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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The parishes of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will take up the annual **Collection for the Church in Latin America**, on January 24-25, 2026. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean Islands.

The year 2025 marked the 60th anniversary of the promulgation of *Dei Verbum*, the document on Divine Revelation issued during the Second Vatican Council. In that document the Council Fathers call for all Christian faithful to have “easy access to Sacred Scripture” so that they might more deeply know and love God through understanding and meditating on the Scriptures (no. 22).

To commemorate this important anniversary and help the bishops fulfill their mission to proclaim the Word of God to all people, the Catholic Biblical Federation used funds received through the *Collection for the Church in Latin America* to gather 130 participants for a Bible conference in Mexico City. This gathering of pastoral ministry leaders from countries throughout Latin America came together to discuss the teachings of *Dei Verbum* and for the opportunity to collaborate with and encourage one another in the critical ministry of making the Word of God available to everyone.

Your support of the *Collection for the Church in Latin America* helps church leaders throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean to fulfill their mission to preach the Word of God and to awaken a love for Scripture. Please be as generous as you are able.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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