

**Diocese of Manchester  
2023-2024 Special Collections**

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<p><b>Missionary Cooperation Plan</b></p> <p>Summer Months (July and August)</p> <p>Actual dates are different for each parish</p>	<p>The primary goal of the Missionary Cooperation Plan is to provide parishioners with a zeal for the faith and the works of our Church throughout the world, especially for the poor. The missionaries are given support by the faithful of our NH parishes both spiritually and financially for the spread of God's kingdom on earth.</p>	<p>International</p>	<p>Rev. Pierre Baker</p> <p>663-0177</p>
<p><b>World Mission Sunday</b></p> <p>Next to Last Sunday in October</p> <p>Sunday, October 22, 2023</p>	<p>On World Mission Sunday we join the Church throughout the world in fulfilling our evangelical mission to "go out to all the world." The Society for the Propagation of the Faith coordinates programs for evangelization and catechesis throughout the world.</p>	<p>International</p>	<p>Bevin Kennedy</p> <p>663-0136</p>
<p><b>Catholic Campaign for Human Development &amp; Black and Indian Missions</b></p> <p>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Sunday, November 19, 2023</p>	<p>The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports programs and services for persons with low income, both in NH and around the U.S. Grants support programs that address community problems, increasing educational opportunities, and the creation of jobs. A portion of this collection also supports Black and Indian missions in the U.S..</p>	<p>National &amp; Diocesan</p>	<p>Bevin Kennedy</p> <p>663-0136</p>
<p><b>Retirement Fund for the Religious</b></p> <p>2nd Sunday in December</p> <p>Sunday, December 10, 2023</p>	<p>This collection supports retired religious sisters and brothers through grants to religious communities in NH and around the United States.</p>	<p>National &amp; Diocesan</p>	<p>Bevin Kennedy</p> <p>663-0136</p>
<p><b>Diocesan Catholic School Education</b></p> <p>1st Sunday in February</p> <p>Sunday, February 4, 2024</p>	<p>This collection is taken to assist the parish in funding its financial support for Diocesan Catholic schools in New Hampshire. The proceeds from this collection remain in the parish to help offset the parish assessment for Diocesan Catholic School Education.</p>	<p>Diocesan</p> <p>[Optional]</p>	<p>David Thibault</p> <p>663-0144</p>
<p><b>Church in Central &amp; Eastern Europe &amp; Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa</b></p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Wednesday, February 14, 2024</p>	<p>This collection in part supports the rebuilding of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe by forming seminarians, training lay leaders, and reaching out to young people. A portion of this collection supports the pastoral needs of the growing Church in Africa.</p>	<p>International</p>	<p>Bevin Kennedy</p> <p>663-0136</p>

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<b>Catholic Relief Services (CRS) &amp; Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA)</b>  4th Sunday of Lent  Sunday, March 10, 2024	This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, relief work of the Holy Father, USCCB's Migration & Refugee Services, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.  CHMA supports the strengthening of the Catholic Church where it is most financially challenged in the United States.	International & National	Bevin Kennedy  663-0136
<b>CRS Rice Bowl (Begins on 2/14/2024 ends 3/28/2024)</b>  Throughout Lent collected on Easter  Sunday, March 31, 2024	Provides funding to Catholic Relief Services for many third world projects promoting agricultural, nutritional, educational and self-sufficiency. Additionally, it supports local anti-poverty programs throughout New Hampshire.	International & Diocesan	Bevin Kennedy  663-0136
<b>Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land</b>  Good Friday  Friday, March 29, 2024	Provides funding for support of the Holy Places. Above all, for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren.	International	Bevin Kennedy  663-0136
<b>New Hampshire Catholic Appeal</b>  April 27-28, 2024 OR May 4-5, 2024	For the support of necessary ministries throughout New Hampshire, including Catholic Charities of NH, priest retirement, seminarian support, Catholic Education (financial aid, facilities, etc.), parish to parish support, Parable magazine, missions abroad and multicultural ministry in NH, and others.	Diocesan	Bevin Kennedy  663-0136
<b>Catholic Communications Campaign</b>  Sunday between Ascension Thurs. & Pentecost  Sunday, May 12, 2024	This collection supports diocesan and national efforts to ensure a Catholic presence in the media as well as Catholic communications programs and evangelization in NH.	National & Diocesan	Bevin Kennedy  663-0136
<b>Peter's Pence Collection</b> -assessed at 0.3%  Closest Sunday to Feast Day of Saints Peter & Paul  Sunday, June 30, 2024	This collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world - those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.	International   <i>[Assessed]</i>	Bevin Kennedy  663-0136