



# BUILDING

Our Mission to the Missions

**T**he Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God.

Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities:

### Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis

Grant funds from the BIMC enables us to support parish-based catechetical programs. We help form and train catechists who will form children to be disciples of Jesus in the world, and get bibles and catechisms in kids' hands so they can learn the ways of the Lord and take their place around His altar.



### Empowering Evangelizers

BIMC grant funds help offices of Black Catholic and Native American ministries to sponsor events and formation to encourage the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways. Mr. Ansel Augustine, shown here with a friend, coordinates the Office of Black Catholic Ministries in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.



### Helping Educators Reach Kids

With your contribution to the BIMC, you'll help support good teachers to help African American and Native American kids learn, like Sheryl Ashley at Saint Augustine Indian Mission in Winnebago, Neb. Saint Augustine kids recently made a 60% improvement in reading scores in three years! In 2014, your donations reached over 4,000 students in more than 100 schools and parishes across the United States.



### Encouraging Vocations

We need men and women living the consecrated life to give witness to a radical Christian life. We need priests in order to have the Eucharist! Supporting the BIMC enables us to help diocesan communities encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



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