2025 ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTIONS & OFFERINGS

The following list of national and international collections are outlined by the USCCB National Collections Office. Parishes are requested to encourage participation in these initiatives by providing envelopes for the parishioner envelope packet and to use the collateral materials supplied by the organization (i.e., poster, bulletin inserts, pew envelopes) to promote the collection. In addition to the print materials provided, there are accompanying digital assets that allow a parish to advocate awareness of these collections through the parish's own digital communication channels (i.e. website, email, text, Facebook, etc.). These efforts support the Church's works of social justice, evangelization, education, and national and local institutional development – both domestically and around the world.

JANUARY

January 18-19, 2025

Church in Latin America

The campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to *share faith* with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith.

In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: Church in Latin America (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave.,

Seattle, WA 98104

Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

January 26 – 31, 2025 Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY/MARCH

February 8 – 9, 2025 PREPARES Collection

A statewide ministry of the Catholic Bishops of Washington State, Pregnancy & Parenting Support (**PREPARES**) supports parish-based outreach to pregnant and parenting families of all faiths in building healthy support networks. By offering holistic, life-affirming resources, PREPARES provides for the emotional, material, and spiritual needs of families, from pregnancy to a child's fifth birthday. This collection will help families across Washington build strong foundations for years to come.

Please remit collections to: CCS- Prepares, P.O. Box 24842, Seattle, WA 98124. Contact: Rosemary Zilmer 206-328-5706 or rosemaryz@ccsww.org.

March 1 – 2, 2025

Northwest Catholic/Catholic Communications Campaign

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC is the official publication of the Archdiocese of Seattle, mailed 6 times each year to every registered Catholic household in Western Washington. In addition to the print magazine, Northwest Catholic includes a news website, NWCatholic.org; a weekly email newsletter; and social media outreach on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Northwest Catholic's mission is to promote the new evangelization and form disciples by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. A percentage of this collection goes to the U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign.

Please remit collections to: CCAS, [Insert in check memo line: NW Catholic Collections (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104 Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve-homiack@seattlearch.org

March 5 - April 18, 2025 (Lent)

CRS Rice Bowl

This Lenten program has a fundraising component to it, along with resources for prayer, fasting and learning. 75% of donations fund Catholic Relief Services' agriculture, health and educational projects overseas. 25% is distributed as grants in Western Washington for local anti-hunger projects.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: Rice Bowl (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle WA 98104. Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

March 29-30, 2025

Catholic Relief Services Collection

The Catholic Relief Services collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of war and natural disasters; projects to improve living conditions for the poor; and support services for poor immigrants, The collection supports these six Catholic agencies that prioritize the family and protect the life and dignity of each person: Catholic Relief Services; Migration & Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc.; Dept. of Justice, Peace and Human Development; the Holy Father's emergency relief fund; and Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: CRS Collection (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104

Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

APRIL / MAY

April 18, 2025

Holy Land Good Friday Envelope Offering

This Pontifical collection is for the 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. The principal purpose of is to help stem the Christian exodus from the Holy Land by providing programs and projects that serve as incentives for Christians to remain. Materials provided by the (Franciscan) Commissariat for the Holy Land each year are posters and a letter to pastors.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: Holy Land (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104

Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org; www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

April 26 - May 25, 2025

Annual Catholic Appeal

April 26th – 27th Appeal Kickoff (AB letter to be mailed on Apr. 21st)

May 3rd – 4th Presentation/Ask 1

May 10th – 11th Presentation/Ask 2

May 17th – 18th Follow Up/Ask 1

May 24th – 25th Follow Up/Ask 2

The Annual Catholic Appeal provides a portion of the financial resources needed for the central budget of the Archdiocese. It funds over 60 ministries and services throughout our Western Washington communities, including pastoral care and outreach ministries, faith formation, Catholic schools, youth and young adults, seminarian education, family and cultural ministries and Catholic community services as well as administrative services for the parishes.

Contact: Olivia Nicolas, 206-382-4274; olivia.nicolas@seattlearch.org

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST

Mission Cooperation Plan (available throughout the entire year)

Mission Cooperation Plan (MCP) is an annual program that gives mission causes an opportunity to educate about God's work among the poor and to raise funds for expanding Church in mission territories. The MCP assists mission-sending societies in their appeals for funds and vocations and helps connect parishes to an individual mission cause. The MCP enables parishioners to hear of missionary and young church experience which is an opportunity that continues to help promote solidarity with the universal Church.

