

# **Help Support the Black and Indian Mission Collection**

## **The Collection will be taken up on the first Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010.**

Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Office supervises the Collection – the only annual appeal mandated by the Third Plenary Council – and distributes these funds as diocesan grants. The Black and Indian Mission Collection is the oldest collection collected in the United States mandated by the United States Bishops in 1884.

Our diocese receives a grant from the Bureau of Black and Indian Mission, to support our continued evangelization efforts with the people of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo. Last year our diocese received a grant in the amount of \$20,000. Please be generous, and help us to continue to support the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

For further information please go to: [www.blackandindianmission.org](http://www.blackandindianmission.org)

### **FACT SHEET**

#### **2010 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION**

- \* Established in 1884 as the embodiment of the Catholic Church's concern for evangelizing the Black, Native American and Indigenous peoples of the United States.
- \* The Black and Indian Mission Office coordinates the annual appeal in U.S. parishes, and distributes these funds as diocesan grants.
- \* Each year bishops request help from the Black and Indian Mission Office to support local parishes in the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel.
- \* In 2009, the National Collection assisted 132 dioceses, granting \$8.7 million.
- \*The funds support pastoral ministry, Catholic schools and religious education programs in impoverished areas.
- \*The mission of Christ is still far from completion and we must commit ourselves to its service. (*Redemptoris Missio*)