



DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Diocesan Mission Collection July 18-19, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next weekend is our annual Diocesan Mission Collection. We currently have 15 priests serving in our diocese from Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, India, and Uganda. Their home diocese and families are making sacrifices by sharing them with us. In return, we are able to share some of our financial resources with their home dioceses. From feeding families in Latin America to building chapels in India, we are called to share whatever our resources may be.

This year is a very unique one, in that we are all suffering at home and globally due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some might insist that charity and mercy start at home. I agree, but we can't stop there. From disease, to hunger, to education of children, our current situation is what many people throughout the world suffer every day. Most of us have been so abundantly blessed that we can help both at home and abroad.

Your generosity to the Diocesan Mission Collection will impact the lives of some of the most vulnerable people living around the world. Our Mission Collection is about fostering relationships and making the sharing of charity and mercy possible. I ask that you be generous, not because you have to, but because you believe in strengthening the Universal Church.

Invoking the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Patroness, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City

N.B.: This letter should be read from the pulpit or printed in its entirety in your bulletin on the weekend of July 18-19, 2020.