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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The parishes of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will take up the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America, on January 25-26, 2025. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean Islands.

Through the Collection for the Church in Latin America, Catholics in the United State can express a closer unity with and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands. This unity was fully expressed this fall, when Catholics from around the world gathered for an International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador to celebrate the country's 150th anniversary of its consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Using funds received from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Archdiocese of Quito welcomed thousands from around the world – including a delegation of Catholics from the United States led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens – to pray together, encounter the love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and share their faith. When you participate in the collection at your parish, you support special events such as this International Eucharistic Congress as well as the ongoing work of forming catechists, supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and implementing family ministries throughout Latin America.

Please be generous as you can as a sign of your support for spreading the love of Jesus throughout Latin America.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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