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## 2015 SCHEDULE OF USCCB AND OTHER SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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January	<i>No Special Collections</i>
February	<i>No Special Collections</i>
<b><i>February 7/8 Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Sunday</i></b>	
March 14/15 ( <i>Laetare Sunday</i> )	The Catholic Relief Services Collection (shared w/Church in Central & Eastern Europe)
April 3 ( <i>Good Friday</i> )	Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land
April 25/26	Catholic Home Missions Appeal (shared w/Black & Native American Missions)
May 16/17	Catholic Communication Campaign <i>50% will remain in our diocese to help support our local communications efforts.</i>
June 27/28	Peter's Pence Collection (Collection for the Holy Father)
July	<i>No Special Collections</i>
August 15/16	Church in Latin America
September 12/13	Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement
October 17/18	World Mission Sunday
November 21/22	Catholic Campaign For Human Development <i>25% will remain in our diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.</i>
December 12/13	Retirement Fund For Religious

### **ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT**

#### **Missionary Cooperative Appeal**

The Office of the Bishop will provide assistance to parishes for this annual appeal. All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 50 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese of Sacramento this year. This collection is held **between the months of May and September** on a mutually agreed upon weekend by the pastor and the assigned mission organization.

#### **Operation Rice Bowl**

The Catholic Foundation will provide assistance to parishes interested in implementing Operation Rice Bowl. Held during Lent, ***February 18 – April 5*** for the benefit of Catholic Relief Services. ***25% will remain in our diocese to help support our local anti-poverty efforts.***

#### **2015 Annual Catholic Appeal**

The Catholic Foundation will provide assistance to parishes for our diocesan appeal. ***Commitment Sunday will be held February 7/8 unless otherwise instructed. 25% is returned to the donor's parish to help support local social service ministries.***