

Distinction for Second Collections

We as Catholics are part of a universal Church – one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. As part of this universal Church we are to support the pastoral care in our Diocese, in Dioceses across the country and around the world. We do this by supporting the Collections and Appeals approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Bishop Brennan for specific needs of the Universal Church. These collections have taken on the name of **Second Collections** and go beyond our tithing to our own parish. These collections are used or forwarded to the appropriate agency for the specific collection intention. The following is a list of the collections for the 2020 Calendar Year:

1. **Church in Latin America** - supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects 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.
2. **Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - provides aid by the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe through bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.
3. **Black and Indian Missions** - 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.
4. **Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund** – provides the support for retirement benefits, medical expenses, assisting in the cost of nursing homes stays, and group living expenses for the diocesan priests who have served the people of our diocese as their vocation in life.
5. **Catholic Relief Services** - provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices 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.
6. **Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land Collection** - 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.
7. **Education of Seminarians** – provides financial support to help defray the cost of educating young men in the seminary who are discerning a call to the priesthood in our Diocese.
8. **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** - the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.
9. **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.

- 10. Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** - the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa the Subcommittee on the Church in Africa 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.
- 11. 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 Subcommittee on the Catholic Communication Campaign. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communication projects.
- 12. Diocesan Scholarship Association** – provides scholarships to Catholic students who attend Wheeling University. Applicants must be parishioners of a parish in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in order to be eligible for a scholarship and the pastor’s signature is required to verify parish membership.
- 13. The Catholic University of America** - 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. It is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.
- 14. World Mission Sunday 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 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.
- 15. Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services** - This unique Archdiocese is faced with many challenges, including a severe shortage of Catholic priest-chaplains, a flock spread out among military installations across the world, and constant transition. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government and must rely solely on private donors. Catholic service members and their families, and veterans cared for in a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, deserve the same faith opportunities as Catholics here at home; their faith should not be part of the sacrifices they make.
- 16. Catholic Campaign for Human Development** - addresses the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education. Grants are awarded by the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with the approval of local bishops.
- 17. Retirement Fund for Religious** - 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 financial assistance from the fund to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. Annual appeal begun in 1988 and approved through 2027.
- 18. Catholic Charities West Virginia** – provides services to the people of West Virginia who need it most. These contributions provide food, clothing, shelter, dignity and reassurance for the poor, elderly, homeless, and those fighting addictions.