Cardinal Keeler, archdiocese receive thanks

Cardinal William H. Keeler received a note thanking him and the Archdiocese of Baltimore for its 2006 donation to the Pontifical Missions Societies from Cardinal Ivan Dias, prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

The archdiocese donated \$207,140 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and \$5,249 to the Society of St. Peter the Apostle. The two groups support more than 1,150 mission dioceses and educate seminarians and novices in the developing world.

The archdiocese also donated \$15,474.90 to the Holy Childhood Association.

"We are especially grateful for the increase in donations during the year 2006, which directly translates to more missions support where it is most needed," wrote Cardinal Dias. He also thanked Cardinal Keeler for his leadership and good example, especially in promoting and participating in World Mission Sunday, which was in October.