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Collection for the Church in Latin America
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2024 CLA Financials

Expenses

Grants and Donations: **84.19%**

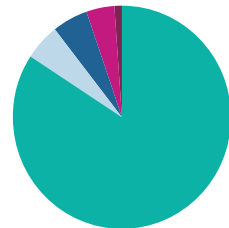
Program Costs: **5.34%**

Allocations—Internal Grants: **5.25%**

Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **4.21%**

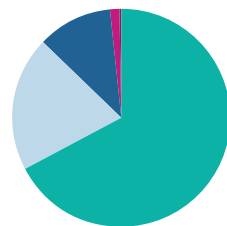
Administrative Expenses: **1.01%**

Total Expenses: \$8,458,445



Total Number of Grants Approved: 344
Total Amount Approved: \$8,060,250

- General Pastoral*: **67.34%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **19.89%**
- Emergency Disaster Funds: **11.17%**
- Other**: **1.45%**
- Inter-American Fund***: **0.15%**



*Includes evangelization, religious education, family, and other pastoral ministries.
**Special grants include purchase of equipment and administrative costs of dioceses facing severe economic hardship.
***Covers travel expenses for pastoral visits made by Latin American church leaders to US dioceses or elsewhere within Latin America.

2024 Funding Snapshot (Where Your Donations Go)

\$1.6 Million



Nearly 90 grants, totaling more than \$1.6 million, supported formation and education programs for priests, permanent deacons, seminarians, and consecrated men and women religious.

\$5.4 Million



More than 240 grants, totaling more than \$5.4 million, funded evangelization, catechesis, and religious education ministries for prisoners, university students, and people from a range of ethnic groups as well as pro-life, marriage, family life, and youth ministries.

2026 Collection Information Inside

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Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

One of our callings as Catholics is to perform acts of mercy among those who are poor, vulnerable, or marginalized. These merciful works include feeding the hungry, visiting and treating the sick, and providing shelter to those who are homeless. Another entails visiting those who are in prison.

The Litoral Penitentiary in Guayaquil, Ecuador, is that country's largest and most dangerous prison. The prison complex, designed to house 5,000 inmates, is severely overcrowded, with an estimated 10,000 inmates. The excessive population combined with violence among rival gangs has killed hundreds. Despite this danger, dedicated volunteers from the Archdiocese of Guayaquil's Office of Prison Ministry visit the inmates to bring the hopeful message of the Gospel to men at risk of committing or falling victim to violence or the influence of dangerous gangs. With crucial funding received through the Collection for the Church in Latin America, these volunteer ministers bring the light of Christ into a place marked by violence and fear.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America is a way you can share your faith with your brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the Caribbean islands and can strengthen the ministries of mercy that bring the healing message of the Gospel to the poorest and most vulnerable.

The most effective way you can promote the collection is to mention it to your parishioners during Mass. You can find additional resources at www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection, including a social media tool kit. If you have any questions about the collection or need additional materials, including other stories of beneficiaries, please contact Margaret Hren, assistant director of promotions, at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@usccb.org.

May our merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, bless you always. With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America



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Parish Appeal

English

This week our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. In Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all make it difficult for many people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so that people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you!

Español

Esta semana, nuestra colecta especial apoya a la Iglesia en América Latina. En América Latina y en el Caribe, a muchas personas se les hace difícil practicar su fe debido a una creciente cultura secular, a terrenos rurales difíciles y a la escasez de ministros. Sus donativos financian la catequesis, los programas para el matrimonio y la vida familiar y la formación de seminaristas para que las personas puedan acercarse más a Cristo. Por favor, en oración, consideren dar su apoyo a esta colecta a fin de compartir su fe con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en América Latina y el Caribe. ¡Muchas gracias!

Visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica and select "Parish Resource Guide" under "Collection Resources" for electronic versions of this text that you can copy into your parish bulletin.

Intercessions

English

R/. Lord of all creation, hear our prayer.

