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Dear Friend,

The Holy Father has called all of us to a Holy Year around the theme of Reconciliation.

We at the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice welcome this call. Reconciliation of people through the elimination of social injustice has been the total focus of NCCIJ during its fourteen-year history.

Father James Sheehan, long-time Director of the Human Relations Office in the Archdiocese of Detroit and Sister Regina Ryan, who worked with Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, have been brought into the NCCIJ Staff as Director and Associate Director. We are confident that they will provide the Catholic Community with programmatic tools to make the year of Reconciliation a reality.

Currently NCCIJ programs include:

- Religious Ministry to the Police Profession
- Truth in Racial Genetics
- The Catholic Press and Social Justice
- Support of the Latin American Workers in their boycott of Farah products.

This call for reconciliation comes on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Father John LaFarge's death. This pioneer who called for reconciliation of the races in the 1940's and 1950's really fathered NCCIJ through the Catholic Interracial Councils he started around the country.

As we try to continue his work, the work of all men of good will, the work to which the Holy Father calls us anew, we ask your help. \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 -- or whatever you can send -- will be greatly appreciated. NCCIJ's only support is from voluntary gifts from different segments of the Catholic Community.

If the Conference can be of service to you in any way, please call or write.

Sincerely,

Stanley P. Hebert  
Chairman of the Board

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