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Dear Friends in Christ,

Hope-Filled Greetings in Christ's Divine Love and Goodness!

The World's Poor Collection offers us the opportunity to share Jesus' love with the most vulnerable on March 15, 2025. This collection supports multiple 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 emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. Among the most vulnerable of migrants are the victims of human trafficking.
- ❖ ***The Catholic Campaign for Human Development*** brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God.
- ❖ ***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.
- ❖ ***The Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*** empowers the Church to fulfill its mission as peacemaker to those who have most suffered fear and violence.

Today, I ask for your generosity in giving to the World's Poor Collection. With your support, these four Catholic agencies can continue sharing Christ's love to people in most need of hope.

May Jesus bless and reward you for your compassionate generosity, as I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL

Bishop of Green Bay