


GIVING BACK in 2019

Throughout the year the parishes in our diocese take up special collections to support the work of Christ locally, nationally, and abroad. Here's a look how you can help in 2019.

- National collection
- 100 percent of funds stay within diocese
- 50 percent of funds stay within diocese
- 25 percent of funds stay within diocese

In 2018, you donated **\$127,082** to this fund.


January
26-27



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

One hundred percent of the funds raised through this special collection are used for tuition assistance through the Bishop's Scholars Program and directly help all our diocesan Catholic schools.


February
2-3



CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Proceeds from this collection support pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. By contributing to this fund, we actively participate in the work of solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the hemisphere.


March
9-10



BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION

Starting in 1884, the national Black and Indian Mission collection provides grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and provide other missionary services in native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities.

March
30-31



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This collection helps CRS carry out their international relief and resettlement efforts for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters, as well as development projects to improve living conditions for the poor, and much more.



NTC / Juan Guajardo

The parish pays for its needs, the needs of the poor in the community, and the needs of the community of believers through the monetary offerings of its parishioners during the collection. Yes, you read that right — even our needs are met through the generosity of our fellow parishioners.

As Soto explained: "We donate because we are among those taking advantage of the resources the parishes provide."

And she should be proud. St. Matthew Parish had emergency repairs totaling \$70,000 and was

only able to afford them thanks to the generosity of its parishioners.

But why is something as earthly as money taken up during the Holy Eucharist? Because the donation of the Eucharist is our gift to God and to the Church. Of this intent, the offering becomes sacred rather than mundane. At the time of the preparation of the gifts, the offering is presented as one of the gifts to be taken to the altar, where it is typically placed in front.

Secondary collections, which are usually for (see the ones shown here), are taken up later in the Mass.

Aug. 31-
Sept. 1



This collection funds tuition assistance for CUA, which educates hundreds of priests and religious each year and proudly calls more than 12,000 of them alumni.

October
19-20



World Mission Sunday brings all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. This collection helps support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

November
9-10



The AMS provides the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to faithful serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. military academies, undergoing treatment at any Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, and working in civilian jobs.

November
23-24



The CCHD is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to break the cycle of poverty by providing a hand up, not a hand out.

December
14-15



This supports hundreds of religious communities in the U.S. needing help to meet retirement and healthcare needs. Locally, this collection supports the Sisters of the Holy Family of Mary of Namur.

▲ In 2018, you supported three local ministries through this collection: **\$100,000** went to Catholic Charities Fort Worth; **\$5,000** went to the St. Vincent de Paul Society; and **\$5,500** went to Seymour Ministerial Alliance, a collaboration of various faith congregations.

◀ In 2017, you donated **\$160,683** to this collection. Nationwide, the collection raised just over \$28 million. Of that, \$25 million was disbursed to 360 religious communities.