

IDEAS TO PROMOTE THE COLLECTION IN YOUR PARISH - 2025

Promote the Collection in the upcoming weeks in the bulletin, announcements and parish website. In parishes that had larger collections, the priests spoke to the parishioners about the importance of this collection for all our priests.

The letter from Bishop Persico published in the bulletin the weekend of Easter April 20th or April 27th; or May 4 the weekend before the collection. The Good Shepherd Collection for Retired Diocesan Priests is to be taken in every Diocesan Parish and Mission Church on the weekend of May 10 & 11.

Our website <https://www.eriercd.org/Good-Shepherd-Collection-materials.html>

You will find a promotion kit with extensive material for the parish staff to use; please have your staff promote the collection. • Letter from Bishop Persico • Bulletin Announcements: April 26/27, May 3/4 May 10/11, May 17/18 • General Intercessions for Good Shepherd Sunday, April 20/21 • Clip Art with Logo • Collection Dates for upcoming years for Good Shepherd Collection • Bulletin samples for the cover or poster to promote the collection. Talking points to use the week before or the day of the collection by the priest/deacon The Envelope for the Good Shepherd Collection should be in the envelope packet

mailed to your parishioners. A plain envelope can be used, mark it: "Good Shepherd Collection."

Having a second collection gives visitors and parishioners the opportunity to make their contribution.

The collection for 2026 will be April 26, 2026, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Notify your envelope Company.

The week after the 2025 collection, May 17/18 please include a thank-you in your bulletin with the amount received to date and remind parishioners they can still make their contribution to the Good Shepherd Collection for Diocesan retired priests.

Please remit the initial proceeds to Diocesan Finance Office by May 31, 2025. The final contributions received should be submitted to the Diocesan Finance Office by June 30, 2025.

The Catholic Foundation of Northwestern Pennsylvania has established an Endowment for Clergy Health and Welfare. If you or any of your parishioners would like more information contact Lisa Louis.

Finally, please support the retired priests of our Diocese with your own personal contribution to the annual Good Shepherd Collection through your parish, directly to St. Mark Catholic Center to the Good Shepherd Office, or online at www.eriecd.org. All priests will one day benefit from your generosity.