



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

April 11, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next Sunday, the annual **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** will be taken up in parishes across the nation. Since 1998, this Appeal has been a powerful and successful expression of stewardship and our Catholic communion.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal is dedicated to strengthening the Church here at home. It supports fellow Catholics in rugged mission areas such as Alaska, Appalachia, the Deep South, the Rocky Mountain states, the dusty Southwest, Puerto Rico and island dioceses in the Pacific and Caribbean. Your generous support of this appeal is sincerely appreciated as it will strengthen the Church's presence and work in these Home Mission areas.

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 **April 12 and 13, 2008**; the collection is taken up the following weekend of **April 19 and 20**. Collection remittal should be made payable to ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA and sent to Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103)