

FACT SHEET
2012 BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

- ❖ Established in 1884 as the embodiment of the Catholic Church's concern for evangelizing the Black, Native American and Indigenous peoples of the United States.
- ❖ The Black and Indian Mission Office coordinates the annual appeal in U.S. parishes and distributes these funds as diocesan grants.
- ❖ Each year bishops request help from the Black and Indian Mission Office to support local Black and Indian evangelization outreach.
- ❖ The funds support pastoral ministry, Catholic schools, religious education programs, and missionaries on reservations and Black communities in impoverished areas.
- ❖ The mission of Christ is still far from completion and we must commit ourselves to its service. (*Redemptoris Missio*) Let us pray for an increase of vocations from the Black and Native American communities.
- ❖ Visit us at www.blackandindianmission.org to learn more about the apostolate of the Black and Indian Mission Office.