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Second Collection for the Diocesan Rural Parish Appeal  
on August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the weekend of August 17, a special second collection will be taken to support the rural parishes and missions across our Archdiocese.

These communities rely heavily on your generosity to sustain their facilities, cover utilities, and continue parish ministries. Parishes such as St. Patrick in Tonopah—which also serves the missions of St. Barbara in Round Mountain and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Fish Lake Valley—and Sacred Heart in Ely—which supports St. Michael in McGill and Holy Child in Caliente—are among those who benefit directly from your support.

Your contributions make it possible for these parishes to offer religious education, share the Gospel, and maintain a Catholic presence through the pastoral care of priests who often travel long distances to celebrate Sunday Mass.

I invite you to give generously to help sustain these vital communities of faith. Without your support, the Catholic mission in these areas cannot endure.

With continued prayers for you and your loved ones, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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