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**Date:** October 2, 2017

**To:** Pastors, Parish Administrators, Parish Secretaries and Bulletin Editors

**From:** Christine Heusinger, Associate Director, Office of Stewardship

**Re:** Second Collection for Church in Latin America/Central and Eastern Europe/World Missions - October 21-22, 2017

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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) established a combined national collection for World Missions, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church's works of social justice, evangelization and education, both domestically and around the globe.

Jesus reminds us that the two greatest commandments are to love God with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

This collection offers us an opportunity to help our neighbors in light of the Gospel. In doing so, we act as faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us.

Please see the following bulletin and pulpit announcements. If you have any questions, please call 404-920-7605.

**October 21-22 Second Collection**  
**The Church in Latin America**  
**The Church in Central and Eastern Europe**  
**World Missions**

**October 14-15: Week before the Collection:**

Next week's second collection is a combination of three second collections: World Missions, the Church in Latin America and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

United with the Catholics of the world at the table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus. Our offerings will support the work and witness of those who selflessly give up all for the sake of our Lord and his Gospel — the local priests, religious, and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering.

Please be extra generous as this collection will be divided between three very important needs.

**October 21-22: The week of the Collection:**

Today's second collection is a combination of three national second collections - World Missions, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. We are called to this Eucharistic celebration – along with Catholics in every parish, chapel and church throughout the world – to recommit ourselves to the call we heard at baptism, to share our faith, to be missionaries.

Let us pray at this Mass for all who long to hear the hope-filled, life-giving message of Jesus' love and salvation. Let us offer generous financial help in support of the service of priests, religious and lay catechists throughout the world.

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**21-22 de octubre de 2017**  
**Segunda Colecta combinada para:**

**La Iglesia en Latinoamérica,  
La Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental y  
Las Misiones Mundiales**

**14 y 15 de octubre: semana anterior a la colecta:**

La semana que viene, la segunda colecta será una combinación de tres colectas para: las misiones mundiales, la Iglesia en Latinoamérica y la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Lo que antes se reunía en tres ocasiones distintas, ahora se recogerá solamente la semana que viene.

Unidos con los católicos del mundo en la Mesa del Señor, renovamos el llamado que escuchamos en el Bautismo de ser misioneros. Nuestras oraciones y celebración Eucarística el domingo que viene serán dirigidas a nuestros hermanos y hermanas a través del mundo, quienes esperan escuchar la “Buena Nueva” de Jesucristo. Nuestra ofrenda apoyará el trabajo y testimonio de aquellos que dan todo por el Señor y su Evangelio – los sacerdotes locales, los religiosos y los catequistas laicos que proporcionan servicio diario a los pobres y a quienes sufren.

Por favor sean generosos porque esta colecta será dividida entre tres necesidades importantes.

**21 y 22 de octubre: semana de la colecta:**

La segunda colecta de hoy será una combinación de tres colectas para: las misiones mundiales, la Iglesia en Latinoamérica y la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental. Somos llamados a esta celebración Eucarística – junto a Católicos de otras parroquias, capillas e iglesias a través del mundo – para renovar el llamado que escuchamos en el Bautismo de compartir nuestra fe y de ser misioneros.

Oremos en esta misa por todos aquellos que desean escuchar el mensaje del amor y la salvación de Jesucristo. Contribuyamos financieramente de manera generosa para apoyar el servicio de sacerdotes, religiosos y catequistas laicos a través del mundo.

Por favor sean generosos porque esta colecta será dividida entre tres necesidades importantes.

Please see the following snapshot of a PowerPoint slide for your parish closed-circuit TV system. This slide can be found at:

<https://archatl.com/offices/stewardship/second-collection/>

## October 21-22 Second Collection



Assist Catholic missionaries working in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe and around the world. Help them spread the faith while they work amid the desperately poor and sick.