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## 2017 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 25/26 Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Sunday</i></b>	
March 25/26 ( <i>Laetare Sunday</i> )	The Catholic Relief Services Collection (shared w/Church in Central & Eastern Europe)
April 14 ( <i>Good Friday</i> )	Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
April 29/30	Catholic Home Missions Appeal (shared w/Black & Indian Missions)
May 13/14	The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception <i>(one-time collection)</i>
May 27/28	Catholic Communication Campaign <i>50% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local communications efforts.</i>
June	<i>No Special Collections</i>
July 1/2	Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father)
August 12/13	Church in Latin America
September 9/10	Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement
October 21/22	World Mission Sunday
November 18/19	Catholic Campaign For Human Development <i>25% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.</i>
December 9/10	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—***March 1 – April 16***—for the benefit of Catholic Relief Services. ***25% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.***

#### **2017 Annual Catholic Appeal**

The Catholic Foundation will provide assistance to parishes for our diocesan appeal. ***Commitment Sunday will be held February 25/26 unless otherwise instructed. 25% is returned to the donor's parish to help support local social service ministries.***