



Special Collections in the Archdiocese of Toronto

Throughout the year, in addition to weekly offerings to their local parish, Catholics of the Archdiocese are asked to support worthy initiatives through a second or special collection. These collections are approved by the Archdiocese and support of them is mandatory for all parishes.

The following is information on how the funds are used.

The Pope's Pastoral Works

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The annual Pope's Pastoral Works collection makes these funds available for distribution. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land : www.commissariat.ca

This annual Good Friday appeal dates back to 1421 and the pontificate of Pope Martin V, to recognize the grave responsibility Catholics throughout the world have to support Christians in the Holy Land, the birthplace of Christianity, with prayers and material help. Funds are used for the upkeep of the sanctuaries and to help with Pastoral work, Catholic Schools and social assistance in the Holy Land.

Shepherds' Trust www.shepherdstrust.org

The mission of the Shepherds' Trust is to raise awareness and funds so that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. The fund supports the needs of retired clergy in the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto who have served our family of faith for many years. By supporting the Shepherds' Trust, retired priests are given the dignity of adequate pensions, health care and other assistance in their golden years.

Catholic Missions in Canada www.cmic.info / Scarborough Missions www.scarboromissions.ca

Commonly known as "the shared collection". Funds are split equally between these two mission groups for the promotion of gospel values. Catholic Missions In Canada, founded in 1908, fosters and extends the blessings of the Catholic faith by supporting missions in regions of our country where the population is too small, or the economic situation of the community is too fragile for the people themselves to support their local Church and its ministry. Scarborough Missions, formerly the Scarborough Foreign Mission Society, founded in 1918, is involved in mission work overseas. Today, Scarborough priests and lay missionaries work side by side and in cooperation with other mission groups all over the world as they seek to serve in creative and new endeavours where the Gospel has not been heard, to encounter and celebrate God's presence in the life, history, culture and faiths of those they meet, to live simply and in solidarity with the poor and marginalized people of the world.

Needs of the Church in Canada www.cccb.ca

Each year the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is asked to speak out, give leadership, or provide guidelines for the faithful on a wide variety of topics. In order for our Bishops to be able to make proper judgments on modern topics, they must have the benefit of research and expert advice. Research and gathering information require staff, time, and money. Finding ways to provide channels to the Bishops from the people of God and ways of disseminating the thinking of the Bishops to the people of God also requires resources. Through the yearly Bishops' collection for the needs of the Church in Canada, an appeal is made to all Catholics to be generous in supporting the work of their Bishops. In addition to contributions, we are also asked to pray for the work of the Bishops and to participate in and cooperate with the various projects of the CCCB.

Evangelization of Nations - World Mission Sunday www.propfaith.org

It is the responsibility of all believers to spread the Gospel. Pastors should encourage people to deepen their realization that every Christian shares in the mission of the Church and that they should become more involved in today's missionary work. Guidance in this area is found in the Second Vatican Council document on the Church's missionary activity. This national collection is given to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith who distributes the funds to every mission bishop to assist in the day to day expenses of operating the diocese as well as special projects, such as building churches/chapels, healthcare clinics, the training and support catechists.

Marygrove Camp: www.svdptoronto.org

Marygrove Camp is a residential camp situated on 39 acres of beautifully treed grounds and a quarter mile of Georgian Bay waterfront, near Penetang, Ontario. The camp is open to eligible girls, ages 5 – 13, and provides an 8-day camping experience to over 1,000 children who may not otherwise have the opportunity to enjoy a camping adventure. Families experiencing financial or domestic hardship may contact the Society to determine their eligibility. Each camper's holiday is fully subsidized through the generous support of an annual Camp Collection held in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto. Campers participate in a full range of activities, including swimming, canoeing, crafts, drama, sports, co-operative games, hikes, star gazing and camp fires.

| Collection Dates 2010-2011 | 2010 | 2011 |
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| Mission Cooperative (International) | Various | |
| Needs of the Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday) | April 2 | April 22 |
| The Pope's Pastoral Works | May 16 | May 29 |
| Marygrove Camp | June 13 | June 12 |
| Catholic Missions in Canada/ Scarborough Foreign Missions | August 15 | August 14 |
| Needs of the Canadian Church | September 26 | September 25 |
| Evangelization of Nations "World Mission Sunday" | October 24 | October 23 |
| Shepherds' Trust | November 14 | November 13 |