



July 29, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On the weekend of August 17-18 our diocese will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America**. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands. The Catholic Church in Latin America is currently facing barriers to practicing its faith. Shortages of resources and pastoral workers, as well as poor infrastructure, make simple things like attending weekly Mass difficult for many.

The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are—not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples.

This collection, scheduled for the weekend of August 17-18, is an essential resource for dioceses – such as our Sister Archdiocese of Yucatán in Mexico – parishes, religious congregations, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions in Latin America. Please give generously to this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. Evangelization programs are made possible in Central and South America in part through the generosity of the people of our diocese to the Collection for the Church in Latin America.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by this collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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OPERATION SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Our mission calls us together as a parish to sow and nurture the seeds of God's saving love...

What better way to share God's love than by purchasing a few items from the school supply list. Why are we called to fulfill this action? School supplies are expensive and purchasing them can become a financial hardship. Extend your hand to help your community.

School supplies can be placed in the containers in the entrance way starting AUGUST 8,2024 THROUGH AUGUST 18,2024.

The school supplies will be blessed at the masses August 24 and August 25. Items will be delivered to Wattsburg Middle School, Wattsburg Elementary School, and St. Boniface Pre-School on August 26.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

#2 PENCILS	Blue, Black, Red Pens	Inexpensive Ear buds
Colored Pencils/ colored Markers	Erasers	Glue Sticks
Highlighter 5 colors	4 Pack Fine Point Dry Erase Markers	Crayola Crayons
Student Scissors	Hand-Held Pencil Sharpener	Posit-Notes
3X3 posit-Notes	Pencil Case	Sanitizer

Note Keeping Items: Marble Hard cover composition book, Spiral Bound Notebook, 5 Subject Notebook.

Folders: 3-hole Poly Folder, Zip Binder: 3 Ring, 3" (not XL)

ST. BONFACE PRESCHOOL DONATION LIST

Clorox/disinfectant wipes	Hand soap
Lysol/disinfectant spray	Swiffer wet pads
Magic erasers	Disposable gloves
Baby wipes	Paper towels
Paper plates	Plastic spoons and forks
Disposable Cups	Markers/Colored pencils/Crayons
Glue sticks	Dry erase markers
Play doh	Craft supplies such as: paint brushes,
watercolors, googly eyes, pompoms, cotton balls, buttons, sequins,	glitter, etc.

For the safety of students and per state regulation, please avoid products made from Styrofoam.