



Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Office of the Cardinal  
222 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since 1884 parishes throughout the United States have expressed their solidarity with the African American and Native American communities through their contributions to the **Collection for the Black and Indian Missions**. This collection offers assistance to some of the poorest areas of our nation so that the Gospel of Christ can be proclaimed and lived.

Locally, various programs of pastoral outreach and evangelization continue to receive a portion of their funding through grants awarded from this collection. This funding, therefore, assists a number of parishes and programs within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

I encourage your enthusiastic response to **Collection for the Black and Indian Missions** which will be taken up on the weekend of **September 6 and 7**. I offer my grateful thanks on behalf of all those who will benefit from your thoughtful generosity

Sincerely in Christ,

**+Justin Card. Rigali**

Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

(Please communicate the contents of this letter to your parishioners in the most appropriate manner on the weekend of **August 30 and 31**; the collection is taken up the following weekend of **September 6 and 7, 2008**. Collection remittal should be made payable to ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA and sent to: Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103)