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Dear Friends in Christ,

As missionary disciples, we are called to follow the Gospel's call to love others! The World's Poor Collection on March 10, 2024, provides us the opportunity to do just that. This collection encompasses a multitude of agencies working against poverty and promoting human dignity in the name of the Catholic Church. This collection includes **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**, **Peter's Pence**, and the **Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**.

- ❖ ***Catholic Relief Services*** provides food for the hungry, housing for victims of natural disasters, educational opportunities for refugees displaced by war, and pastoral ministries to travelers and migrants who lack consistent access to the sacramental life of a parish community.
- ❖ ***The Catholic Campaign for Human Development*** helps essential employees advocate for safe and healthy workplaces. Those living in poverty in our own Diocese are empowered through the 25% share of our collection that stays here.
- ❖ ***Peter's Pence*** supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Their initiatives provide the Holy Father with the financial means to reach out to people suffering from war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. It also supports the ongoing activities of the Holy See.
- ❖ ***The Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*** supports the efforts of the Church throughout Africa to witness the Gospel through evangelization, pastoral ministry, and the reconciliation of neighbors. When you participate in the collection to support the Solidarity Fund, you are helping to empower this very critical outreach of peace and healing work to which we are all called.

Today, I ask you to respond to the call to charity by embracing this opportunity to give generously to the World's Poor Collection. Through the work of these Catholic agencies, we as Catholics continue the work of revealing God's love to people in most need of hope.

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" ~Matthew 25:40

May Jesus bless you and your families with His peace, as I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay