

NEW DATES FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions faced by our churches, several Special Collections have been affected.

The Special Collections for Development and Peace, Collection for the Holy Land, and Collection for Pope's Pastoral Works (Peter's Pence) are now rescheduled for the fall.

Here are the *new dates* for these special collections:

September 13, Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14): Collection for the Holy Land (deferred from Good Friday). This special collection is traditionally reserved to help support Christian holy places and pilgrimage facilities in the Holy Land and the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

October 4, Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi: Pope's Pastoral Works - Peter's Pence (deferred from the sixth Sunday of Easter). This special collection is in support of the Holy Father's apostolic ministry to the Universal Church (canon 1271).

November 15, World Day of the Poor: Development and Peace collection (deferred from the Fifth Sunday of Lent). Development and Peace's theme for the fall will be "**COVID-19: Recovering Together.**" They will be featuring stories of projects that have already been initiated to help people in the Global South respond to the pandemic. For example: to feed their families, many Haitian tradeswomen, known as "*madam sara*" in Creole, buy produce in rural areas and travel to cities to sell it. The wide travel and close interactions that their trade requires places the *madam sara* at an elevated risk of catching and transmitting the virus. DPCC is helping Caritas Haiti provide food aid and pandemic prevention & care information to these women and their communities.

The above dates are in addition to the following special collections that are proceeding as scheduled:

September 27: Needs of the Church in Canada.

October 18: World Mission Sunday.