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**DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA**  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

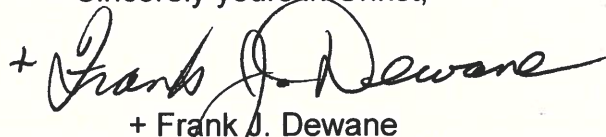
The Faithful of the Church in Latin America face many challenges in living out the Faith; yet their spirits always remain hopeful. The needs in this region of the world are great and can seem overwhelming. Over the past years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has helped many of the countries in Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean, confront challenges and facilitate new programs in the sharing of the Faith.

The National Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean enables those in this region where often they are rich in faith but lack the means to participate more fully as disciples, or where the needs are great and can seem insurmountable. Through this collection, financial assistance helps ensure the availability of adequate catechesis, marriage and family life programs, as well as religious and seminarian formation. Funds allow for pastoral personnel to receive training so that they may bring the good news of the Gospel to all our Brothers and Sisters in this part of the world.

The Diocese of Venice will take up this collection the weekend of January 18 and 19, 2020. Please be generous toward this collection and take this opportunity to share your faith with our sisters and brothers in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida