



## Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa - Special Collection July 13-14, 2019

*Children let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.  
1 John 3:18*

On July 13-14, 2019 the Diocese of Fort Worth will take up the special collection for the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. This special collection provides grants to fund pastoral projects for outreach programs, educational programs for children and youth, evangelization and education of clergy and lay ministers.

Africa faces numerous challenges. Enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty and political unrest are just a few of the hurdles that the people of Africa face. The good news is, that in spite of these challenges the Church in Africa is vibrant and growing. For example, in 2017 the generosity of Catholics around the world helped 1,700 young people attend The National Celebration of Catholicism in Lusaka, Zambia. These young people, along with their youth and young adult ministers, felt supported and were renewed and empowered to continue to spread the Gospel.

Now is the time to support Catholics in Africa by giving to the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. Our response in solidarity with the people of Africa is an expression of love “*in deed and truth*.” Thank you for your generosity.

### General Information for Parishes:

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| Collection Date           | July 13-14, 2019 |
| Date Funds Due to Diocese | August 5, 2019   |
| Intacct Fund Number       | 28019            |
| Text to Give              | AFR to 91999     |

### Helpful Online Resources:

Bilingual resources, such as web banners, bulletin inserts, bulletin cover, logos, social media toolkit and more, are available online for download at <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/solidarity-fund-for-africa/collection/index.cfm>

Suggested promotion copy is as follows:

### **Bulletin, Pulpit, Social Media or Website Announcements**

#### **ENGLISH**

#### **Week Before the Collection (July 6-7)**

Next week, our parish will take up a collection for the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources as well as pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy and poor education. The fund supports

pastoral projects that strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

### **Week of the Collection (July 13-14)**

This week, we take up the collection for the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but many face the challenges of poverty, disease, food shortages and migration. This collection is our opportunity to stand with the people of Africa by supporting pastoral projects that are so needed on this continent. Please be generous today. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

### **Week After the Collection (July 20-21)**

Thank you for your generous support of the *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*. Your contributions will provide pastoral care and support for the people of Africa as they face the many challenges that come from poverty, unemployment, disease and migration. Your donations will fund workshops, retreats, catechesis and other projects that build the faith of African communities. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give – text AFR to 91999.

### **SPANISH**

#### **Semana antes de la colecta (6-7 de julio)**

La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia realizará la colecta para el *Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África*. Aunque la Iglesia en África está creciendo, muchos todavía carecen de acceso a recursos básicos y a un cuidado pastoral. Muchos sufren debido a las altas tasas de pobreza y de desempleo, al analfabetismo ya a una educación deficiente. El fondo financia proyectos pastorales que fortalecen a las comunidades en su fe y fomentan la paz y la reconciliación duraderas en un continente que está frecuentemente marcado por divisiones y tensiones. Para informarse más, visiten [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

#### **Semana de la colecta (13-14 de julio)**

Esta semana realizaremos la colecta para el *Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África*. La gente de África es alegre y llena de fe, pero muchos enfrentan los retos de la pobreza, enfermedades, escasez de alimentos y migración. Esta colecta es nuestra oportunidad para unirnos en solidaridad con la gente de África apoyando proyectos pastorales que son tan necesarios en ese continente. Por favor, sean generosos hoy. Para informarse más, visiten [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

#### **Semana después de la colecta (20-21 de julio)**

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo al *Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África*. Sus contribuciones les brindarán cuidado pastoral y apoyo a la gente de África mientras enfrentan muchos retos surgidos de la pobreza, el desempleo, las enfermedades y la migración. Sus donativos financiarán talleres, retiros, catequesis y otros proyectos que fortalecen la fe de las comunidades africanas. Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, aun lo pueden hacer. Visiten [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), o texto AFR a 91999.

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Elizabeth A. Becker, Advancement Associate of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-945-9443 or [ebecker@advancementfoundation.org](mailto:ebecker@advancementfoundation.org).