

## **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.

### **Mission Co-Operative Appeal**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)

Every year, the Diocese of Raleigh designates a special collection for foreign mission work that has a connection with the 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.

### **Catholic University of America**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Propagation of the Faith (World Mission Sunday)**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 regarding the evangelization of the world.

### **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR)**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2027.

### **Church in Latin America**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Black and Indian Missions**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Catholic Relief Services**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Holy Land Shrines**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)

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, Lebanon, Cyprus, Rhodes, Israel and Egypt.

### **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Catholic Communications Campaign**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Peter's Pence**

(Diocesan 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 because 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.

## Other Collections

### Priest Welfare and Retirement (Parish 2nd Collections)

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.

### Operation Rice Bowl

(Diocesan Lenten Program)

Not a parish collection but a Lenten Program run in schools and parishes.

Operation Rice Bowl provides funding for Catholic Relief Services' food security projects which support agriculture, nutrition, education, 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.

### Oblate Annual Appeal

(OSFS 2nd Collection)

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 De Sales Service Works, the support of their sick and retired, as well as many ministries that continue the Lord's work.