



DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over thirty-five years, the annual Black and Indian Mission Collection has changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans, and African Americans throughout the United States. This important collection assists Parish-based catechetical programs, helps educators reach students in remote villages, and empowers ministries to sponsor events that encourage living the Christian life in enculturated ways.

Your financial support of the Black and Indian Mission Office enables the missions to help form children in the faith, educate young people, and promote vocations, along with the formation of the laity in the areas of ministries. Further, it helps build hope, which can often be difficult to find in the areas the missionaries serve.

The Diocese of Venice will be participating in the collection for the Black and Indian Mission the weekend of February 4 and 5, 2023. With your support, the Church can make an impact to the pastoral work across the country and fund programs that strengthen the work of the Gospel. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to you and your family of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida