



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

September 3, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Evangelization and 125 years of service among the Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities has been the singular purpose of the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Through the years, the funds from the annual appeal have been responsible for supporting the Church's evangelization efforts among the Black and Native American communities in the United States.

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 11 and 12, 2010**. I ask your continued prayers and generous financial support of this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *Justin Card. Rigali*

Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia

(Please communicate the contents of this letter to your parishioners in the most appropriate manner on the weekend of September 4 and 5, 2010; the collection is taken up the following weekend of September 11 and 12, 2010. Collection remittance should be made payable to ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA and sent to: Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103)