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Why are there Second Collections at the Sabbath Mass?

We are all familiar with the Sabbath weekly offertory during the weekend Mass/es – which helps our individual parish church pay its recurring weekly and monthly bills.

Each parish church is part of a diocese (also known as the Particular Church) and the greater Universal or worldwide Catholic Church. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) create an annual, attached national collections schedule so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics.

Each of these important collections is worthy of our support. Each collection represents our community of Catholic faith at work in the Church's mission and works of social justice, evangelization of the Good News of Jesus Christ, catechesis and saving souls. Our bishop encourages us to view these Second or National Collections in the light of our Christian call of stewardship and generously sharing God's gifts given to us with others.

When is the Second Collection to be completed?

Recently, there has been some discussion and question regarding when the mandated National Second Collection should be taken during the Mass.

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM 166-170)), any announcements, testimonies, appeals and the like may be made following the Prayer After Communion and before the Final Blessing and Dismissal. Clearly, a National Second Collection does not fall within this category of brief "announcements" or "presentations" (only if/when necessary) and the GIRM's norm for an intentional period of silence after reception of Communion for the faithful's prayers of thanksgiving.

Therefore, at the St. Michael Catholic Church, the second collection will be announced beforehand. The ushers will take the first collection [the parish's general offertory], then follow it up by taking the second collection. The donation monies received is to be placed into two, separate collection baskets and they are brought forward, one on top of the other, during the Mass' Presentation of Gifts (i.e., along with the bread and wine to be consecrated as the sacrifice of the Mass).