



Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Office of the Cardinal  
222 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

September 3, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Collection is the embodiment of the Catholic Church's concern for evangelizing the Black, Native American and Indigenous peoples of the United States. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers for the evangelization of the Black and Native American peoples throughout our country.

Locally, through grants awarded from this collection, a number of parishes and organizations within the Archdiocese are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. It is only through your continued generosity toward the Collection that such efforts are realized.

The **Collection for the Black and Indian Missions** will be held in all parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the weekend of **September 10 and 11, 2011**. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Justin Card. Rigali*

Cardinal Justin Rigali  
Apostolic Administrator

(Please communicate the contents of this letter to your parishioners in the most appropriate manner on the weekend of September 3 and 4, 2011; the collection is taken up the following weekend of September 10 and 11, 2011. Collection remittal should be made payable to ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA and sent to: Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103)