



DIOCESE OF AUSTIN

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND
MISSION APPEALS**



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Policy on Mission Appeals

In order to serve the needs of the people of God in the Diocese of Austin and to be responsible stewards of the gifts given to the diocese, the Diocese of Austin issues the following policy:

- I. All parishes are required to participate in the Missionary Cooperative Plan by receiving a missionary assigned by the Mission Office.
 - A. All parishes are required to take up the Propagation of the Faith Collection.
 - B. All parishes are strongly encouraged to participate in the Ashes to Easter program of the diocese.
- II. On occasion, parishes and schools receive appeals and requests for financial support from other missionaries and groups.
 - A. Since every parish is asked to participate in the above mission appeals, additional requests may be accepted at the pastor's discretion.
 1. Therefore, every pastor is free to invite mission groups that he believes will help his parish/school fulfill its own call to engage in the Church's missionary work.
 - B. Pastors are reminded to acquire the necessary testimonial of suitability for every priest/religious or a letter from a pastor, bishop, or religious superior for any missionary, lay, or religious coming into his parishes or schools.
 1. See Chapter V: *Forms* in this manual for what is required.
 - C. All funds collected from any of the above missionary collections are to be sent to the diocesan Finance Office so that all checks can be sent from the Diocese of Austin.
 1. This provides complete financial transparency and accountability for parishes and the diocese.

- III. The Mission Office is ready to help parishes to document mission groups through reference to the Pontifical Mission Society list, the Official Catholic Directory, or membership in the U.S. Catholic Mission Association



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Diocesan Special Collections

Special collections are the vehicle by which the Catholic faithful reach beyond their immediate needs and assist the Catholic Church at the diocesan, national and international levels. More information may be found at <http://www.austindiocese.org>.

Catholic Higher Education

- Master's in Theology and Campus Ministries

World and Home Missions

- Latin America
- Black and Native American Home Missions
- Catholic Home Missions
- Central and Eastern Europe

Catholic Relief Services

- Holy Father's Relief Fund
- Migration and Refugee Services
- Department of Social Development and World Peace

Holy Land

Seminarians and Priest Education and Formation

Peter's Pence

World Mission Sunday

- Propagation of the Faith

Catholic Services Appeal

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

Retired Clergy and Religious

Feast of the Holy Family

- Family and Pro-Life Activities
- Maternity homes in the Diocese of Austin