

**DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAU**  
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## **2026 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA (ACCT. #203470).....January 25, 2026**

This collection supports pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious, and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis, and building construction only in cases of emergency. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the USCCB website using the following address <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america/collection-church-latin-america-resources>

**PASTORAL SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA (ACCT. #203520).....FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

This collection provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the USCCB website using the following address <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-africa/solidarity-fund-church-africa-resources>

**OPERATION RICE BOWL (ACCT. #203690)..... February 18 through April 5, 2026**

This is a Lenten program run in schools and parishes. Proceeds benefit Catholic Relief Services' food security projects supporting agriculture, nutrition, education, and self-sufficiency in communities around the world. 25% of the proceeds are retained for the benefit of local antipoverty programs administered by Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux. Promotional items and other resources for your parish can be found on the Catholic Relief Services website using the following address <http://www.crsricebowl.org/dioecese>.

**BLACK & INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION (ACCT. #203480).....February 22, 2026**

These funds are distributed as grants to support and strengthen the evangelization of Black and Indian peoples in the U.S. Several church parishes in our diocese receive grants from this collection. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the Black and Indian Mission website using the following address <http://blackandindianmission.org/resources>.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION (Acct. #203475).....March 15, 2026**

This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the USCCB website using the following address <https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection-resources>

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION (Acct. #203505).....April 3, 2026**

This is a Pontifical Collection for the support of pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works of the Church in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the Franciscan Monetary website using the following address <http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday-resources>.

**EDUCATION TO MINISTRY COLLECTION (ACCT. #203455 – PART OF EASTER COLLECTION GOES TOWARDS QUOTA).....April 5, 2026**

This collection is used locally for the education of seminarians, education of permanent deacons, and recruiting of candidates for religious life. A complete budget for these programs will be sent to you before the collection.

**CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL (Acct. #203445)..... April 26, 2026**

This collection funds a wide range of pastoral services, evangelization, religious education, maintenance of mission parishes, training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups in the U.S. and its territories and 85 Latin and Eastern Catholic dioceses. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the USCCB website using the following address <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions/catholic-home-missions-appeal-resources>

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN COLLECTION (ACCT. #203500).....May 17, 2026**

This collection contributes to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media through special projects and the Catholic Press. 50% of this collection is retained for communication projects within our diocese. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the USCCB website using the following address <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/collection/index.cfm>

**HOLY FATHER (PETER'S PENCE) COLLECTION (ACCT. #203485).....June 28, 2026**

This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance for the neediest throughout the world including those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. These funds are viewed as a way for the faithful to provide an opportunity to empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, as well as sustain those who suffer. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the USCCB website using the following address <https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/peters-pence/peters-pence-collection-resources>

- CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA (Acct. #203495).....September 6, 2026**  
 This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. This is the only U.S. University with Pontifical faculties. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the Catholic University of America's website at <https://www.catholic.edu/index.html> emailing at [cua-advancement@cua.edu](mailto:cua-advancement@cua.edu) or calling 1-800-348-2886.
- DIOCESAN MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE (Acct. #203525).....October 4, 2026**  
 This collection provides funding for our Diocesan Youth, Seminarians, and Priest to attend the Annual National March for Life held in Washington DC. Pilgrimage specifics can be found on our Diocesan website or by calling the Pastoral Center at 985-868-7720.
- WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION (Acct. #203460 – Write check to Propagation of the Faith).....October 18, 2026**  
 This collection is used to help promote the universal solidarity of Christians and recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world. 91% of this collection is sent to The Society of the Propagation of the Faith and 9% of this collection is sent to Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Promotional items for your parish can be obtained by contacting the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Propagation of the Faith Office at 985-850-0035
- CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (Acct. #203490).....November 15, 2026**  
 This collection uses grants to support community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education to address the root causes of poverty in America. 75% of this collection is administered by the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with the approval of local bishops. 25% of this collection is retained for local efforts through Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux. Promotional items for your parish can be downloaded from the USCCB website using the following address <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/catholic-campaign-human-development-collection>
- BAYOU CATHOLIC (Acct. #203535).....December 6, 2026**  
 This collection is used to supplement the operations of *Bayou Catholic*. The *Bayou Catholic* is a monthly publication used to educate, guide, inspire, and challenge local Catholics to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please incorporate this collection into your envelope system. The Bayou Catholic office will be sending promotional items directly to your parish before the collection. They can be reached at 985-868-7720.
- DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND (Acct. #203515).....December 13, 2026**  
 This collection is used to directly support retired priests of our diocese.
- CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION (Acct. #203450 – Part of Christmas collection goes towards quota).....December 25, 2026**  
 This collection is used to directly support the operations of Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux. For promotional items please contact CCHT at 985-876-0490.

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**NOTE: Proceeds of all collections are due at the diocesan office within 30 days of the collection.**

The USCCB Committee and Office of National Collections comply with the charitable standards set by leading donor advisory services. They provide reliable accountability to donors, including the percentage of funds that went to administration, with annual reports that list fund-raising expenses. They also make timely acknowledgments of funds received through correspondence and provide stories of lives impacted by the collections' grant-making activity through newsletters, the USCCB website, and promotional materials provided to parishes. All are encouraged to download the available promotional materials and to pass this information on to your parishioners.