



Special Collection Descriptions

Catholic University of America

This 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 U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.

Diocesan Collection: Catholic Charities of Central Florida - Provides direct emergency assistance to needy families and individuals in our community (Central Florida). The funds are used to help with mortgage payments, utilities, food and many other necessities. The need is great and the generosity of parishioners allows Catholic Charities to provide hope and build opportunity to more people in need.

Diocesan Collection: Farmworker Ministry

This local collection provides funding assistance to the many Diocesan programs working with our farmworker community.

Diocesan Collection: Florida Catholic Subscription Appeal

This annual collection supports the Florida Catholic diocesan newspaper ministry, through donations and subscriptions. These funds collected should be sent directly to the Florida Catholic, PO BOX 4993, Orlando, FL 32802-4993.

Diocesan Collection: Priest Retirement & Priest Care (Caring for Priests in Retirement)

This collection supports the needs of senior diocesan priests (not religious order). The funds are needed to attend to the spiritual, pastoral, and human needs of senior priests by providing opportunities for them to participate in priest gatherings, retreats, convocations, and assist with their growing medical needs. The priesthood is a lifelong gift and your gift will be a blessing to the senior priests of our diocese.

Diocesan Collection: Our Catholic Appeal

Our Catholic Appeal is an annual opportunity for every member of our faith family to share in the pastoral work of Christ by funding the important programs and ministries of the Diocese of Orlando. This critical operating support enables the Diocese to provide our people, parishes and schools with a wide variety of essential services that change lives –and souls.

Diocesan Collection: Seminarians

This special collection for seminarians is used to support the formation of seminarians as they discern their vocation to the priesthood. Preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Orders is a nine year process of intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human formation that prepares men to answer the call they have received to serve God's people in love and humility. The full cost of a seminary tuition, insurance and books exceeds \$400,000 during the nine year formation period. Your support ensures that our seminarians receive adequate tuition assistance.

Diocesan Collection: Sister Diocese

This annual collection supports the major portion of the work done through the Diocesan Mission Office for the benefit of our Sister Diocese, San Juan de la Maguana where we provide educational, health, and pastoral support to the people in the mountainous regions of this diocese.

National Collection: Archdiocese for the Military Services (This collection is held once every three years.)

The Archdiocese for the Military Services was created by Pope John Paul II to provide the Catholic Church's full range of pastoral ministries and spiritual services to those in the United States Armed Forces. This includes more than 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 V.A. Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the boundaries of the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the Archdiocese for the Military Services is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children. With no military or government financial assistance, the Archdiocese of the Military Services relies wholly on the generosity of the American Catholic community to operate its many programs and services. For more information, visit www.milarch.org.

National Collection: Black/Indian & Home Missions

Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 125 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.

Home Missions

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal primarily supports dioceses in the United States and its territories that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. The Appeal supports a wide range of pastoral services. It focuses principally on evangelization activities, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and laypeople, and x support of poor parishes across the country.

National Collection: Catholic Campaign for Human Development/African Church Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development was mandated by the U.S. bishops to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education. The Office of Advocacy and Justice of the Diocese of Orlando receives grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for its outreach programming in the local communities of the Diocese.

African Church

The Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa, including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

National Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign

The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, 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 by the USCCB. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communication projects.

National Collection: Catholic Relief Services & Central Eastern Europe

Catholic Relief Services: Provides funding for Catholic Relief Services; USCCB Office of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.
Central Eastern Europe: 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, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic mass media.

National Collection: Holy Father, Peter's Pence

The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest 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 sustain those who suffer.

National Collection: Holy Land, Holy Shrines Pontifical Collection - Collects funds for support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

National Collection: Latin America & Catholic University of America Latin America - 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 programmatic expenses and excludes building construction except in cases of emergency.

National Collection: Propagation of the Faith (World Mission Sunday)

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 during the month 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.

National Collection: Retirement Fund for the Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) provides funding 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 direct care, planning and implementation assistance from the fund to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops.

Other Collections:

Mission Cooperative (Date chosen by parish)

This collection seeks prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions, now some 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. Help is offered for pastoral and evangelizing programs, for catechists and catechetical work, to build churches and chapels, for the work of Religious communities in health care and education, and for communication and transportation needs.

Operation Rice Bowl (optional) 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.