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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

The Holy Spirit is inviting us in central and southern Indiana to think globally and act locally. This means we have to be better informed about the crucial issues in the world. We need to have access to concrete opportunities to make a difference here in Indiana and in diverse regions of the world. Catholic Relief Services Global Solidarity Ambassador (GSA) Program is one way of providing faithful Catholics in our parishes and schools with information regarding global crises and how our local Catholic community can make a difference.

Prayer, fasting, advocacy, twinning parishes, fair trade and participating in the Catholic Relief Services Faith in Action Rice Bowl Program are just a few of the ways we can respond. By participating in the GSA Program we can become more fully engaged in spiritual solidarity with our brother and sisters both locally and globally.

It is important that we remain vigilant to the sufferings of the poor and vulnerable around the world. We must never turn a blind eye, but remain informed and ready to act out of love for Christ. I encourage all parishes and schools within our Archdiocese to participate in the Global Solidarity Ambassador Program.

May our Lord inspire you and your parish community to embrace in solidarity more fully the call to love our neighbors in Indiana and those around the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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