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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church is conducting a national study to better understand and minister to Asian and Pacific Island (API) communities. API Catholics currently number nearly 4 million, or about twenty percent of all API Americans. This is a diverse and important presence in the Church today.

*Are you an Asian or Pacific Island Catholic?
Do you work in ministry to/with Asian and Pacific Island Catholics?*

If you can answer yes to one or both questions, your input is needed!
We invite you to complete this BRIEF (15 minute) QUESTIONNAIRE about your experiences:

<http://bit.ly/NSAPICUS>

Your responses will directly inform a National Pastoral Plan for ministry to Asian and Pacific Island Catholics. Analyzed results will be posted on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website (www.usccb.org) once the research project is completed.

The questionnaire will remain open until January 16, 2015. Please direct any questions to lead researcher Dr. Tricia Bruce (tricia.bruce@maryvillecollege.edu or 865-789-0117) or to Kathryn Egan, in the Asian and Pacific Island Affairs Office of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church (kegan@usccb.org or 202-541-3177).

This is the moment to make your voice heard as Catholics in the U.S. Church.
Please, **add your voice** to the conversation.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Bishop Randolph R. Calvo
Bishop of Reno
Chairman, Subcommittee for Asian and Pacific Island Affairs