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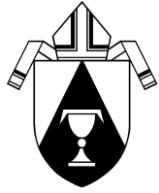
DATE: May 15, 2017
TO: Pastors, Parochial Administrators, or Parish Secretaries
FROM: Stan Devereux, Executive Director, The Catholic Foundation
SUBJECT: **2018 SCHEDULE OF USCCB AND OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Special Collections are scheduled during the year to communicate and support the particular needs of the national and universal Church. For this reason, all parishes throughout the Diocese are asked to participate in Special Collections throughout the year (see 2018 approved schedule).

Approximately one month prior to each Special Collection, each Pastor (Parish) will receive information to help promote the upcoming collection in the bulletin and from the pulpit. Payment processing instructions will also be included for your reference.

Should you have any questions regarding this schedule or a specific Special Collection, please contact The Catholic Foundation office at 916-733-0266 or btorres@scd.org.

Thank you.



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2018 SCHEDULE OF USCCB AND OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January	<i>No Special Collections</i>
February	<i>No Special Collections</i>
<i>February 10/11 Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Sunday</i>	
March 10/11 (<i>Laetare Sunday</i>)	The Catholic Relief Services Collection (shared w/Church in Central & Eastern Europe)
March 30 (<i>Good Friday</i>)	Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
April 28/29	Catholic Home Missions Appeal (shared w/Black & Indian Missions)
May 12/13	Catholic Communication Campaign <i>50% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local communications efforts.</i>
June	<i>No Special Collections</i>
June 30/July 1	Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father)
August 11/12	Church in Latin America
September 8/9	Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement
October 20/21	World Mission Sunday
November 17/18	Catholic Campaign for Human Development <i>25% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.</i>
December 8/9	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 14 – April 1***—for the benefit of Catholic Relief Services. ***25% will remain in our Diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.***

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Catholic Foundation will provide assistance to parishes for our diocesan appeal. ***Commitment Sunday will be held February 10/11 unless otherwise instructed. 25% is returned to the donor's parish to help support local social service ministries.***