



CHANCERY OFFICE
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

July 16, 2021

Dear Father:

Each year in the midst of the summer, an offering is requested for our support of the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*.

This collection from our people, whether in the offertory basket, by mail or online will be taken on Sunday, August 9, including the anticipated Mass on Saturday evening.

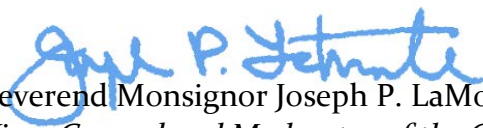
Kindly have the enclosed letter from His Eminence communicated to the faithful in a way you deem appropriate on the weekend of August 1 (print in your Sunday bulletin, post on the parish web page or church bulletin board, send to them via *FlockNote* or read to them at Mass). A Spanish translation is included.

Your encouragement to your parishioners to support this effort will go a long way. Both *We Share* and your envelope companies have been notified of this collection. You might wish to remind them to register for online giving to maintain their offertory.

I am mindful that, after all these months, we are still easing back into worshipping in person and last year's quarantine has brought with it many challenges. Thank you for your prudent regard for all of these national collections. We would like to receive your contributions by the end of August. Checks should be payable to the "Archdiocese of New York" and sent to the finance office at the chancery, room 1940. A supply of small transactional envelopes for use throughout the year was mailed to parishes during the month of June. Use one of these for each remittance.

With gratitude for the many ways in which you advance the mission of the Church in New York throughout the archdiocese, and with prayerful good wishes for a relaxing and well-deserved summer, I am,

Fraternally in the Lord,


Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. LaMorte, VG
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

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August 1, 2021
Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Year of St. Joseph

Dear friends in the Lord:

Grateful to you for your past generosity of \$143,000 in the midst of last year's pandemic, I write to you today to ask for your solicitude again as we prepare to collect an offering on Sunday, August 9 for the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*. Founded on the basic principles of Saint John Paul II's call to action in *Ecclesia in Africa*, we are enabled to express love 'in deed and in truth' (1 John 3:18), a love that creates no borders and sets no limits to what might be accomplished together in Christ.

Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, persecution, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years.

However, it is difficult for the Church there to sustain its growth and maintain essential pastoral outreach. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Our solidarity is necessary to help the "salt of the earth" Church in Africa realize its potential as a "light of the world."

Your participation will assist in making a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in that part of the world. You can learn more at www.usccb.org/africa.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your families for a blessed summer, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



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1 de agosto del 2021
Mes de la Realeza de María
Año de San José

Queridos amigos del Señor:

Agradecido por su generosidad de \$ 143,000 en medio de la pandemia del año pasado, le escribo hoy para solicitar su generosidad nuevamente mientras nos preparamos para recolectar una ofrenda el domingo 9 de agosto para *el Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África*. Fundado en los principios básicos del llamado a la acción de San Juan Pablo II en *Ecclesia in Africa*, somos capaces de expresar el amor 'con hechos y verdades' (1 Juan 3:18), un amor que no crea fronteras y no pone límites a lo que se podría lograr juntos en Cristo.

África enfrenta los obstáculos económicos y sociales de una enorme deuda, epidemia, pobreza extrema, persecución y malestar político. A pesar de estos desafíos, la Iglesia en África casi se ha triplicado en tamaño en los últimos 30 años.

Sin embargo, es difícil para la Iglesia sostener su crecimiento y mantener un alcance pastoral esencial. El Fondo proporciona los fondos para financiar proyectos pastorales que incluyen: programas, escuelas, evangelización y educación del clero y ministros laicos. Nuestra solidaridad es necesaria para ayudar a la iglesia que es "la sal de la tierra" la Iglesia en África ha notado su potencial como "luz del mundo".

Su generosidad ayudará a marcar una diferencia en las vidas de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en esa parte del mundo. Puede obtener más información en www.usccb.org/africa.

Con mis mejores deseos en oración para usted y sus familias por un verano bendecido, me suscribo,

Fielmente en Cristo,

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† Timothy Michael Cardenal Dolan
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