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COLLECTION	ANNOUNCED	SCHEDULE	BULLETIN INSERT
Las Cruces Diocese Catholic Schools	January 18, 2026	January 25, 2026	<p>THE DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Our Catholic schools promote excellence in education and foster Christian spiritual, intellectual and moral virtues in our students. Currently the Diocese has four schools located in Roswell, Hobbs, Alamogordo and Las Cruces. Funds from this collection will help support and expand the availability of high quality, Catholic education within our diocese.</p> <p><i>Please be generous toward this collection. Thank you!</i></p>
CRS Rice Bowl Program	February 15, 2026	Individual and Family Offerings throughout Lent	<p>The CRS Rice Bowl Program is not a parish collection but rather 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. 25% of this collection is retained in the diocese for anti-poverty programs.</p> <p><i>Please be generous toward this collection. Thank you!</i></p>
Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe	February 15, 2026	February 18, 2026 Ash Wednesday	<p>The Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection provides assistance to meet the needs for rebuilding the Church in Eastern Europe. It usually focuses on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral and catechetical centers, schools, church construction and renovation, evangelization and uniting the Diocese and Universal Church by collective outreach.</p> <p><i>Please be generous toward this collection. Thank you!</i></p>
The Catholic Relief Services Collection	March 8, 2026	March 15, 2026	<p>The Catholic Relief Services Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance for requests to aid the neediest throughout the world — those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. By supporting the Catholic Relief Services collection, you are helping fulfill the Church's call to be a peacemaker in regions affected by armed conflict, poverty, and shortages of necessary resources.</p> <p><i>Please be generous toward those most in need of our help. Thank you!</i></p>

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Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land	March 29, 2026	April 3, 2026	The Good Friday Collection funds support of the Holy Places, especially for those pastoral, charitable, educational, and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of our Christian brethren and of the local communities. <i>Please be generous in your support brothers and sisters for the Holy Land. Thank you!</i>
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	April 19, 2026	April 26, 2026	The Catholic Home Missions appeal provides funds for 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. Our own diocese benefits from this appeal that is happening in Churches throughout the country. <i>Please generously support Catholic Home Missions. Thank You!</i>
Diocese of Las Cruces Seminarian Fund (Name Change: Formerly known as the Juan Diego Seminary Fund)	May 3, 2026	May 10, 2026	The Diocese of Las Cruces Seminary Fund Collection nurtures diocesan priestly vocations through support for the education and formation of our seminarians and aspiring seminarians, usually from a younger age -- our future priests. Seminary studies and priestly formation require six to eight years before a seminarian is fully prepared for ordination to the priesthood. This fund ensures support for the human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation of our seminarians. <i>Please be generous and pray for vocations from among our young men. Thank you!</i>
Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father	June 21	June 28, 2026	The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV to respond with emergency financial assistance for requests to aid the neediest throughout the world — those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. <i>Please be generous toward those most in need of our help. Thank you!</i>
Good Shepherd Collection	July 5, 2026	July 12, 2026	The Good Shepherd Collection fund allows parishioners to share resources with those parishes in our diocese unable to raise sufficient emergency funds when needed for facility repairs. <i>Please be generous towards our poorer parishes. Thank you!</i>

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Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico	August 2, 2026	August 9, 2026	Catholic Charities of Southern New Mexico is called to enact the corporal works of mercy: that the hungry might be fed, the naked clothed, the homeless sheltered, the sick and imprisoned visited, the stranger welcomed, all with the dignity proper to the children of God. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Las Cruces is the visible expression of the Catholic Church's solidarity with persons in need. <i>Please be generous to those in need. Thank you!</i>
The Catholic University of America	August 30, 2026	September 6, 2026	Catholic University is the national research university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and helps the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country. <i>Please be generous in your support of Catholic higher education. Thanks!</i>
Black and Indian Mission	September 13, 2026	September 20, 2026	The Black and Indian Mission Collection provides funds that are distributed as grants to dioceses, supporting and strengthening evangelization of the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. <i>Please be generous, and kindly keep in mind our brothers and sisters on the Apache Reservation in Mescalero. Thank you!</i>
World Mission Sunday	October 11, 2026	October 18, 2026	World Mission Sunday is when all churches celebrate worldwide the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility for the evangelization of the world. <i>Please be generous in your support of World Mission Sunday. Thank you!</i>
Diocese of Las Cruces Priests' Retirement Fund	November 29, 2026	December 6, 2026	Priests' Retirement Plan of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, Inc. provides current retirement income payments to our retired priests. The Plan also receives and invests funds to provide for the future needs of our priests. These men dedicate their entire lives serving our parish communities. <i>Please generously support their retirement plan. Thank you!</i>