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Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski  
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Your Excellency:

Thank you for your support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Your check in the amount of \$104,558.68, which we received on 2/22/2018, is a blessing to your brother bishops. This Collection so clearly authenticates Pope Francis' call to us as pastors to work as a family to help all of our brothers and sisters and to share the Love, Faith and Hope of Jesus Christ. We continue to be led by the missionary spirit of St. Katharine Drexel as we evangelize and care for our African American, Native American, and Alaska Native brothers and sisters.

The Black and Indian Mission Collection was established as a National Collection in 1884 at the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore. It has proven itself to be a successful vehicle to mobilize our Church's resources to provide for those most in need.

The Black and Indian Mission Office is pleased to cooperate with and support diocesan evangelization by distributing the funds received through the Collection in the form of diocesan grants.

The grace of the Holy Spirit and the charity of the people of God, help us to accomplish so much in our Native American and African American communities. Please continue to encourage your clergy, religious, and laity to strengthen our efforts by their daily prayers, sacrifices, and collaboration.

I express my deep gratitude to each of you and also my willingness to lend strong support to your evangelization programs. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally so that I may assist you with any questions you may have or any other project proposals.

With assurance of my prayers for the Lord to bless you and the people of your Archdiocese of Miami, I am,

Yours respectfully in Christ,

*Fr. Henry Sands*

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Executive Director

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