

US Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) National & Diocesan Designated Collections

The US Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) provides each Diocese with a list of special collections. Special collections throughout the year support essential ministries throughout the world. Your generosity impacts the Catholic Church.

- July 1 & 2, 2017 **Peter's Pence** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance for requests to aid the most needs throughout the world – those who suffer as a result of war, oppression and natural disasters. It likewise provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless and voiceless, but also sustains those who suffer.
- August 5 & 6, 2017 **Mission Co-Operative Appeal** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
Every year, the Diocese of Raleigh designates a special collection for foreign mission work that has a connection with diocese. On specific weekends a missionary priest visits and speaks about the foreign missions. The Oblate Mission Appeal supports Foreign Missions sponsored by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, including missions in Africa and Haiti.
- September 9 & 10, 2017 **Catholic University of America** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
Provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the Bishops at its foundation in 1887. Catholic University is the only US university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.
- October 21 & 22, 2017 **Propagation of the Faith (World Mission Sunday)** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday of October. That day is celebrated in all the local churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.
- November 11 & 12, 2017 **Pastoral Solidarity Fund for Africa** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
This fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.
- November 18 & 19, 2017 **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
CCHD was mandated by the Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education.
- December 9 & 10 2017 **The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR)** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) provides restricted grants to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the religious institute section of the OCD with an identifying OCD number, and that has an unfunded past service liability. It distributes basic, supplemental and special assistance retirement grants from the fund to religious institutes, based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. The Annual Appeal began in 1988 and is approved to run through 2017.

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- January 27 & 28 2018 **Church in Latin America** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
Support for various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean is made possible through the collection for The Church in Latin America. Projects are at the continental, regional, diocesan and local levels, and include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Funding is limited to program expenses and excludes building construction.
- February 14, 2018 **Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
This special collection channels aid through the bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church: training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, church constructions, renovations and evangelization through Catholic mass media.
- February 17 & 18, 2018 **Black and Indian Missions** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 124 year old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection. The name has been changed to accommodate the new Catholic Home Missions Collection.
- March 10 & 11, 2018 **Catholic Relief Services** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
Provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, USCCB Department of Social Development and World Peace, relief work of the Holy Father, USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.
- March 30, 2018 **Holy Land Shrines** (Diocesan Collection/**ONLY Collection This Day**)
Collected funds provide support of the sacred places, educational and charitable institutions in the Holy Land through Good Friday collection, and educates young men for the Missions of the Custody of the Holy Land in Syria, Jordan, L
Lebanon, Cyprus, Rhodes, Israel and Egypt.
- April 28 & 29, 2018 **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories where resources are thin and priests are few. Grantees include 90 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses in the US and Caribbean. The appeal funds also support about 25 organizations and religious communities engaged in home mission work. The appeal funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers and ministry with ethnic groups, especially Hispanics.
- May 12 & 13, 2018 **Catholic Communications Campaign** (Diocesan 2nd Collection)
The essential mission of the "CCC" is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. An annual collection is taken up in the dioceses, which remit 50% of the funds collected to the National Office. From these funds, grants are made following recommendations by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Communications Committee. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communications projects.

Immaculate Conception Holiday & Holy Day Collections (Only 1 Collection on These Dates)

November 1, 2017	All Saints Day	(Parish Collection/ ONLY Collection This Day)
November 2, 2017	All Souls Day	(Parish Collection/ ONLY Collection This Day)
November 23, 2017	Thanksgiving Day	(Parish Collection/ ONLY Collection This Day)
December 8, 2017	Immaculate Conception	(Parish Collection/ ONLY Collection This Day)
Advent Season	Christmas Flowers	(Parish Collection/ Anytime During Advent)
March 29, 2018	Holy Thursday Collection	(Parish Collection/ ONLY Collection This Day)
March 30, 2018	Good Friday Collection Holy Land Shrines	(Diocesan Collection/ ONLY Collection This Day)
Lent Season	Easter Flowers	(Parish Collection/ Anytime During Lent)

Other Collections

August 26 & 27, 2017	<u>Priest Welfare and Retirement</u>	(Parish 2nd Collections)
December 24 & 25, 2017	<p>Diocesan Bishops provide financial and housing support for retired diocesan and religious order priests in accordance with the gospel. Many of our priests retire after 40 or 50 years of active ministry, far exceeding the typical years worked in most professions. Because our priests are paid a modest stipend during their active ministry, their corresponding Social Security benefit upon retirement is extremely small compared to workers with similar years of service. This fund provides additional resources for these priests. Our parish is staffed by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, who receive a portion of these funds for their retirement. The cost of this financial support is allocated among all parishes of the diocese. Parishes meet this required goal through 2nd collections, paying any remaining balance from its operating budget.</p>	
March 31 & April 1, 2018		
June 16 & 17, 2018		
February 14 – March 28, 2018		
Lent 2018	<u>Operation Rice Bowl</u>	(Diocesan Lenten Collection)
	<p>Provides funding for Catholic Relief Services' food security projects which support agriculture, nutrition, and self-sufficiency in communities around the world. 75% is remitted to CRS for overseas projects and 25% may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs.</p>	
May 19 & 20, 2018	<u>Oblate Annual Appeal</u>	(OSFS 2nd Collection)
	<p>This collection is an investment in the Gospel through your partnership with the family of Saint Francis de Sales. It is taken up everywhere that the Oblates minister and is a lifeline for them. It funds their seminary training, mission and retreat work, social justice efforts through DeSales Service Works, the support of their sick and retired, as well as many ministries that continue the Lord's work.</p>	