




ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BOISE

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To: Pastors, Administrators and Parish Life Directors
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Subject: **Special Collection Information 2017**

Parishes will shortly be ordering envelopes for 2017. The SAME special collections will be taken up in 2017 as in 2016. The special collections and scheduled dates for 2017 are as follows:

1. **January 29, 2017** - Black and Indian Missions/Home Missions (typically first Sunday of Lent) Include in regular envelope packs.
2. **March 12, 2017** - Idaho Catholic Appeal. Envelopes will be provided by the diocese (Second Sunday of Lent).
3. **March 26, 2017** - The Catholic Relief Services Collection also includes USCC Migration and Refugee Services (Fourth Sunday of Lent). Include in regular envelope packs.
4. **April 14, 2017** – The Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land. (Good Friday). Include in regular envelope packs.
5. **June 4, 2017** - Support for Diocesan Vocations.
6. **September 10, 2017** - Diocesan Priests/Special Needs - Diocese of Boise. Include in regular envelope packs.
7. **October 22, 2017** - World Mission Sunday – for the Propagation of the Faith. (Next to last Sunday in October). Include in regular envelope packs.
8. **November 19, 2017** - Catholic Campaign for Human Development – (Sunday before Thanksgiving). Include in regular envelope packs.

The Diocese recommends that all special collections EXCEPT the Idaho Catholic Appeal be made part of the regular envelope packs since that makes it easier for parishioners to contribute. The Diocese will forward educational material and posters received for some of the collections. Educational material may also be provided. There has been a very good response to these special collections over the years that they have been in use. Use of special collection envelopes in the regular envelope distribution packs has proved very helpful in this increase.