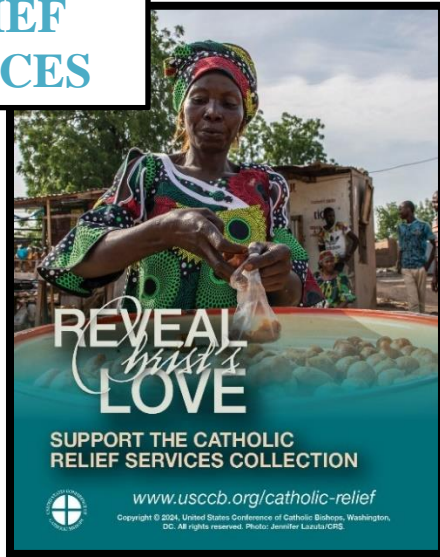


# DIOCESE OF COVINGTON

## INTERNATIONAL MISSION NEEDS COMBINED COLLECTION

MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

CATHOLIC  
RELIEF  
SERVICES



CHURCH  
IN  
LATIN  
AMERICA



Support the Collection for the  
Church in Central and Eastern Europe

RESTORE  
THE CHURCH  
BUILD  
THE FUTURE



CHURCH  
IN  
CENTRAL &  
EASTERN  
EUROPE



## CALENDAR

### PRE-COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

**Monday**  
February 10<sup>th</sup>                      Handbook e-mailed to all parishes

### COLLECTION WEEKEND

**Saturday/Sunday**  
March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Bulletin Insert, Pulpit Announcement  
  and Prayer of the Faithful  
All parishes take up Collection for the Appeal

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### **INTERNATIONAL MISSION NEEDS COMBINED COLLECTION PRAYER**

*Lord God, You are the source of all good things.  
You show mercy and bring justice  
to Your afflicted people.*

*May we, to whom much has been given, respond with generosity and  
compassion to our suffering  
brothers and sisters worldwide.*

*Open our hearts and minds to work for an end to global poverty and help us  
to build lasting peace with our neighbors, both here and abroad.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord, who hears  
the cry of the poor and oppressed.  
Amen.*

## **PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT**

You are invited to give hope through your gift to the International Mission Needs Combined Collection. Your one gift is divided among five mission organizations: Catholic Relief Services, the Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Christians in the Holy Land, and the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies. This Collection makes it possible to aid across the globe to those suffering from natural disasters, the violence of war, poverty, and unjust laws. Your contribution to this Collection will continue to preserve and protect Churches and Christians across the globe. Please give today with a joyful and sharing heart.

## **BULLETIN INSERT**

This week the International Mission Needs Collection will be conducted to help our suffering brothers and sisters throughout the world. Your one gift is divided among five mission organizations: Catholic Relief Services, the Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Christians in the Holy Land, and the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies. This Collection makes it possible to aid across the globe to those suffering from natural disasters, the violence of war, poverty, and unjust laws. Your contribution to this Collection will continue to preserve and protect Churches and Christians across the globe. Please give today with a joyful and sharing heart.

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

That our hearts may be moved to seek unity and solidarity with the faithful throughout the world by sharing what God has entrusted into our care... *Let us pray to the Lord.*

**SAMPLE THANK YOU LETTER FOR DONORS  
OF \$250 OR MORE TO THE  
2025 INTERNATIONAL MISSION NEEDS  
COMBINED COLLECTION**

**March**

*You can give hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to crop failure.  
You can give hope to the refugee child separated from her mother.  
You can give hope to the immigrant trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land.  
Through these humanitarian, economic, pastoral and advocacy efforts, we give hope to  
Christians around the world.*

**Name  
Address  
CSZ**

**Dear (personalized)**

**Thank you for your generous gift of \$\_\_\_\_ to the 2025 Diocesan International Mission Needs Combined Collection. Faith calls us as Catholics to care for one another. Your support helps to bring the hope and love of Jesus through the compassionate ministries of five international Catholic organizations and their ability to aid those who suffer: Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Eastern and Central Europe, the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies and the Holy Land Collection.**

**Because of your support, our Church will continue to provide emergency relief, assist refugees, protect the Christian presence in the Holy Land, feed the hungry and offer clothing, shelter and medical care to the poorest of the poor.**

**Thank you for sharing your gifts and responding compassionately to the less fortunate of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your gift of love is a sign that Christ is not only present in those who suffer, but also in you. May God bless you and those you love.**

**Gratefully yours,**

**Pastor/PA/PLC  
Parish**

**“Parish Name” has not provided any goods or services in consideration in whole or in part for this contribution.**

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COMBINED COLLECTION**

**FACTS AND INFORMATION**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

This appeal supports relief and resettlement services to victims of natural disasters, war, religious and ethnic persecution. It also supports agencies that build the international social ministry of the Catholic Church through advocacy on behalf of the powerless and impoverished.

**CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

This Collection channels aid through the bishops' conferences of Central and Eastern Europe to meet the needs of rebuilding the Church in formerly Communist nations - training seminarians and lay leaders, reaching out to young people, revitalize Catholic charities and renew programs of catechesis and evangelization.

**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

Support for various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean are made possible through the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Projects are at the continental, regional, diocesan and local levels and include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

These monies are collected for the preservation of holy places in the land where Jesus walked and taught, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land. The Catholic Church in the Holy Land spreads and promotes love, co-operation and peace among all inhabitants.

**PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES**

The Pontifical Mission Societies are a worldwide network at the service of the Pope that supports the missions and the Young Churches with prayer and charity. These include the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, the Missionary Childhood Association and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. Throughout the world, The Pontifical Mission Societies support the proclamation of the Gospel, the building of churches, together with the work and witness of mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay pastoral leaders. These missionaries reveal the compassionate heart of Jesus through their work that often entails providing not only spiritual support but also food, education, and medical care to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.