



SAINT JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the many ways in which you support your parish family. It is through your generosity we are able to continue the mission of Jesus Christ at Saint Joseph Church especially through our many and varied ministries.

At this time, I would like to continue with our **“No More Second Collections Appeal”** that will *eliminate most second collections*. We are asking each family to make a *one-time yearly* donation of **\$100 (or more)** taken in May and after that, **ALL diocesan second collections will end!***

What does this Appeal include?

The Diocesan Newspaper (**The Beacon**) and other current second special diocesan collections.

With your \$100 (or more) donation **ALL second diocesan collections end except: The Retired Religious Collection (made in December), the Mission Collection (made in August) and the Assessment from the diocese (made several times during the year).*

If you cannot afford the suggested donation of \$100, please give as generously as you are able. Every dollar helps us in reaching our goal.

We will take this collection on the weekends of May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Enclosed is an envelope for your donation. If you are unable to make a one time donation, then please make as many as you need and put them in a special enveloped marked “No More Second Collections” and put them in the weekly collection basket.

Please note that the **“No More Second Collections Appeal”** is **not** part of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal (*which takes place in September*) and that comes directly from the Diocese.

In advance, I thank you for being part of Saint Joseph Parish Family and for your past and continued generous support to your parish.

Working harder to work together to make a difference,

Father ST

Which collections will end and which will continue?

The "No More Second Collections Appeal" *will replace the following collections* which are usually taken up throughout the year:

These collections will end!

1. **The Beacon** (*our Diocesan Newspaper*): This envelope is in the February packet.
2. **Diocesan Second Collections**: The following collections are requested by the diocese (*which you have received special envelopes in your envelope package*).
 - i. **These collections are:**
 - a. **July**: Catholic Communications/Catholic University/Black & Indian Missions
 - b. **October**: World Mission Sunday
 - c. **November**: Catholic Home Missions
 - d. **January**: Catholic Schools Week
 - e. **February**: Church in Central and Eastern Europe
 - f. **April**: Campaign for Human Development
 - g. **May**: Peter's Pence/Holy Father
 - h. **June**: South American & Latin American Missions/Catholic Relief Services
 - i. **June**: Father's Day Collection: Seminarian Education

We would keep the following second collections:

These collections will still continue.

- a. **Assessment** (Project Faith) due to the diocese
- b. **August**: Mission Co-op
- c. **December**: Retired Religious of the diocese

Our free-will door collections (that are taken up from time to time) will continue for special and unforeseen events in our community, the diocese or around the world.

If you should have any questions or need any further clarification, please feel free to contact the Parish Center at: **973.383.1985**.

Again, thank you for your continued generosity and support of your parish family.

Father SJ