



## Office of Financial Services

**TO:** Pastors, Ministers of Parish Life, Rectors of Chapels and Oratories,  
Parish Secretaries, Parish Bookkeepers  
**FROM:** Robert Serventi, CFO  
**DATE:** February 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Special Collection Dates for 2017

In order to assist all parishes and missions within the Diocese of San Jose with their pastoral planning as well as to facilitate cooperation with envelope providers, the following schedule of dates for diocesan directed collections in the calendar year **2017** is announced.

In accord with Canon 1266 of the revised Code of Canon Law the following collections are to be taken up in all the churches and oratories, which are, in fact, open to the Christian faithful, including those belonging to religious institutes.

Date	Collections
January 15	Ethnic Minorities and Latin America
March 1 (Ash Wednesday)	Aid to Churches in Eastern and Central Europe
March 26	Catholic Relief Services, formerly known as Bishops' Overseas Relief
April 14 (Good Friday)	Holy Land
April 30	Home Missions
May 13 & 14	*Catholic Charities ( <b>send donation directly to Catholic Charities</b> )
May 28	Catholic Communications
July 02	Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father
August 13	Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa
September 10	Catholic Education
October 16	World Mission Sunday (not to be confused with the Missionary Co-Op collection during the summer)
November 19	Catholic Campaign for Human Development
December 10	Retirement Fund for Religious
TBD (Negotiate with Missions Office)	Mission Co-op

All collected funds for each collection except Catholic Charities should be deposited by the parish/mission in its bank account and an exchange check made out to the "Diocese of San Jose" should be sent to the Chancery as promptly as possible, **but not later than six weeks from the date of collection** (Cf. Canon 1266).

**\*NOTE: Special forwarding instructions apply to the Catholic Charities collection: Undeposited funds are to be sent directly to Catholic Charities at 2625 Zanker Rd. Ste. 200 San Jose, CA 95134.**