

Diocese of Norwich

Mission Combined Collection

201 Broadway

Norwich, Connecticut 06360

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray this message finds you well and enjoying the crisp, refreshing days of autumn. I am writing to invite your support for our upcoming **Mission Combined Collection**, which will take place in all parishes during the weekend of **October 4-5, 2025**. This special appeal unites four important national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Through the Mission Combined Collection - supporting the **Church in Latin America, World Mission, Black and Indian Missions**, and **Catholic Home Missions** - we are given a unique opportunity to extend Christ's love and hope to people both near and far. These efforts help our brothers and sisters live with greater dignity, grow in faith, and experience the joy of knowing Jesus. Every personal encounter with Christ begins with the Gospel message, the Word of God, and the living witness of faithful discipleship. Your generosity helps make that encounter possible for those facing economic and political challenges, whether they live in our own country or across the world.

By our Baptism, we are all called to share in the Church's mission and to spread the Gospel as witnesses of Christ's love. While we may not be able to serve personally in remote mission territories or in communities burdened by poverty, our prayers and gifts allow us to be present in spirit, joining with missionaries who bring compassion, hope, and the presence of Jesus to every corner of the world.

I would ask you to prayerfully consider donating to the Mission Combined Collection. Please use the gift envelopes you have received (extras available in your church) and return them in collection basket during Mass the weekend of **October 4-5, 2025**. I am deeply grateful for your generosity. Together, we continue Christ's mission and share His love with those most in need.

May God bless you abundantly and watch over all whom you hold dear.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Richard F. Reidy".

Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy
Bishop of Norwich