



June 24, 2025

Dear Monsignor / Father,

Enclosed please find the **2026 Special Collections Schedule** for the Diocese of Erie. I would like to draw your attention to several things:

1. **New Information:** Bishop Persico has announced a name change for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The CCHD, which is typically taken as a second collection in November, is now called the **Local Needs Collection**.

Note: With this change, I recommend updating your envelopes before placing orders for 2026.

2. 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)
3. 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.
4. The **Collection for the Holy Land** is mandatory and should be taken up at any time between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday inclusive.
5. An appeal for any collection at Mass should never replace the homily.
6. 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 fhannah@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 2026

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 25.....	Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection (supporting <i>Faith Magazine</i> and <i>Catholic Communications</i>)
February 15	Catholic Services Appeal (Commitment Sunday)
Lent (February 18).....	Operation Rice Bowl (optional)
March 29 – April 12	Collection for the Holy Land (taken once between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday inclusive)
May 3	Good Shepherd Collection
May 24.....	International Needs Collection (combined collection for <i>Catholic Relief Services</i> , <i>Church in Central and Eastern Europe</i> , and <i>Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa</i> .)
June 28.....	Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
July 19	National Needs Collection (combined collection for <i>Catholic Home Mission Appeal</i> and <i>Black and Indian Home Missions</i>)
August 16	Church in Latin America Collection
September 20	Catholic Education Collection
October 18.....	Mission Sunday Collection
November 15	Local Needs Collection
December 13	Retirement Fund for Religious
(As arranged by Diocesan Mission Office).... Missionary Cooperative Plan	