

Annual Collections In the Louisville Archdiocese

National Collections of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Black and Indian Missions

Since 1884, proceeds from the Black and Indian Missions 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. The BIM collection is taken up in most parishes on the first weekend in Lent. For more information please write: The Commission for the Catholic Missions Among the Colored People and the Indians, 2021 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20006-4207.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to uphold the dignity of human life by breaking the cycle of poverty across the United States through grants to local community programs that encourage independence through job creation, improved education, and strengthened neighborhoods. CCHD fully upholds the Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life from conception through natural death. The Campaign funds projects that empower the poor and help them organize themselves to move out of poverty. 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.

Here's what YOU can do to help people help themselves:

1. [Give](#) generously to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
2. [Pray](#) for the poor and for the work of the Campaign.
3. Become involved by contacting your parish's Social Concerns Committee or your [diocesan CCHD director](#).
4. [Learn more](#) about the issues of poverty and injustice.

CCHD helps break the cycle of poverty not just for one day, but for a lifetime.

The CCHD collection is taken up in most parishes on the weekend before Thanksgiving.

For more information and Resources for parishes visit: <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/resources/index.shtml>

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal

There are many places right here in the United States and in its overseas dependencies where the Church is poor, communities are scattered, and priests are few. Money given to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps Catholic communities across America survive and thrive, by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, training for lay ministers, and poor parishes that would have to close their doors without outside help.

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps strengthen the Catholic Church at home. More than ninety-two cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to the missions.

The CHM collection is taken up in most parishes on the fourth weekend in April.

For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/hm.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (See also Operation Rice Bowl below)

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in 99 countries around the world, where nearly half the population lives on less than \$2.00 a day. The collection supports the ministries of five Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), Social Development and World Peace (SDWP), and The Holy Father's Relief Fund. (This collection was formerly called the *Bishops Overseas Collection*.) The CRS collection is taken up on the fourth weekend in Lent.

For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection.

The Holy Land Collection

The Collection for the Holy Land, 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."

The Holy Land collection is taken up in most parishes on Good Friday.

For more information write: Commissariat of the Holy Land Brother Callistus Welch, OFM, The Franciscan Monastery, 1400 Quincy Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017

The Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection helps the Holy Father provide emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection are given directly by the Holy Father to individuals who are suffering from immediate emergencies as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

The Peter's Pence collection is taken up in most parishes on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, in late June or early July.

For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ppc

The Retirement Fund for Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) distributes grants to religious institutes for the retirement needs of senior religious priests, brothers, and sisters. The fund also helps religious institutes plan and manage their retirement needs and programs.

The RFR collection is taken up in most parishes on the second weekend in December.

For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/nrro

Other Archdiocesan Collections

Operation Rice Bowl (See also Catholic Relief Services above)

Operation Rice Bowl, the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, offers Catholics in the United States a way to connect with our brothers and sisters overseas. We believe that through solidarity the world can be transformed.

Operation Rice Bowl has called participants to pray with their families and faith communities; fast in solidarity with those who hunger; learn about our global community and the challenges of poverty overseas and at home, and give sacrificial contributions to those in need.

Seventy-five percent of Rice Bowl proceeds come to Catholic Relief Services to help fund development projects designed to increase [food security](#) in communities in over 40 countries around the world. No Operation Rice Bowl funds are used for emergency programming. The remaining 25 percent of Operation Rice Bowl contributions remain in the dioceses, affirming the importance of our global responsibility as Christians to assist those in need both around the corner and around the world.

The Rice Bowl collection runs through the Lenten season and is typically collected on Holy Thursday.

For more information, please visit <http://orb.crs.org/>

Crusade for Children

The WHAS Crusade for Children exists to change the lives of children with special needs in Kentucky and Indiana. The money donated in Kentucky stays in Kentucky and, likewise, money donated in Indiana stays in Indiana. No money is sent to any other national charity or organization. The Crusade returns 100% of each donation to agencies that directly improve the lives of children with special needs. The parishes of the Archdiocese of Louisville have been ardent supporters of this local charitable activity.

The annual Crusade radio/telethon is held each year on the first full weekend in June.

For more information, please visit <http://www.whascrusade.org/>

Christmas Collection

The annual Christmas collection helps support the local services of Catholic Charities. Donations fund many important social ministries of the Archdiocese including Sister Visitor, pregnancy and adoption services, mother and infant care program, emergency services, senior social services, migration and refugee program and respect life ministries. This collection allows us to renew our commitment to help and respect all of God's children.

The collection is taken up at Christmas.

Opportunities for Life

This collection supports the activities related to understanding and implementing the concept of the Consistent Life Ethic, whereby the respect and dignity of all persons is embraced from conception to natural death. Implementing this, the Opportunity for Life program provides pastoral ministry of the laity, offering life-affirming hope and help to those experiencing untimely pregnancies.

This collection is taken in January, on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.

For more information, please visit <http://www.archlou.org/Agencies#opplife>
