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Second Collection for the Catholic Relief Services
on June 8 and 9, 2024*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of June 9, 2024, we will take up a second collection for the rural Parishes and Missions within our Archdiocese.

This collection is used to help sustain rural parishes that could not otherwise remain open. Many of these parishes are long distances from the neighboring Parish and serve populations that are small and, therefore, unable to maintain ministries and buildings completely on their own. For example, St. Patrick Parish in Tonopah supports the missions of St. Barbara in Round Mountain and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Fish Lake Valley, while Sacred Heart Parish in Ely supports the missions of St. Michael in McGill and Holy Child in Caliente, covering vast areas within our Archdiocese.

These rural Parishes and Missions need our support to provide religious education and evangelization programs for their parishioners. Additionally, they help sustain the pastoral ministry of Priests who travel long distances to offer the sacraments and Sunday Mass for the faithful.

I ask for your generosity and support for these rural Parishes and Missions, as well as your prayers for our sisters and brothers living in the rural regions of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas. Please help keep these Catholic communities alive; without your assistance, the Catholic presence in these areas would cease.

Assuring you of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.
Archbishop of Las Vegas