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the Church in Latin America and in Central and Eastern Europe  
on January 24 and 25, 2026*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On January 25, 2026, our Archdiocese will take up a second collection to support the Church in Latin America and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection invites us to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in faith who continue to live and witness to the Gospel amid hardship.

Your generosity supports pastoral ministry, faith formation, and charitable outreach in regions where resources are limited and needs are great.

Years of war in Ukraine have profoundly affected both society and the Church. From the beginning of the conflict, the laity have played a vital role in responding to the needs of displaced families, orphaned children, and others affected by violence. In the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Exarchate (Mission Diocese) of Lutsk, lay leaders have stepped forward to provide faith formation, carefully steward parish resources, and offer emotional and spiritual support to their local communities. In Latin America, ongoing political and economic instability, particularly in Venezuela, has left many families struggling to meet basic needs, while the Church remains a vital source of hope, charity, and accompaniment.

Through this collection, the Church is able to remain present to those who suffer, bringing hope, accompaniment, and the light of Christ.

As we begin this new year, I ask you to be generous in your missionary outreach. Thank you, and may the Lord bless you for your generosity and faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.  
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