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Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, a divine gift that readies our hearts for the glorious resurrection of Jesus, it is truly inspiring to witness the transformative work of the Lord within us and through us as we approach Easter. In the Diocese of Superior, many faithful followers of Christ are contemplating contributing to the World Concern Collection on the fourth weekend of Lent, scheduled for March 10, 2024. Your benevolence and fervent prayers will play a pivotal role in extending crucial relief services wherever they are most needed across the globe, including regions like Ukraine. Additionally, your support will fund various special initiatives aimed at fostering goodwill and alleviating suffering.

For those blessed with the guidance of more than 25 **International Priests** in their parishes, rest assured that 100% of your parish's proceeds from the World Collection will be forwarded to the home Diocese of the international priest serving your community.

The **Collection to Aid the Catholic Church in Eastern Europe**, endorsed by the U.S. Bishops as a vital fund, serves as a beacon of hope and humanitarian assistance in response to the ongoing war in Ukraine. It also empowers the Church to reconstruct parishes, schools, seminaries, and impart religious education to the laity.

The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** stands as a pillar of support, delivering expertise, aid, and compassion to the most impoverished nations worldwide. As a front-runner in responding to crises, Catholic Relief Services continues to play a pivotal role in disaster relief efforts.

The **Church in Latin America** extends its helping hand to a continent grappling with poverty, injustice, and economic-political turmoil.

The **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** sponsors a multitude of essential pastoral programs that bolster the rapidly growing Church in the region. These programs include aid for Catholic schools, facilitating vocational training, education, and employment.

Contributions to the Collection for the **Holy Father (Peters Pence)** empower the Pope to respond to direct appeals for vital assistance.

As we traverse this sacred season of Lent, please accept my warmest personal regards and the assurance of continued prayers.

Yours in Christ's love,

Most Rev. James P. Powers

Bishop of Superior