

# Dioceses of Paterson Special Collections

The following provides a schedule of the special collections in the Dioceses of Paterson. Descriptions of each Special Collection are provided in the Section below.

	<b>When</b>	<b>Special Collection</b>
1.	<i>Monthly</i>	Project Faith
2.	February	Church in Central and Easter Europe
3.	Good Friday	Holy Land
4.	April	Campaign for Human Development
5.	May	Holy Father
6.	June* (2 total)	(a) Latin American Missions (b) Bishops' Overseas Relief
7.	July* (4 total)	(a) Catholic Communication Campaign (b) Black and Indian Ministries (c) Lepers (d) Catholic University of America
8.	August	Missionary Cooperation Plan
9.	October	Mission Sunday
10.	November	Catholic Home Missions
11.	December	Retirement Fund for Religious

\* The funds collected in these monthly special collections are split between the causes listed by the Diocesan Office.

## Description of Dioceses of Paterson Special Collections

### **Project Faith: <monthly>**

This is the monthly Collection to support the operations of the Diocese of Paterson, including programs that assist the needy within our Diocese.

### **Church in Central and Easter Europe: <once each February or March>**

The Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe responds to the challenge of rebuilding the Church after decades of communist oppression. The collection funds projects that are aimed at helping the church dig out from under the rubble of communist ruin and respond to the religious aspirations of the people.

### **Holy Land: <once a year on Good Friday>**

The Holy Land collection supports Franciscan Friars who preserve shrines and protect the landmarks of our faith. The Friars also minister to Christian families in need throughout this area now plagued by violence.

**Campaign for Human Development: <once each April>**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development leads efforts to raise awareness and break the cycle of poverty. It emphasizes the growing number of poor Americans and its funds help alleviate the difficulties of these poor and low-income people.

**Holy Father: <once each May>**

The collection for the Holy Father enables the Pope 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 also provides the faithful with an opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also to comfort those who suffer.

**Latin American Missions: <once each June>**

Support to this mission provides funding for hundreds of projects, including catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization projects and formation programs for religious, priests and deacons in over twenty countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Bishops' Overseas Relief: <once each June>**

The Bishops' Overseas Relief, now known as The Catholic Relief Services Collection, brings efforts focused on emergency relief, human development and peace initiative around the world. The collection supports Catholic Church agencies engaged in refugee resettlement, legal immigration, peacemaking, pastoral care, and advocacy for a more just and peaceful world.

**Catholic Communication Campaign: <once each July>**

Produces and distributes a variety of media projects including television documentaries that examine spiritual themes, Christmas and Easter specials, and public service campaigns about issues of national importance.

**Black and Indian Ministries: <once each July>**

Aid received goes to the evangelization of the Gospel message to the most rural areas of our country as well as the most populated inner cities.

**Lepers: <once each July>**

Ministry to Lepers brings the healing power of God's love to those afflicted with this grave illness in countries such as Liberia, Nigeria and Ghana. It is a plague that ravages families in this region, but it is financial support and prayers that serve as a balm to those who are suffering.

**Catholic University of America: <once each July>**

Educates future Church leaders and provides them with the assets needed to excel in their chosen field. The funds received will allow Catholic University to continue its service to the Church and provide scholarships to students who would not otherwise be able to attend the University.

**Missionary Cooperation Plan <once each August>**

Visiting missionaries come from various countries of the world to speak and request aid for their countries. The aid assists them with unbreakable task of proclaiming the Word of God to their followers, especially since their limited resources do not allow them to.

**Mission Sunday: <once each October>**

As the Holy Father has said, “The offerings that will be collected on World Mission Sunday are destined for a common fund of solidarity, distributed among missions and missionaries of the entire world.” Its committee helps coordinate Catholic U.S. overseas mission efforts and works with the Pontifical Missionary Societies to encourage, support and foster mission efforts in the United States.

**Catholic Home Missions: <once each November>**

Helps local diocesan ministries to provide social services that address the needs of individual, families and groups in our community.

**Retirement Fund for Religious: <once each December>**

The Retirement Fund for Religious supports religious institutes in funding the necessary and well deserved care of our senior religious. It awards grants to religious institutes of men and women, who have faithfully served the Church, to assist them with current and future retirement needs.

**Holy Days**

The following are the holy days of obligation, which (with the exception of Christmas) are not explicitly included in the St. Jude Automated Giving program.

1. New Years Day (Holy Mary, Mother of God)
2. The Solemnity of the Ascension (May)
3. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August)
4. The Solemnity of All Saints (November)
5. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December)
6. Christmas