



### **Schedule of (Diocesan/non-Diocesan) Collections 2018**

The following schedule of special (Diocesan/non-Diocesan) collections will be expected for all parish and mission churches in the Diocese of Metuchen for 2018.

1. **“Together in Charity”** Diocesan collection to be scheduled on the weekend of **January 6/7, 2018**. The entire collection will benefit Catholic Charities’ Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.
2. **Foundation for Catholic Education Collection** will be scheduled on the weekend of **January 20/21, 2018**. The entire proceeds to benefit this foundation.
3. **Catholic Press Month** held during the month of February, donations for The Catholic Spirit will supplement the newspaper’s free distribution to the parishes.
4. **Retirement Collection for Diocesan Clergy** – Diocesan collection to be scheduled on **Palm Sunday**. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support the retirement plan of Diocesan Clergy.
5. **The Holy Land Collection** – to be scheduled on **Good Friday**. The single beneficiary of this collection is the Commissariat of the Holy Land which is responsible for the preservation of the shrines of the Holy Land and the Sacred Congregation of Oriental Churches.
6. **Catholic Relief Services** – to be scheduled on the weekend of **April 14/15, 2018**. The proceeds will benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services.
7. **Collection for the Development of the People** – to be scheduled on the weekend of **April 28/29, 2018**. The proceeds benefit the Church in Latin America, the Church in Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Mission.
8. **Catholic Communication Campaign** – to be scheduled on the weekend of **May 5/6, 2018**. The proceeds benefit the Catholic Communication Campaign (national and local levels) and the Catholic University of America.
9. **Peter’s Pence Collection** – to be scheduled on **September 8/9, 2018**. This collection is the annual Holy Father’s Collection and all proceeds are designated for that singular purpose.
10. **Collection for the Campaign for Human Development** – to be scheduled the weekend of **November 17/18, 2018** (the weekend before Thanksgiving). The proceeds benefit the Campaign for Human Development on both national and local levels.

11. **Retirement Fund for Religious** – to be scheduled on **December 1/2, 2018**. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support retired religious Sisters and Brothers of the United States.

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**\*\* World Mission Sunday** – benefits the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the American Board for Catholic Missions and The Catholic Near East Welfare Association, to be scheduled on the weekend of **October 20/21, 2018**. Specific information and materials will be forwarded to all parishes by the Diocesan Missions Office.

**\*\* The Mission Cooperative Plan** – calls for the pastor to schedule a special collection in the parish **before the last weekend in August** for the benefit of a missionary order assigned by our Diocesan Missions Office. The specific weekend for the collection will be determined by the pastor in consultation with the appropriate representative of the missionary order. Proceeds from this collection are to be forwarded to the missionary order.