



July 31, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For more than 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. This collection supports diocesan pastoral, catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers.

The collection also helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford. Without these necessities, they would be unable to minister effectively to the faithful. With your support for this collection, you also make it possible for young men and women to answer the call to priestly and religious vocations.

Please consider generously supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America the weekend of August 19-20, 2023. Your contribution, and especially your prayers, will help make our Catholic faith a living reality for people throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

