



July 17, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Collection for the Church in Latin America is scheduled to take place in our Diocese on the weekend of August 16 and 17, 2025. This is one way to support the growth and strength of our Catholic faith in different parts of the world. Your participation in this collection is a meaningful and practical expression of solidarity with people in these regions.

Latin America is home to many Catholics, but it still experiences challenges in the work of evangelization. Shortages of resources, pastoral workers and poor infrastructure make simple things like attending weekly Mass difficult for many. As members of the same family of faith, we are called to help our sisters and brothers in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The proceeds of this collection are used in dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions. The collection also assists in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, catechists and youth ministers. I encourage you to be generous toward this collection. Take this opportunity to share your faith with our sisters and brothers in need. Your financial support, just as importantly as your prayers, will truly make a difference.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. Be assured of my own prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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