



November 7, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The combined collection for the Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will take place in all of the parishes of the Diocese on the weekend of November 19-20, 2011. Both collections impact our local North Country communities and communities throughout the United States.

The Black and Indian Missions collection provides funding for evangelization among the Black and Native American communities. Akwasasne, the Native American reservation located in our diocese, receives a substantial grant each year to support their excellent religious education programs.

For over forty years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has funded organizations that address the root causes of poverty in their communities. CCHD works for the relief of those oppressed by poverty by empowering neighbors to help one another. Twenty-five percent of the funds from this collection remain within our own Diocese. Each year grants are given to local organizations in support of their mission and commitment to alleviate the causes of poverty.

Please support both of these important collections. As Church, we are called to fight poverty and to defend human dignity. Thank you for your compassionate generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry R. LaValley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a small cross symbol.

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg