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Dear co-workers in pastoral ministry:

As President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), I wish to encourage your participation in the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*, which will be held in most parishes across the country on September 26, 2010.

The primary purpose of the Collection is to help the dioceses in Canada meet their annual per capita contribution to the CCCB. This is the Conference's main source of financing.

Through the work of the Bishops of Canada who are its members, the Conference is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements. The CCCB also provides the Bishops a forum to share their experiences, insights and reflections on the major events and issues that shape the Church and modern society.

If it is to fulfill its mission effectively, the CCCB needs to continue updating and renewing its structures and resources. In supporting the Collection, all the faithful contribute to the mission and work of the Conference, while also expressing the unity which brings all the members of the Church together as the one Body of Christ on earth.

Thank you for your invaluable collaboration in helping to promote the Collection.

Fraternally in Our Lord,

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