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Dear Friends in Christ:

Here in the United States there is a great need for evangelization and sharing the message of Christ and the beauty of the Church. The Church at home needs to be strengthened and fortified. Soon, as a diocese, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA), which supports the neediest dioceses in the United States. This appeal makes the most basic faith programs possible and shares the gospel message with our brothers and sisters in dioceses where Church communities are scattered and struggling.

Catholic Home Missions provides a variety of invaluable services to the dioceses to which it ministers. CHM helps to train priests, religious, and lay ministers to serve in areas that are often remote and understaffed. It also helps to make sure that the parishes in mission dioceses are able to pay utilities along with other day-to-day operational expenses. In this last year, the Archdiocese of Anchorage received over \$100,000 from Catholic Home Missions.

Your support of this appeal makes a difference in the faith lives of our brothers and sisters right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year. To learn more about the appeal and those who benefit from it, visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you for strengthening the Church at home. With gratitude, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,

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