

**World’s Poor Collection-March 19, 2023,** I ask you to please take the following simple steps to promote the World’s Poor collection in your parish.

* Announce the World’s Poor collection in your parish so your parishioners know what it is, when to expect it, and why they should support it.
* Use the bulletin announcements, intercessions and distribute collection envelopes to your parishioners in-person, bulletins, and online.
* Pray for those living in poverty will be comforted, lifted up, and receive a lasting opportunity to preserve their human dignity through meaningful work.

**Bulletin suggestions**

**Two weeks before collection-March 5, 2023**

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19, we will have a special collection for the World’s Poor. I ask you to respond to Our Holy Father, Pope Francis’ invitation to be a witness of charity throughout the world. **“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40).** This collection combines an appeal for four Catholic agencies who serve the poor locally, nationally and globally. This collection includes Catholic Relief Services, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Peter’s Pence, and the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. In this collection you have a choice to contribute to any one or all four organizations, by designating an amount for each on your collection envelope.

**One week before collection-March 12, 2023**

The World’s Poor collection provides each of us with an opportunity to change lives for over 1.3 billion people living in poverty in this country and abroad. The four agencies represented in this collection are official church agencies that work to help the poor and displaced. You have a choice to contribute to any one or all.

**Catholic Relief Services** pro­vides food for the hungry, housing for victims of natural disasters, educational opportunities for refugees displaced by war, pastoral ministries to travelers and migrants who lack consistent access to the sacramental life of a parish community. Please answer your call to help CRS be Jesus in disguise.

**The Campaign for Human Development** Your support for this collection helps essential employees advocate for safe and healthy workplaces. Please prayerfully consider how you are can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit [*www.usccb.org/cchd*](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)25% of this collection remains in our Diocese to support local anti-poverty efforts.

**Peter’s Pence** supports the charitable works of Pope Francis by reaching out to those suffering around the world. Their initiatives provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering from the results of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. It also supports the ongoing activities of the Holy See.

**Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa** supports the efforts of the Church throughout Africa to witness the Gospel through evangelization, pastoral ministry, and the reconciliation of neighbors. When you participate in the collection to support the Solidarity Fund, you join this work of building the peace—work to which we are all called. Prayerfully consider contributing to this collection.

**On Collection Sunday-World’s Poor Collection – March 19, 2023, t**his weekend is the World’s Poor collection. Please support one or all of these organizations, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, and Peter’s Pence. Please designate your financial support on your envelope. Checks should be made payable to your parish. Your gift will give hope, dignity and opportunity to the poor and marginalized. Please give generously and continue to keep them all in your prayers.

**Intercession suggestions:**

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| English  **R/.** Lord, hear our prayer.  That God, who has blessed us with an abundance of good  things, will make us signs of mercy to our brothers and  sisters in need, we pray to the Lord. **R/.**  That God will turn our hearts to all the suffering people  in the world, especially those who are helped by the  the World’s Poor Collection, we pray to the Lord. **R/.**  That God will give courage to young people to follow his  call to communion with him and with our brothers and  sisters around the world, we pray to the Lord. **R/.**  That God will ever remind Christians and all people of  good will of his great mercy and make us tireless in asking  for his forgiveness, we pray to the Lord. **R/.** | Spanish  **R/.** Señor, escúchanos.  Que Dios, quien nos ha bendecido con una abundancia  de cosas buenas, nos convierta en signos de misericordia  para nuestras hermanas y hermanos necesitados, oremos  al Señor. **R/.**  Que Dios abra nuestro corazón a todas las personas que  sufren en el mundo, especialmente hacia aquellos que  reciben ayuda de la Colección de los pobres del mundo, , oremos al  Señor. **R/.**  Que Dios les otorgue valentía a los jóvenes para que  sigan su llamado a la comunión con él y con nuestros  hermanos y hermanas en todo el mundo, oremos al  Señor. **R/.**  Que Dios siempre le recuerde a todo cristiano, y a toda  persona de buena voluntad, su gran misericordia y que  seamos incansables al suplicarle su perdón, oremos al  Señor. **R/.** |

Please mail your parish check and standard remittance form to the Catholic Foundation, PO Box 23001, Green Bay, WI 54305-3001. Resources are also located on our website <https://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/resources-world-mission-services/>

I am here to serve you. Please contact me with any questions at [cstaubin@gbdioc.org](mailto:cstaubin@gbdioc.org) Thank you for your assistance. Your sister in Christ,



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