



BUILDING Our Mission to the Missions

Black and Indian Mission Special Collection

February 20-21, 2021

We invite you to support the **Black and Indian Mission Collection** and “*build our mission to the missions*” in Native American, Alaska Native and African American Catholic communities across the United States. Since 1884, the national **Black and Indian Mission Collection** has provided grants to dioceses across the country – including the Diocese of Fort Worth – that enliven parish life and catechesis programs, empower ministries, support teachers and encourage vocations to the priesthood. Please generously support the **Black and Indian Mission Collection** in your parish and help build a future of hope in these communities.

In addition to the Sunday collection during weekend Masses on February 20 and 21, donations can also be made through your parish online giving portal or <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your generous stewardship to the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Please read the attached letter from Bishop Olson at all Masses the weekend before the collection (February 13-14).

General Information for Parish Business Managers

Collection Date	February 20-21, 2021
Date Funds Due to Diocese	March 15, 2021
Intacct Account Number	214000
Intacct Fund Number	28004
Give Online	https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections

COVID-19 Information

Even though we no longer pass collection baskets, your parishioners may still support this special collection in the following ways:

1. Provide two drop off baskets or collection boxes in your Narthex: one clearly marked for parish offertory and one clearly marked for special collections.
2. Donations mailed to parish.
3. Using envelopes clearly marked for the special collection.
4. If your parish has online giving, such as Faith Direct, OSV, Vanco, ParishSoft, etc., you can set up all special collections as fund options for your parishioners to choose from.
5. Online giving link: <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

Promotional Information

Resources for parishes in English and in Spanish are available for download at <https://blackandindianmission.org/aboutus/bimo-collection> or use the following suggested promotional copy:

Bulletin/Website/Pulpit/Social Media Announcements

Week Before the Collection (February 13-14)

Next week, our parish will take up the National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and ministries in our Diocese depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received grant funding from this collection last year to benefit African American students attending our Catholic schools. Please give generously to the ***Black and Indian Mission Collection*** on February 20-21 at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

Week of the Collection (February 20-21)

Today, our parish will take up the National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including the Diocese of Fort Worth, which received grant funding to provide tuition assistance to African American students attending our schools. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

Week After the Collection (February 27-28)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support! If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Simply note "Black and Indian Mission Collection" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by March 14 or give online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

Boletín/Sitio web/Púlpito /Anuncios de Redes Sociales

Semana antes de la Colecta (13-14 de febrero)

La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia empezará la Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. Nuestro apoyo a esta colecta ayuda a construir la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska de costa a costa. ¡Las escuelas, los programas parroquiales de educación religiosa y los ministerios diocesanos dependen de su generosidad para ayudar a proclamar el Evangelio de Jesucristo! Por favor, aporte generosamente durante las misas del 20 y 21 de febrero, a través de las donaciones en línea de nuestra parroquia o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

Semana de la Colecta (20-21 de febrero)

Hoy nuestra parroquia recogerá la Colecta para la Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. Nuestro apoyo a esta colecta ayuda a construir la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska de costa a costa. ¡Las escuelas, los programas parroquiales de educación religiosa y los ministerios diocesanos dependen de su generosidad para ayudar a difundir el Evangelio de Jesucristo! Mediante una contribución generosa, usted puede ayudar hoy mismo a hacer frente a las necesidades insatisfechas. Por favor, aporte generosamente durante las misas de este fin de semana, a través de las donaciones en línea de nuestra parroquia o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

Semana después de la Colecta (27-28 de febrero)

Gracias a todos los que participaron en la Colecta para la Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas, el fin de semana pasado. Su apoyo en oración ayuda a muchas personas a conocer a Jesucristo en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska en todos los Estados Unidos. Si te perdiste la colecta, no es demasiado tarde para dar! Simplemente anote "Colecta para la Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas" en su cheque o sobre y agréguelo a la colecta antes del 14 de marzo o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

General Intercessions

Intercession for Week of the Collection (February 20-21)

For world, national, tribal, and local leaders, that God would enlighten their decisions to build communities marked by true peace and understanding, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For all teachers, priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, parish leaders, and all who work to build the Church among African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities, that God will bless them, we pray to the Lord....R/.

That many Black and Native American Catholic young people would courageously follow the call of Christ to serve as priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For our parish community, that we would help build the Church in African American and Native American communities through generous support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection today, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For all those who have died, especially those struck by alcoholism, drug abuse, or violence, that our loving God would bring them home to His embrace in Heaven, we pray to the Lord....R/.

Peticiones (21-22 de febrero)

Por los líderes mundiales, nacionales, tribales y locales, para que Dios ilumine sus decisiones para construir comunidades caracterizadas por la verdadera paz y el entendimiento, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Por todos los maestros, sacerdotes, religiosas y religiosos, diáconos, líderes parroquiales y todos los que trabajan para edificar la Iglesia entre las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de Nativos de Alaska, para que Dios los bendiga, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Que muchos jóvenes católicos Afroamericanos e Indígenas sigan con valentía el llamado de Cristo de servir al pueblo de Dios como sacerdotes, diáconos y hombres y mujeres consagrados, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Por nuestra comunidad parroquial, para que podamos ayudar a edificar la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas e Indígenas mediante el apoyo generoso a la Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas que se recoge hoy, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Por todos los fieles difuntos, especialmente los que fueron abatidos por el alcoholismo, el abuso de las drogas o la violencia; que nuestro Dios amoroso los acoja en su morada en el Cielo, roguemos al Señor. R/.

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Renée Underwood, CFRE, Chief Development Officer of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-533-7242 or runderwood@adv-fdn.org.