

Archbishop's Message

Dear Friend,

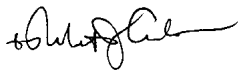
One of the most remarkable initiatives as an Archdiocese is the missionary work that our St. Louis priests carry out in Bolivia. Ever since it was established in 1956 by my predecessor, Cardinal Joseph Ritter, our Latin America Apostolate has enabled us as an Archdiocese to fulfill Jesus' mandate:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..."
(Mt 28:19)

I plan to visit our missionaries and the people they serve in Bolivia in July 2012. Because of the severe poverty in which most of the Bolivian people live, our missionaries need our support. Our support enables Fr. Patrick Hayden, Fr. Bob Menner, Fr. Jim Michler, and Bishop Morgan Casey to help the people—not only through their preaching and celebration of the sacraments, but also by their care for the poor in Maria Reina Parish and Maria Reina Health Clinic in La Paz; in Santiago Parish in Calamarca; and in the Vicariate of the Pando in the Amazon rainforest.

Please be generous in the collection for our Latin America Apostolate on August 7, 2011. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely in Our Lord,



Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

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