



## DIOCESE OF JEFFERSON CITY

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

### **Diocesan Mission Collection July 17-18, 2021**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next weekend is our annual Diocesan Mission Collection. We currently have 15 priests serving in our diocese from across Africa and India. In July of each year, we take up a collection to support the mission office. The funds from the collection are used, in part, to help the dioceses that make a sacrifice by sharing their priest with our diocese.

In addition to the financial contributions we make to each diocese, we also support various special projects, such as, offering food to the hungry children in Latin America and distributing medicine to the destitute in the Philippines. We are nourishing families not only with the basic necessities they need, but also by preaching the Gospel and empowering people to work together to change the world in which they live.

Please pray for our missions and the people we serve. Consider your own call to be a missionary and disciple of Christ. You are the neighbor, the one who loves God by helping those in need. I ask that you be generous to the Diocesan Mission Collection. I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shawn McKnight', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight  
Bishop of Jefferson City

**N.B.: This letter should be read from the pulpit or printed in its entirety in your bulletin on the weekend of July 10-11, 2021.**