



# BUILDING Our Mission to the Missions

Black and Indian Mission Special Collection

February 25-26 2023

We invite you to support the **Black and Indian Mission Collection** and “*build our mission to the missions*” in Native American, Alaska Native and African American Catholic communities across the United States. Since 1884, the national **Black and Indian Mission Collection** has provided grants to dioceses across the country – including the Diocese of Fort Worth – that enliven parish life and catechesis programs, empower ministries, support teachers and encourage vocations to the priesthood. Pope Francis reminds us in *Lumen Fidei* (51), “Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope.” In solidarity with our Holy Father and with each and every person, “The hands of faith are raised up to heaven, even as they go about building in charity a city based on relationships in which the love of God is laid as a foundation” *Lumen Fidei*, (51). Please generously support the **Black and Indian Mission Collection** in your parish and help build a future of hope in these communities.

**Did you know** an example of the way the Black and Indian Mission Collection directly supports the Diocese of Fort Worth is through our Catholic schools? Every year each school receives a grant from this collection. In recent years the low collection has significantly decreased the grant awards per school putting extra strain on the schools to fundraise. Please consider helping our elementary and high schools through this collection.

In addition to the Sunday collection during weekend Masses on February 25-26, donations can also be made through your parish online giving portal or <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your generous stewardship to the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

## General Information for Parish Business Managers

Collection Date	February 25-26, 2023
Date Funds Due to Diocese	March 18, 2023
Intacct Account Number	214000
Intacct Fund Number	28004
Give Online	<a href="https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections">https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections</a>

## Promotional Information

Resources for parishes in English and in Spanish are available for download at <https://blackandindianmission.org/aboutus/bimo-collection> or use the following suggested promotional copy:



## BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

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our societies in such a  
way that they can journey  
towards a future of hope."*

*- Lumen Fidei (51)*

### ***Bulletin/Website/Pulpit/Social Media Announcements***

#### **Week Before the Collection (February 18-19)**

The Weekend Before the Collection

Next week, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received \$14,000 in grant funding from this collection last year.

Please give generously to the ***Black and Indian Mission Collection*** on February 25 or 26 at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at

<https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

#### **Week of the Collection (February 25-26)**

Today, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in communities from coast to coast, including our diocese, which received \$14,000 from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your support.

#### **Week After the Collection (March 4-5)**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 139th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support! If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Simply note "Black and Indian Mission Collection" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by March 27 or give online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

### ***General Intercessions***

#### **Intercession for Week of the Collection (February 25-26)**

For world, national, tribal, and local leaders, that God would enlighten their decisions to build communities marked by true peace and understanding, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For all teachers, priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, parish leaders, and all who work to build the Church among African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities, that God will bless them, we pray to the Lord....R/.

That many Black and Native American Catholic young people would courageously follow the call of Christ to serve as priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For our parish community, that we would help build the Church in African American and Native American

communities through generous support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection today, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For all those who have died, especially those struck by alcoholism, drug abuse, or violence, that our loving God would bring them home to His embrace in Heaven, we pray to the Lord....R/.

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Rachel Martinez, CFRE, Director of Annual Giving and Grants of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-533-7242 or [rmartinez@adv-fdn.org](mailto:rmartinez@adv-fdn.org).