Diocese of St. Cloud
National and Diocesan Collections for 2027

Collection Remitted to Bishop's Annual Appeal

Make Checks Payable to: Bishop's Annual Appeal
Mail checks to: PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302-1538

February 13-14	Announcement Weekend	**COA***
February 20-21	**Commitment Weekend**	4400/5400

Collections Remitted to the St. Cloud Mission Office (Society for the Propagation of the Faith)

Make Checks Payable to: St. Cloud Mission Office
Mail checks to: 11 – 8th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301

		COA
February 10-March 26	**CRS Rice Bowl**	4405/5405
March 6-7	**Catholic Relief Services**	4404/5404
April 24-25	**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**	4409/5409
October 23-24	**World Mission Sunday**	4499/5499

Collections Remitted to the Chancery-Finance Office

Make Checks Payable to: Diocese of St. Cloud
Mail checks to: Chancery, PO Box 1248, St. Cloud, MN 56302-1248

		COA
February 13-14	**Aid to Church in Central and Eastern Europe**	4499/5499
March 26	**Holy Land Collection**	4402/5402
May 15-16	**Peter's Pence Collection (for the Holy Father)**	4401/5401
November 20-21	**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**	4406/5406
December 11-12	**Retirement for Religious**	4408/5408

Collection Remitted to Catholic Charities

Make Checks Payable to: Catholic Charities
Mail checks to: 911 – 18th Street N, St. Cloud, MN 56303

		COA
October 30-31	**Make God's Love Visible Annual Appeal**	4410/5410

***COA** = Standard Parish/Diocesan Chart of Account Numbers

NOTE: Please clearly indicate the specific collection on the memo line of the check. Any questions, please call Brittany Prigge in the Finance Office at 320-251-2340 or Brittany.prigge@gw.stcdio.org

COLLECTION DESCRIPTIONS 2027

Bishop's Annual Appeal:
Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries at the heart of the Church's mission. These ministries provide hope, education, and spiritual growth to people throughout our diocese. They include vocations, Catholic education, faith formation, marriage preparation, family life, pastoral planning, social concerns, multicultural ministries, and the TV Mass for the homebound.

CRS Rice Bowl Program:
Not a parish collection but a Lenten program run in schools and parishes. CRS Rice Bowl provides funding for Catholic Relief Services' food security projects which support agriculture, nutrition, education, and self-sufficiency in communities around the world. 75% is remitted to CRS for overseas projects and 25% is retained in the diocese for emergency food programming and relief efforts.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (formerly the American Bishops Overseas Appeal):
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.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal:
The Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the United States and its territories in 85 dioceses. The Subcommittee on the Catholic Home Missions funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, and the maintenance of mission parishes, the training of seminarians and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic groups.

World Mission Sunday:
Every parish in every diocese around the world takes up the Mission Sunday collection on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility regarding the evangelization of the world.

Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe:
This collection provides aid through bishops' conferences in Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church. It focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and evangelization through Catholic media.

Holy Land Collection:
Pontifical Collection. Collects funds for support of the Holy Places, and for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works that the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of Christians and the local communities.

Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father):
This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests to aid the neediest throughout the world – those who suffer because of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):
CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-led, low-income empowering organizations and transformative education. Grants are awarded by the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with the approval of local bishops.

Retirement Fund for Religious:
This collection provides funding to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the religious institute section of the OCD and that has an unfunded past service liability. It distributes financial assistance from the fund to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops. The appeal began in 1988 and is approved through 2027.

Catholic Charities Make God's Love Visible Annual Appeal:
The Make God's Love Visible campaign supports Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud's mission to serve and enhance human dignity for all people. 100% of donations stay local and help provide food, housing services, and mental health services to our neighbors across the heart of Minnesota.