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Date: 3 January 2025

To: All Pastors, All Bookkeepers

Re: Special Collections 2025, 2026

Attached are the dates for ten [10] special collections for the calendar years 2025 and 2026.

With the change last year with The Lumen ceasing print publication to online publication, many of our Catholic households are not receiving news from the diocese. ***Thus, it is necessary that additional efforts be made at the parish level to remind all parishioners of important information and dates of these collections so that they may choose to participate.*** Every effort will be made at the diocesan level to employ social media to disseminate collection information and to offer through General Mail bulletin summaries of Bishop Nickless' support for each collection that may easily be copied and used by parishes. In general, our parishioners also desire to know that you, their pastors, support these collections. ***Do please at least mention the upcoming collections in your announcements, bulletins, and social media in a timely fashion.***

Please note that the collections highlighted in yellow [#4, 9, and 10] are mandatory second collections after Holy Communion in each parish as established by the Presbyteral Council many years ago due to the local nature of these three collections.

As always, please be sure to share these dates with those in your parish[es] who are responsible for ordering envelopes for 2026.

May this year of grace 2025 bring renewed peace and joy in your devotion and ministry for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Collections Schedule:	2025 date
1. Briar Cliff (<i>first Sunday in February</i>)	Feb 1-2
2. Aid to Global Churches (<i>first Sunday in Lent</i>) includes:	Mar 8-9
a. Central and Eastern Europe	
b. Latin America	
c. Africa	
d. CRS [<i>Rice Bowl will remain separate</i>]	
3. Holy Land (<i>Good Friday</i>)	Apr 18
4. Infirm and Retired Priests (of Diocese of Sioux City) (<i>Easter Sunday</i>)	Apr 19-20
5. Aid to Domestic Churches (<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>) includes:	Jun 7-8
a. Black and Indian Missions	
b. Catholic Home Missions	
c. Catholic Communications Campaign	
d. CCHD	
e. Military Archdiocese (in its triennial years – <u>2025</u> , 2028...)	
6. Peter's Pence (<i>Sunday closest to June 29</i>)	Jun 28-29
7. Retirement Fund for Religious (<i>second Sunday in August</i>)	Aug 9-10
8. World Mission Sunday (<i>penultimate Sunday in Oct</i>)	Oct 18-19
9. St. Joseph's Education Fund (<i>first Sunday in November - NVAW</i>)	Nov 1-2
10. Catholic Charities (of Diocese of Sioux City) (<i>Christmas Day</i>)	Dec 25

Collections Schedule:	2026 date
1. Briar Cliff (<i>first Sunday in February</i>)	Jan 31/Feb 1
2. Aid to Global Churches (<i>first Sunday in Lent</i>) includes:	Feb 21-22
a. Central and Eastern Europe	
b. Latin America	
c. Africa	
d. CRS [<i>Rice Bowl will remain separate</i>]	
3. Holy Land (<i>Good Friday</i>)	Apr 3
4. Infirm and Retired Priests (of Diocese of Sioux City) (<i>Easter Sunday</i>)	Apr 4-5
5. Aid to Domestic Churches (<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>) includes	May 23-24
a. Black and Indian Missions	
b. Catholic Home Missions	
c. Catholic Communications Campaign	
d. CCHD	
e. Military Archdiocese (in its triennial years – 2028, 2031...)	
6. Peter's Pence (<i>Sunday closest to June 29</i>)	Jun 27-28
7. Retirement Fund for Religious (<i>second Sunday in August</i>)	Aug 8-9
8. World Mission Sunday (<i>penultimate Sunday in Oct</i>)	Oct 17-18
9. St. Joseph's Education Fund (<i>first Sunday in November - NVAW</i>)	Oct 31-Nov 1
10. Catholic Charities (of Diocese of Sioux City) (<i>Christmas Day</i>)	Dec 25