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## 2016 SCHEDULE OF USCCB AND OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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| January   | <i>No Special Collections</i>  |
| February  | <i>No Special Collections</i>  |
| <b><i>February 20/21 Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Sunday</i></b> |  |
| March 5/6 ( <i>Laetare Sunday</i> )                                   | The Catholic Relief Services Collection (shared w/Church in Central & Eastern Europe)  |
| March 25 ( <i>Good Friday</i> )                                       | Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land  |
| April 23/24   | Catholic Home Missions Appeal (shared w/Black & Indian Missions)   |
| May 7/8   | Catholic Communication Campaign<br><i>50% will remain in our diocese to help support our local communications efforts.</i>       |
| June 25/26  | Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father)  |
| July  | <i>No Special Collections</i>  |
| August 13/14  | Church in Latin America  |
| September 10/11   | Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement   |
| October 22/23   | World Mission Sunday   |
| November 5/6  | Archdiocese for the Military Services ( <i>every third year</i> )  |
| November 19/20  | Catholic Campaign For Human Development<br><i>25% will remain in our diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.</i> |
| December 10/11  | Retirement Fund For Religious  |

### **ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT**

#### **Missionary Cooperative Appeal**

The Office of the Bishop 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 Catholic Foundation will provide assistance to parishes interested in implementing Operation Rice Bowl held during Lent—***February 10 – March 27***—for the benefit of Catholic Relief Services. ***25% will remain in our diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.***

#### **2016 Annual Catholic Appeal**

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