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TO CHRIST'S FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS:

**ON THE COLLECTION FOR THE BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS**

Dear Father/Monsignor,

The annual NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION was authorized by the Catholic Church in our nation in 1884 and has served the Black and Native American communities ever since. The Collection was needed then and it is needed today more than ever.

Our own Archdiocese of St. Louis recently received a generous grant to be used for evangelization in our local church for our Black and Native American members. This grant is from the proceeds of this national collection.

I ask that you be as generous as possible to the NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION for the year 2010. By doing so, you share in the ongoing efforts to build up the Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis

***Dear Father, I ask that you read and publish this letter in your bulletin the weekend of February 13-14, and take up the Collection on February 20-21. Thank you.***