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Second Collection for the Diocesan Rural Parish Appeal  
on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

My Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend of June 25, 2023, we will take up a second collection for the rural parishes and missions within our Diocese.

These parishes and missions depend on our generosity to help meet the financial burdens of the upkeep of buildings, utilities, and parish activities. Our Catholic parishes such as St. Patrick Parish in Tonopah, that supports the missions of St. Barbara in Round Mountain and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Fish Lake Valley, and Sacred Heart Parish in Ely, that supports the missions of St. Michael in McGill and Holy Child in Caliente, cover vast areas within our Diocese.

These rural parishes and missions depend on our generosity to help them provide religious education and evangelization programs for their parishioners, and to help support the pastoral ministry of priests who travel many hours to offer the sacraments and Sunday Mass for their faithful.

I ask for your generosity and support of these rural parishes, missions, and your prayers for our sisters and brothers living in the rural regions of the Diocese of Las Vegas. Please help keep these Catholic communities alive; without your assistance, the Catholic presence in these communities would cease.

Assuring you of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+George Leo Thomas".

+George Leo Thomas, Ph.D.  
Archbishop of Las Vegas