



BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

BUILDING Our Mission to the Missions

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The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help bishops and dioceses to build up the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities.

- Many people benefit from your support of the BIMC:
 - Students in the small mission school in the Deep South.
 - The Catholic community served by a Native deacon in Alaska.
 - The Native American parish on the prairie.Your support helps all of them come to know Jesus.
- The BIMC helps get good teachers in schools that would otherwise struggle to stay open.
- Funding from the BIMC helps dioceses form lay ministers and catechists to spread the Gospel in their own communities.
- Supporting the BIMC helps encourage young African Americans and Native Americans to give their lives to the Lord as priests, brothers, or sisters.

La Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas (CMAI) existe para ayudar a los obispos y las diócesis a edificar la Iglesia entre las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de Nativos de Alaska.

- Muchas personas se ven beneficiadas de su apoyo a la CMAI:
 - Los estudiantes de la pequeña escuela misionera en el sureste de los EEUU.
 - La Comunidad Católica atendida por un diácono Nativo Americana en Alaska.
 - La parroquia Nativo Americana en la Pradera.Su apoyo ayuda a todas estas personas a llegar a conocer a Jesús.
- La CMAI ayuda a conseguir buenos maestros para escuelas que en otras circunstancias estarían luchando para mantenerse abiertas.
- Los fondos de la CMAI ayudan a las diócesis a formar ministros laicos y catequistas para difundir el Evangelio en sus propias comunidades.
- Contribuir a la CMAI ayuda a animar a jóvenes Afroamericanos e Indígenas a entregar su vida al Señor como sacerdotes, religiosos o religiosas.



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- *Lumen Fidei* (51)

Dear pastors and friends of the Black and Indian Mission Collection,

By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must continue to build God’s Kingdom in our world.

We invite you to help **Build Our Mission to the Missions** by supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection!

Your support provides the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native missions, schools, and religious education programs. **Your partnership** places Bibles and catechetical materials in the hands of priests, consecrated women and men, and lay leaders in Black Catholic communities in the Diocese of Jackson, Miss.; in Native American pueblos in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M.; to the far reaching villages of Alaska; and so many other places. **Your sacrifice** addresses the need to train catechists, permanent deacons, and seminarians for future generations here in many of our neighborhoods and backyards.

Pope Francis reminds us in *Lumen Fidei* (51), “Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope.” **Your prayer** needs to be constant as together we join our hearts and hands, always serving the Christian communities in love and in imitation of Christ, the first missionary sent from the Creator above.

In solidarity with our Holy Father and with each and every person, “The hands of faith are raised up to heaven, even as they go about building in charity a city based on relationships in which the love of God is laid as a foundation” (*Lumen Fidei*, 51).

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection. For promotional materials, visit us online at www.blackandindianmission.org/resources.

In Faith and Mission,

Rev. Maurice Henry Sands
Executive Director

Intercessions

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For world, national, tribal, and local leaders, that God would enlighten their decisions to build communities marked by true peace and understanding, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For all teachers, priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, parish leaders, and all who work to build the Church among African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities, that God will bless them, we pray to the Lord....R/.

That many Black and Native American Catholic young people would courageously follow the call of Christ to serve as priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For our parish community, that we would help build the Church in African American and Native American communities through generous support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection today, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For all those who have died, especially those struck by alcoholism, drug abuse, or violence, that our loving God would bring them home to His embrace in Heaven, we pray to the Lord....R/.

Peticiones

R/. Escucha, Señor, nuestra oración.

Por los líderes mundiales, nacionales, tribales y locales, para que Dios ilumine sus decisiones para construir comunidades caracterizadas por la verdadera paz y el entendimiento, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Por todos los maestros, sacerdotes, religiosas y religiosos, diáconos, líderes parroquiales y todos los que trabajan para edificar la Iglesia entre las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de Nativos de Alaska, para que Dios los bendiga, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Que muchos jóvenes católicos Afroamericanos e Indígenas sigan con valentía el llamado de Cristo de servir al pueblo de Dios como sacerdotes, diáconos y hombres y mujeres consagrados, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Por nuestra comunidad parroquial, para que podamos ayudar a edificar la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas e Indígenas mediante el apoyo generoso a la Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas que se recoge hoy, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Por todos los fieles difuntos, especialmente los que fueron abatidos por el alcoholismo, el abuso de las drogas o la violencia; que nuestro Dios amoroso los acoja en su morada en el Cielo, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Bulletin Announcements

The Weekend Before the Collection

Next week, our parish will take up the 136th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

[If appropriate: Our diocese also received \$_____ in grant funding from this collection last year, benefiting _____.]

[If promotional materials were ordered: Check out the insert in today’s bulletin for more information.]

The Weekend of the Collection

Today, our parish will take up the 136th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, [including our diocese, which received \$_____ from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year]. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

The Week After the Collection

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 136th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn’t happen without your support!

Anuncios parroquiales

El fin de semana antes de la colecta:

La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia empezará la 136a Colecta anual para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. Nuestro apoyo a esta colecta ayuda a construir la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska de costa a costa. ¡Las escuelas, los programas parroquiales de educación religiosa y los ministerios diocesanos dependen de su generosidad para ayudar a proclamar el Evangelio de Jesucristo!

[Si corresponde: El año pasado nuestra diócesis también recibió \$_____ en financiamiento de esta colecta, y se benefició a ____.]

[Si se encargaron materiales promocionales: Eche un vistazo al folleto en el boletín de hoy para más información.]

El fin de semana de la colecta:

Hoy nuestra parroquia recogerá la 136a Colecta para la Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. Nuestro apoyo a esta colecta ayuda a construir la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska de costa a costa, [incluyendo a nuestra diócesis, que el año pasado recibió \$_____ de la Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas]. ¡Las escuelas, los programas parroquiales de educación religiosa y los ministerios diocesanos dependen de su generosidad para ayudar a difundir el Evangelio de Jesucristo! Mediante una contribución generosa, usted puede ayudar hoy mismo a hacer frente a las necesidades insatisfechas. Gracias por su apoyo.

La semana después de la colecta:

Gracias a todos los que participaron en la 136a Colecta anual para la Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas, el fin de semana pasado. Su apoyo en oración ayuda a muchas personas a conocer a Jesucristo en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska en todos los Estados Unidos. ¡Sin su apoyo no sería posible difundir el Evangelio!

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