



Archdiocese of San Antonio

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Policy for Second Collections for Religious Communities Serving in the Archdiocese of San Antonio

The Archdiocese of San Antonio is blessed and enriched by the diversity of religious men serving in this local Church. Grateful for the service offered to the faithful, and the willingness of these religious communities to be assigned wherever they are needed throughout the Archdiocese, the Archbishop permits, by means of particular law, religious communities to sponsor an annual collection in the parishes where the religious community member is assigned as pastor or parochial administrator.

When participating in this annual second collection, the following regulations are to be followed:

1. Religious communities serving in the Archdiocese of San Antonio are permitted to sponsor one (1) second collection annually in the parish, in which they are assigned as pastor or parochial administrator, to be earmarked for their particular religious community.
2. Prior to setting the date for this special collection, a letter is to be sent to the Chancellor of the Archdiocese, seeking permission to administer this collection. This date should not conflict with any of the previously scheduled collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Archdiocesan special collections and must exclude Christmas and Easter.
3. If permission is granted for this special collection, the funds generated from this collection are to be sent immediately and directly to the religious community, for which it is designated.
4. For the sake of accountability, the Chancellor is to be immediately informed of the amount received from this special collection.
5. This collection is exempt from the Archdiocesan Service Fund (ASF) calculations.
6. At the request of their diocesan bishops, extern diocesan priests, canonically appointed as pastors/parochial administrators in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, may host a collection in their respective parishes every other year, as part of the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperative Plan (MCP). This collection must abide by all policy stipulations, as cited above.