by sharing this and other stories about projects funded by the collection on your social media channels, using collection web banners on your diocesan website, and placing an ad in your diocesan paper. The materials you need are available at www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or ngerman@usccb.org.

We appreciate your support for the collection. Thank you for your generosity to the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. It may be helpful to know that [#iGiveCatholicTogether](https://www.givecatholic.com) also accepts funds for this program if parishioners in your diocese are looking for a way to support this collection through online donations. May our merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, bless you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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