

**Diocesan Special Collections Dates  
Diocese of Winona-Rochester 2017-2018**

Collection	Date Of Collection	Occurrence
Latin American (50 percent) Catholic Communications (50 percent)	January 22, 2017 January 28, 2018	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in January:</p> <p>The Collection for the <b>Church in Latin America</b> 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.</p> <p>The essential mission of the <b>CCC</b> 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.</p>
Church in Central and Eastern Europe	March 1, 2017 February 14, 2018	<p>Ash Wednesday:</p> <p>This collection provides aid by the Subcommittee on Aid to the <b>Church in Central and Eastern Europe</b> 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.</p>
Rice Bowl (Catholic Charities)	During Lent	<p>During Lent:</p> <p>We are motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in 93 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality. Through CRS <b>Rice Bowl</b>, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need worldwide, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor.</p>
Catholic Relief Services	March 26, 2017 March 11, 2018	<p>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent:</p> <p>This collection provides funding for <b>Catholic Relief Services</b>; 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.</p>

Holy Land	Good Friday April 14, 2017 March 30, 2018	Good Friday:  The Collection for the <b>Holy Land</b> , in the words of Paul VI is "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."
Catholic Charities	Mothers' Day May 14, 2017 May 13, 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May:
Peter's Pence	June 25, 2017 June 24, 2018	Sunday in June closest to Feast of SS Peter and Paul on June 29:  The <b>Peter's Pence</b> 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.
Catholic Home Missions (50 percent) Black and Native American (50 percent)	August 27, 2017 August 26 2018	Last Sunday in August unless it occurs on Labor Day weekend, then will be the Sunday before:  Launched in 1998, the Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 87 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. The Subcommittee on the <b>Catholic Home Missions</b> 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.  Since 1884, proceeds from the <b>Black and Indian Missions</b> Collection (BIM) are distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleute communities of the United States.
Propagation of Faith (Mission Sunday)	October 22, 2017 October 21, 2018	2 <sup>nd</sup> to the last Sunday in October:  By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church, called to share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing 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.

<p>Campaign for Human Development</p>	<p>November 19, 2017 November 18, 2018</p>	<p>Sunday before Thanksgiving Day:</p> <p>The Collection for the 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.</p>
<p>Retirement Fund for Religious (90 percent) Catholic University (10 percent)</p>	<p>December 10, 2017 December 9, 2018</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December:</p> <p>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. Annual appeal begun in 1988 and approved through 2017.</p> <p>The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.</p>
<p>Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services</p>	<p>Not taken in 2017 (Next collection date 2019)</p>	<p>Sunday before Veterans' Day <u>every third year</u>:</p> <p>This collection 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.</p>