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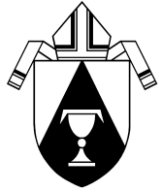
DATE August 3, 2020  
TO: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, and Parish Secretaries  
FROM: Chantal LeFevre, Associate Director of Operations, The Catholic Foundation  
SUBJECT: **2021 SCHEDULE OF USCCB AND OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Special Collections are scheduled during the year to communicate and support the particular needs of the national and universal Church. For this reason, all parishes throughout the Diocese are asked to participate in Special Collections throughout the year (see 2021 approved schedule).

Approximately one month prior to each Special Collection, each Pastor (Parish) will receive information to help promote the upcoming collection. Payment processing instructions will also be included for your reference.

Should you have any questions regarding this schedule or a specific Special Collection, please contact The Catholic Foundation office at 916-733-0266 or [clefevre@scd.org](mailto:clefevre@scd.org).

Thank you.



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January	<i>No Special Collections</i>
<b><i>February 20/21 Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend</i></b>	
March 13/14 ( <i>Laetare Sunday</i> )	The Catholic Relief Services Collection (shared w/Church in Central & Eastern Europe)
April 2 ( <i>Good Friday</i> )	Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
April 24/25	Catholic Home Missions Appeal (shared w/Black & Indian Missions)
May 15/16	Catholic Communication Campaign <b><i>50% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local communications efforts.</i></b>
June 26/27	Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father)
July	<i>No Special Collections</i>
August 7/8	Church in Latin America
September 11/12	Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement
October 23/24	World Mission Sunday
November 20/21	Catholic Campaign for Human Development <b><i>25% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.</i></b>
December 11/12	Retirement Fund for Religious

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT**

**Missionary Cooperative Appeal**

The Office of Catholic Charities and Social Concerns will provide assistance to parishes for this annual appeal. All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 50 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese of Sacramento this year. This collection is held **between the months of May and September** on a mutually agreed upon weekend by the pastor and the assigned mission organization.

**CRS Rice Bowl**

The Office of Catholic Charities and Social Concerns will provide assistance to parishes interested in implementing Operation Rice Bowl held during Lent—***February 17 – April 4***—for the benefit of Catholic Relief Services. ***25% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.***

**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**

The Catholic Foundation will provide assistance to parishes for our diocesan appeal. ***Commitment Weekend will be held February 20/21 unless otherwise instructed. 25% is returned to the donor's parish to help support local social service ministries.***