

***“Charity, patience and
tenderness are very
beautiful gifts. If you
have them, you want to
share them with others.”***

—POPE FRANCIS

National Combined Collection

With this combined collection we ask for your substantial assistance to help several worthy and needy causes, through this one appeal supporting mission and ministry here in our country. The envelope provides the opportunity for you to support all or some of the missions/ministries described in this brochure. With your help and that of others, we can make a difference in the lives of many within the United States. For more information on combined collections, contact the Diocese of Madison at 608-821-3039.



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Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services helps identify and support vocations within the military. Currently, 285 military chaplains provide pastoral care to over 1.5 million Catholics on ships, in combat areas, on bases and in 153 VA hospitals. Fr. Jason Hesseling and Fr. Tim Mergen, priests of the Diocese of Madison, both serve as military chaplains.

Catholic Communications Campaign

The collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign provides grants to Catholic organizations that help spread the Good News through social networking sites, podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of the money collected remains in our diocese. The local portion helps fund the diocesan website, audio/visual production, communications and materials.

Catholic Home Missions

There are 88 home mission dioceses in the United States. These dioceses are unable to fund basic and essential pastoral works, such as catechesis, seminary formation, and lay leadership training, and are unable to attend to the unique needs of the communities they serve. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions collection helps to ease the struggle and form vibrant faith communities.



Catholic University of America

The Catholic University of America, located in Washington D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. All funding through this collection is allocated toward financial aid for students from dioceses across the country. The university has a wide range of programs with curriculums in major fields of study.

Catholic Promotion of Authentic Human Development

"Authentic human development concerns the whole of the person in every single dimension. Without the perspective of eternal life, human progress in this world is denied breathing-space. Enclosed within history, it runs the risk of being reduced to the mere accumulation of wealth; humanity thus loses the courage to be at the service of higher goods, at the service of the great and disinterested initiatives called forth by universal charity." —Pope Benedict XVI, 2009

Locally and nationally, we scrupulously strive to ensure that your funds promote the cause of authentic development of the human person, aimed always at promoting the unity of every person with Christ, and through Him, with each other. **Past recipients of the national portion include:** Little Sisters of the Poor, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR), & Missionaries of Charity. Locally, recipients have been pro-life groups, parish clusters, and other trustworthy Catholic entities.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. For years, these selfless women and men ministered for little, if any, compensation – educating the young in our Catholic schools, nursing the sick in our Catholic hospitals, and promoting justice and peace. Because of their sacrifices, they have little retirement savings. Your donation provides funding for prescription medication, nursing care, and healthcare costs.

Black and Indian Missions

Funds collected for this mission are responsible for continuing the evangelization needs of the African-American and Native-American communities in the United States. Money raised has helped support priests, sisters, lay ministers, schools and catechetical programs in the African-American and Native-American communities. Your support remains in the United States and is provided to communities through grant opportunities.



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