Please remit collections to: CCAS, [Insert in check memo line: (Name of Mission Cause) (Parish ID#)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle WA 98104

To arrange for an MCP speaker, contact: Chris Koehler, 206-274-3194; chris.koehler@seattlearch.org

June 28 - 29, 2025

Peter's Pence

Peter's Pence collection allows local Catholics to join the works of the Holy Father in helping to relieve the suffering of the world's most vulnerable, victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: Peters Pence (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104. Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

July 5 - 6, 2025

Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

The mission of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) is "Serving those who serve". The ministry of the AMS is to provide for the pastoral care of Catholics in the armed forces (at home & abroad), military academies, Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and those working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders – a total of 1.8 million Catholics worldwide.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: Archdiocese of the Military (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104.

Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619/ 1-866-381-2033; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

August 2-3, 2025

Church in Africa

Africa faces the economic and social hurdles of enormous debt, epidemic, severe poverty, and political unrest. In spite of these challenges, the Church in Africa has almost tripled in size in the past 30 years. However, it is difficult for the church to sustain its growth and maintain essential pastoral outreach. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: Church in Africa Collection (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104 Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

August 23 - 24, 2025

Catholic Home Missions

Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. These dioceses face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Mission Collection funds catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry and other pastoral programs. As a result of parishioners' generosity, Catholic Home Missions impacts the lives of nearly nine million Catholics in the United States.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: Catholic Home Missions (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104.

Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

September 13-14, 2025

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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. National grants are awarded by the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee on CCHD with the approval of local bishops. Local, smaller, grants are awarded by the Archbishop.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: CCHD (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104. Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

September 27-October 12, 2025

Yearly Commitment Renewal: Stewardship of TALENT

September 27th – 28th Announcement/Education

October 4th – 5th Presentation/Ask 1
October 11th - 12th Follow Up/Ask 2

During the Parish Stewardship Yearly Talent/Ministry Commitment Renewal, parishioners are asked to discern their Godgiven talents and gifts by filling out and returning a commitment card, pledging to give to their parish through ministry involvement for the coming year.

Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org or Andrea Shimek, 206-903-4621; andrea.shimek@seattlearch.org

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

October 4-5, 2025

Black and Indian Mission

The National Collection for Black and Indian people continue 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 with an emphasis on serving economically challenged areas within dioceses.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: Black & Indian Mission Collection (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104 Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve-homiack@seattlearch.org

October 18-19, 2025

World Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is celebrated the world over. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church, this collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to the most vulnerable communities.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: World Mission Sunday (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104

Contact Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

October 25-November 23, 2025

Yearly Commitment Renewal: Stewardship of TREASURE

October 25th – 26thStewardship KickoffNovember 1st – 2ndPresentation/Ask 1November 8th – 9thPresentation/Ask 2November 15th - 16thFollow Up/Ask 1November 22nd – 23rdFollow Up/Ask 2

During the Parish Stewardship Yearly Commitment Renewal, parishioners are asked to consider the many blessings they have received and return a portion of that back to God by completing a commitment card, pledging to give to their parish for the coming year.

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November 29-30, 2025

Church in Central and Eastern Europe

After decades of persecution, Catholics of the Armenian rite, the Chaldean rite, and the Latin rite have experienced a new era of freedom since Georgia became independent from the Soviet Union. With assistance from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Catholics in Georgia are able to rebuild churches, provide medical care for the poor, and to pass on the faith to the next generation so that the Church can once again thrive where once it was persecuted.

Please remit collections to: CCAS [Insert in check memo line: Church in Central/Eastern Europe Collection (Parish ID #)] 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104

Contact: Steve Homiack, 206-903-4619; steve.homiack@seattlearch.org

DECEMBER

December 6-7, 2025, or December 13-14, 2025

Catholic Community Services of Western WA: CCS Appeal for the Poor

Each year the CCS Appeal for the Poor informs parishioners about the work of Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services (CCS/CHS). CCS/CHS are our Catholic Charities in Western Washington. CCS/CHS annually serves over 85,000 poor and vulnerable men, women, and children in Western Washington through more than 190 programs. This collection supports programs and services in your local area.

Please remit collections to: CCS Appeal for the Poor, P.O. Box 24842, Seattle, WA 98124.

Contact: 206-328-5707, development@ccsww.org