



February 21, 2022

Dear Monsignor / Father,

Enclosed please find the **2023 Special Collections Schedule** for the Diocese of Erie. I would like to draw your attention to several things:

1. All collections are mandatory except the following:
 - a. **Food Bank Collection** (for Second Harvest Food Bank or another food bank – excluding Food for the Poor – if you are not serviced by Second Harvest)
 - b. **Priestly Education and Care Collection**
 - c. **Operation Rice Bowl** (technically not a collection but a charitable program)
2. The collection which is a part of the **Missionary Cooperative Plan** is a mandated special collection. The missionary is assigned by the Mission Office and the date is determined together by the pastor and missionary.
3. An appeal for any collection at Mass should never replace the homily.
4. No pastor or administrator may schedule a new collection without the permission of the Bishop (see canon 1266 and *Diocesan Regulations for the Administration of Temporal Affairs*, no. 10.2).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (800) 374-3723 ext. 130 or (814) 824-1130 or kdietz@eriercd.org. As always, thank you sincerely for your efforts on behalf of those in need. Be assured of my prayers.

In Christ,

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DIOCESE OF ERIE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2023

- Flexible Date..... **Priestly Education and Care Collection** (optional)
- January 1 to Ash Wed. **Food Bank Collection** (for Second Harvest or other food bank – excluding Food for the Poor – for parishes not serviced by Second Harvest) (optional)
- January 22..... **Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection** (supporting *Faith Magazine* and *Catholic Communications*)
- February 19 **Catholic Services Appeal (Commitment Sunday)**
- Lent (February 22)..... **Operation Rice Bowl** (optional)
- April 7 **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**
- April 30 **Good Shepherd Collection**
- May 21..... **International Needs Collection** (combined collection for *Catholic Relief Services*, *Church in Central and Eastern Europe*, and *Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa*.)
- July 2 **Collection for the Holy Father (Peter’s Pence)**
- July 16 **National Needs Collection** (combined collection for *Catholic Home Mission Appeal* and *Black and Indian Home Missions*)
- August 20 **Church in Latin America Collection**
- September 17 **Catholic Education Collection**
- October 22..... **Mission Sunday Collection**
- November 19..... **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**
- December 10 **Retirement Fund for Religious**
- (As arranged by Diocesan Mission Office).... **Missionary Cooperative Plan**