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Year 2010 Collection

Dear Monsignors, Fathers, Deacons, Sisters, Brothers, and laity,

Thank you for your support of the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection. Each year, because of your leadership and encouragement, the Catholic Church continues evangelization efforts among African Americans and Native Americans.

The Black and Indian Mission Collection is the oldest national appeal. Established in 1884 at the Plenary Council in Baltimore, the collection was the first to ask parishes throughout the nation to assist with the ministry of evangelization. The Black and Indian Mission Collection supports dioceses to assist parishes in providing the tools and personnel for passing on our living faith. For more than 125 years, with your help, the Black and Indian Mission Office has kept the light of faith shining.

Our theme for the 2010 collection is as straight forward as it is urgent: *Evangelization – Strengthening the faith, Continuing the legacy, Sharing the mission.* Colorful posters have been prepared to increase awareness of the campaign in your parish. Included is a fact sheet about the campaign, which you may want to share with your parish leaders and parishioners. Also, for your convenience, you will find “bulletin and pulpit announcements.”

Time with your people is precious but a word of support for this annual collection from the pulpit will improve the results. For decades, we have assisted those who minister to African Americans and Indigenous peoples. There are numerous life-changing stories of conversion, redemption and salvation. Thank you for joining our evangelization team. Please promote the 2010 Black and Indian Mission Collection.

I am pleased to report that we now have a website. You can find more information and promotional material at www.blackandindianmission.org. Together, we can live the Gospel and share the Good News.

I know that God will bless you a hundred-fold for your generosity in promoting the Black and Indian Mission collection this year.

In the missionary spirit of St. Katharine Drexel, whose 10th anniversary of canonization we celebrate this year, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Wayne C. Paysse
Executive Director