

January 6, 2012

TO ALL PASTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS:

For your information, and guidance in planning parish collections and ordering Sunday envelopes, listed below are the dates for Diocesan and Church Universal collections for 2012 and 2013. We have also indicated whether or not envelopes are provided. All of the collections and appeals listed below are diocesan obligations to be taken up in all parishes and missions. *Please note that as of January 2005, there is a special diocesan collection to promote Respect Life efforts in the Diocese on the fourth Sunday of January.*

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| <i>Collection</i> | <i>Envelopes</i> | <i>Sunday</i> | |
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| Respect Life | yes | Fourth Sunday in January | January 22, 2012 |
| Eastern & Central European Relief | yes <i>cf. note 1</i> | Ash Wednesday | February 22, 2012 |
| <i>North Country Catholic</i> Campaign | <i>cf. note 2</i> | Second Sunday of Lent | March 4, 2012 |
| Works of the Holy Father/CRS | yes | Fourth Sunday of Lent | March 18, 2012 |
| Holy Land - Good Friday | <i>cf. note 3</i> | Good Friday | April 6, 2012 |
| Catholic Charities | yes | Mother's Day | May 13, 2012 |
| Catholic Home Missions | yes | Fourth Sunday of May | May 27, 2012 |
| Communications/Catholic Univ. | yes | Second Sunday in June | June 10, 2012 |
| Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (or) Missionary Cooperation Plan | yes <i>cf. note 4</i> | Last Sunday in July July - August | July 29, 2012 |
| Bishop's Fund Appeal | <i>cf. note 5</i> | Second Sunday after Labor Day | September 16, 2012 |
| Mission Sunday | yes | Penult of October | October 21, 2012 |
| Parish Stewardship Sunday | no | Second Sunday of November | November 11, 2012 |
| Campaign for Human Development/ Black and Indian Missions | yes | Sunday before Thanksgiving | November 18, 2012 |
| Religious Retirement | yes | Second Sunday in December | December 9, 2012 |

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| <i>Collection</i> | <i>Envelopes</i> | <i>Sunday</i> | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Respect Life | yes | Fourth Sunday in January | January 27, 2013 |
| Eastern & Central European Relief | yes <i>cf. note 1</i> | Ash Wednesday | February 13, 2013 |
| <i>North Country Catholic</i> Campaign | <i>cf. note 2</i> | Second Sunday of Lent | February 24, 2013 |
| Works of the Holy Father/CRS | yes | Fourth Sunday of Lent | March 10, 2013 |
| Holy Land - Good Friday | <i>cf. note 3</i> | Good Friday | March 29, 2013 |
| Catholic Charities | yes | Mother's Day | May 12, 2013 |
| Catholic Home Missions | yes | Fourth Sunday of May | May 26, 2013 |
| Communications/Catholic Univ. | yes | Second Sunday in June | June 9, 2013 |
| Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (or) Missionary Cooperation Plan | yes <i>cf. note 4</i> | Last Sunday in July July - August | July 28, 2013 |
| Bishop's Fund Appeal | <i>cf. note 5</i> | Second Sunday after Labor Day | September 15, 2013 |
| Mission Sunday | yes | Penult of October | October 20, 2013 |
| Parish Stewardship Sunday | no | Second Sunday of November | November 10, 2013 |
| Campaign for Human Development/ Black and Indian Missions | yes | Sunday before Thanksgiving | November 24, 2013 |
| Religious Retirement | yes | Second Sunday in December | December 8, 2013 |

NOTE:

In order for consolidated collections to realize their full potential, the Diocese requires that there be a **second, special** collection for the various appeals and that the publicity schedule on the back of this page be faithfully implemented.

1. The Eastern and Central European Relief Collection may be taken up on Ash Wednesday or the first Sunday of Lent or a parish donation may be made in place of a collection.
2. The *North Country Catholic* subscription drive depends for its success upon personal contact at the home, by telephone, or in Church. Envelopes may be placed in the sets in conjunction with the personal contact.
3. The Diocese mandates that each Pastor or Administrator provide envelopes in parish sets for each special collection. Envelopes are not required for the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection, but the collection is mandated by the Holy See.
4. Each year, some parishes will take up the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg on the last Sunday in July. Others, instead, will be assigned a religious community for the Missionary Cooperation Plan and that collection will use the same envelope for a collection to be taken up sometime between July and August. If a pastor wishes to take up both of these collections in a given year, he should notify the Diocesan Mission Office at least six months in advance.
5. The Bishop's Fund is a personal contact campaign so there are no envelopes in the sets for this appeal.

Operation Rice Bowl is an optional collection during Lent. Whether or not it is to be taken up is to be determined by each parish. More information will be sent to each parish by Catholic Charities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Jennifer Votraw, S.S.J.
Chancellor

The following outline has been prepared to aid in promoting the 2012 special collections and appeals. We will provide publicity in the *North Country Catholic*, radio, television, and secular press. Each church must arrange to have collection envelopes in their sets for those collections marked **Envelope**. Brochures and posters for the various appeals should be used the week **before** the collection.

| COLLECTION | HOMILY | BISHOP'S LETTER | DIOCESAN PREPARED ORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (To be read week ahead) | DIOCESAN PREPARED PRINTED ANNOUNCEMENTS (To be printed in parish bulletin a week ahead) |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| RESPECT LIFE January 22, 2012 | No | Yes* Day of Collection | Yes | Yes |
| EASTERN & CENTRAL EUROPEAN RELIEF February 22, 2012 | No | No | No | Yes |
| NORTH COUNTRY CATHOLIC March 4, 2012 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER/ CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES March 18, 2012 | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| HOLY LAND/GOOD FRIDAY April 6, 2012 | No | No | No | Yes |
| CATHOLIC CHARITIES May 13, 2012 | Yes Sunday before May 6, 2012 | Yes* Day of Collection | Yes | Yes |
| CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS May 27, 2012 | No | No | No | Yes |
| COMMUNICATIONS/ CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY June 10, 2012 | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| MISSIONARY PROJECTS OF THE DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG July 29, 2012 -----or----- MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN July - August | No ----- Yes Given by missionary on day of collection | No ----- No | Yes ----- No | Yes ----- Yes |
| BISHOP'S FUND September 16, 2012 | Yes Sept. 9, 2012 | Yes* Sept. 2 or Sept. 9, 2012 | Yes Sunday before, during and after campaign | Yes |
| MISSION SUNDAY October 21, 2012 | Yes Sunday before Oct. 14, 2012 | Yes* Mission Sunday Oct. 21, 2012 | Yes | Yes |
| PARISH STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY November 11, 2012 | No | Yes* Sunday before Nov. 4, 2012 | No | Yes |
| CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT/BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS November 18, 2012 | No | No | No | Yes |
| RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT December 9, 2012 | Yes Sunday before Dec. 2, 2012 | No | Yes | Yes |

The **OPERATION RICE BOWL** Collection is an optional collection during Lent.

* read by priest