



The following special collections are taken up each year throughout the diocese to meet particular pastoral needs:

Collection	Date of Collection
Opportunity for Life	Third Sunday in January
International Needs, combined appeal: Church in Latin America Holy Land Pontifical Mission-Aid Societies Church in Central & Eastern Europe American Bishops Catholic Relief Service	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Father Charities, Peter's Pence	Sunday near the Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul
Domestic Needs Combined Appeal: Black & Indian Home Missions Catholic Communication Campaign Thomas More College Campaign for Human Development	Last Sunday of August
Mission Co-op	July or August- as scheduled by pastor or parochial administrator. Should not be scheduled on dates set for other collections.
Education of Seminarians	Last Sunday of October
Support of Retired Religious	Second Sunday of December
Diocesan Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend	Scheduled each year around the Easter Triduum

In addition to the above collections, periodic appeals may be authorized by the bishop. Prior to each special collection or local appeal, parishes will receive a notice explaining the purpose of the appeal and providing information on how to process collected monies.

If special envelopes are used for special collections, all money in those envelopes should be counted as part of that special collection.

Any parish may choose to make a donation in place of having a second collection as long as parishioners are informed of the purpose of the collection.

All proceeds and/or parish donations for each special collection should be forwarded to the Diocese no later than 30 days following the collection.

Special collections are **not** subject to the diocesan parish assessment.