

SAMPLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA)

Week before the Appeal:

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Week of the Appeal:

This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to people in remote villages that would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support the second collection. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Week after the Appeal:

Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$[amount], which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

Collection for Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe (CCEE)

Week before the Appeal:

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support **restores the Church and builds the future** in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Week of the Appeal:

This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps **restore the Church and build the future** in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your generosity.

Week after the Appeal:

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish, we collected \$[amount] to help **restore the Church and build the future** in over 20 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl (CRS)

Week before the Appeal

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. **Seventy-five percent of the funds are remitted to CRS for overseas projects and twenty-five percent may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs.** Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Week of the Appeal:

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.

Seventy-five percent of the funds are remitted to CRS for overseas projects and twenty-five percent may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Week after the Appeal:

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. **Seventy-five percent of the funds are remitted to CRS for overseas projects and twenty-five percent may be retained in the diocese for local antipoverty programs.** If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Collection for Education of Seminarians of the Diocese of Victoria



Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians: On **INSERT DATE**, at the celebration of the *Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper* on Holy Thursday, a collection will be offered for the education of our future priests. With your continuous generosity, coupled with a bequest received several years ago, the diocese should be able to fund the cost of educating our seminarians without adding an additional amount to our *Diocesan Services Appeal* campaign. Please assist your parish and diocese in helping to educate our future priests. These men, we pray, will one day be ordained and will be serving us in our parishes. Let us all do our part in assisting in their education and formation. Thank you for supporting our *Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians*.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Week of the Appeal:

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

Or

Week before the Appeal:

Good Friday's collection for the Holy Land is, in the words of Paul VI, "not only for 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."

Week of the Appeal:

The Good Friday collection supports the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)

Week before the Appeal:

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Week of the Appeal:

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs—such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training—to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Week after the Appeal:

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Collection for Retired and Needy Priests of the Diocese of Victoria

Week before the Appeal:

Next week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Diocese of Victoria. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Week of the Appeal:

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Diocese of Victoria. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection.

Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father)

Week before the Appeal:

Next week, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Week of the Appeal:

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Week after the Appeal:

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$[amount]. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Black and Indian Missions
Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC)
The Catholic University of America

Our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign, Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic University of America.

The Catholic Communication Campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. **Fifty percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local communications efforts.** Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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 Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the US obtain their education from CUA. For more information, please visit www.cua.edu.

World Mission Sunday

Week before the Appeal:

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

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Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

Week before the Appeal:

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. **Twenty-five percent of the CCHD collection stays in the diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects; seventy-five percent supports national grant and education programs.** Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Week of the Appeal:

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. **In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects.** Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Week after the Appeal:

Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish we raised \$[*amount*] to support those on the margins living in poverty. **In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects.** If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" on the left.

Retirement Fund for the Religious**Week before the Appeal:**

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

Week of the Appeal:

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Week after the Appeal:

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.