



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS REQUIRED IN PARISHES

POLICY

Special collections required in each parish of the Diocese shall be defined annually by the Bishop. In addition, the Bishop may add emergency appeals to meet the needs of the local or universal Church.

Special collections required of each parish fulfill the responsibilities of the Diocese for the support of the Church's local, national, and international works of charity and education. Every parish should permit and encourage a full opportunity for people to participate in the appeal supported by each Special Collection. The focus of each collection emphasizes the worldwide communion with the poor, the underprivileged, and the needy.

The collections established for this Diocese shall be defined annually by the Bishop (as defined in Canon 1266) and published, at his direction, by the Diocesan Finance Office.

Effective for calendar year 2020:

Sunday, January 19	ANNOUNCE	
Sunday, January 26	Church in Latin America	
Sunday, February 23	ANNOUNCE	
Wednesday, February 26	Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe	
Sunday, February 23	ANNOUNCE	
Sunday, March 1	Black and Indian Missions	
Sunday, March 15	ANNOUNCE	
Sunday, March 22	Catholic Relief Services	OMITTED
Sunday, April 5	ANNOUNCE	
Friday, April 10	Good Friday Holy Land Collection	MOVED
Sunday, April 19	ANNOUNCE	
Sunday, April 26	Catholic Home Missions Appeal	OMITTED
Sunday, May 17	ANNOUNCE	
Sunday, May 24	Catholic Communication Campaign	OMITTED
Sunday, June 7	ANNOUNCE	
Sunday, June 14	Diocese of Las Cruces - Good Shepherd	OMITTED
Sunday, June 21	ANNOUNCE	
Sunday, June 28	Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father	



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Sunday, July 5	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, July 12	Diocese of Las Cruces - San Patricio Retreat Center
Sunday, August 9	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, August 16	Diocese of Las Cruces - Catholic Charities of Southern NM
Sunday, August 30	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, September 6	Catholic University of America
Sunday, September 13	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, September 20	Diocese of Las Cruces – San Juan Diego Seminarian Fund
Sunday, September 27	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, October 4	Good Friday Holy Land Collection
	MOVED FROM GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday, October 11	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, October 18	World Mission Sunday
Sunday, November 1	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, November 8	Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa
Sunday, November 15	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, November 22	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Sunday, December 6	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, December 13	Retirement Fund for Religious

Effective for calendar year 2021:

Sunday, January 17	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, January 24	Church in Latin America
Sunday, February 14	ANNOUNCE
Wednesday, February 17	Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
Sunday, February 21	ANNOUNCE
Sunday, February 28	Black and Indian Missions



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Sunday, March 7 Sunday, March 14	ANNOUNCE Catholic Relief Services
Sunday, March 28 Friday, April 2	ANNOUNCE Good Friday Holy Land Collection
Sunday, April 18 Sunday, April 25	ANNOUNCE Diocese of Las Cruces – San Juan Diego Seminarian Fund
Sunday, May 2 Sunday, May 9	ANNOUNCE Catholic Home Missions Appeal
Sunday, May 16 Sunday, May 23	ANNOUNCE Catholic Communication Campaign
Sunday, June 20 Sunday, June 27	ANNOUNCE Peter’s Pence Collection for the Holy Father
Sunday, July 11 Sunday, July 18	ANNOUNCE Diocese of Las Cruces - Good Shepherd Collection
Sunday, August 8 Sunday, August 15	ANNOUNCE Diocese of Las Cruces - Catholic Charities of Southern NM
Sunday, August 29 Sunday, September 5	ANNOUNCE Catholic University of America
Sunday, October 17 Sunday, October 24	ANNOUNCE World Mission Sunday
Sunday, October 31 Sunday, November 7	ANNOUNCE Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa
Sunday, November 14 Sunday, November 21	ANNOUNCE Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Sunday, December 5 Sunday, December 12	ANNOUNCE Retirement Fund for Religious

On a periodic basis the Bishop will send the pastor information and bulletin inserts in support of each special collection. Many other appeals are received by the



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Bishop. Occasionally certain appeals and emergencies appear that are especially worthy and the Bishop will bring them to the attention of the pastor and his people with a request for their support.

These Special collections must be accounted for as restricted funds in the parish's financial reporting system, and not as offertory or other income which is subject to general assessment. In addition, parishes must remit them to the Diocesan Finance Office within ten (10) business days of the scheduled collection date. Contributions from all parishes in the Diocese are then sent to the beneficiary of the collection.

Initial: September, 2019

Current: September, 2020