That our Holy Father, N, our bishop, N., and all church leaders will continue to strengthen the faith of Catholics around the world, especially in the Americas, as they lead the Church today, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

That the Holy Spirit may move our hearts to seek unity and solidarity with the faithful throughout Latin America and the Caribbean by sharing our material and spiritual goods, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

That we may follow the example of the many saints from the Americas by becoming humble and loving witnesses in our own communities, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

Simple Steps for a Successful Collection for the Church in Latin America

- 1 Announce** the collection. Use the parish appeal and bulletin announcements—including stories of projects funded by the collection—to tell parishioners what the collection is and how it makes a difference. This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.
- 2 Preach** about the challenges facing the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Issues include lack of access to education in the faith and to resources that strengthen the faith. The collection helps by funding catechetical programs, youth ministries, and leadership training for priests, seminarians, religious, and lay ministers. The stories provided to you in this guide (as well as many more on the program's website) can enhance your preaching about Scripture and about the collection.
- 3 Pray** for the Church in Latin America as it works to provide basic pastoral care to parishioners and to share the faith with future generations. Use the intercessions and the "Prayer for Solidarity" in this resource to unite your parish with these communities.
- 4 Share** collection information on your social media channels and website using the web banners and social media tool kit available online. Some of the collection's posts include timely announcements, stories about grantees, and information about other events in Latin America and the Caribbean. Follow the USCCB on X (x.com/usccb), Facebook (www.Facebook.com/USCCB), and Instagram (@usccb) to view images and videos and to read stories about the life-saving work of the collection. Comment and share the posts with parishioners.

Español

R/. Señor de toda la creación, escucha nuestra oración.

Que nuestro Santo Padre, N, nuestro obispo, N., y todos los líderes de la Iglesia continúen fortaleciendo la fe de todos los católicos en el mundo, y especialmente en el continente americano, mientras lideran a la Iglesia hoy, oremos al Señor . . . **R/.**

Que el Espíritu Santo conmueva nuestro corazón para buscar la unidad y solidaridad con los fieles en toda América Latina y el Caribe, compartiendo nuestros bienes materiales y espirituales, oremos al Señor . . . **R/.**

Que sigamos el ejemplo de tantos santos del continente americano, convirtiéndonos en testigos humildes y amorosos en nuestras comunidades, oremos al Señor . . . **R/.**

Bulletin Announcements | Anuncios para el boletín

English

Week Before the Collection

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).

Week of the Collection

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).

Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected \$[amount] to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online. (see QR code).



Prayer for Solidarity

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junípero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Óscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Español

Semana antes de la colecta

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Muchos en América Latina y el Caribe encuentran obstáculos para practicar su fe debido a la creciente cultura secular, a terrenos rurales difíciles y a la escasez de ministros. Su apoyo a la colecta proporciona capacitación al liderazgo laico, catequesis, formación sacerdotal y religiosa y otros programas para compartir nuestra fe católica con aquellos que anhelan escuchar la Buena Nueva de Cristo. Para informarse más sobre cómo sus donativos hacen una diferencia, visiten usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic también acepta fondos para esta colecta si prefieren donar en línea, vean el código QR.

Semana de la colecta

¡Este fin de semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina! Muchas personas en América Latina y el Caribe carecen de acceso a programas y ministerios de la iglesia debido a una creciente cultura secular, a terrenos rurales difíciles y a una escasez de ministros. Su generosidad permite que nuestros hermanos y hermanas en América Latina y el Caribe participen en la vida de la Iglesia y se acerquen más a Cristo. ¡Por favor, sean generosos en esta colecta especial! Para informarse más, por favor, visiten usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic también acepta fondos para esta colecta si prefieren donar en línea, vean el código QR.

Semana después de la colecta

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Como parroquia, hemos recaudado \$[poner cantidad] para compartir la fe con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en América Latina y el Caribe para que ellos, a su vez, compartan la Buena Nueva en sus comunidades. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, aún lo pueden hacer! Visiten usccb.org/latin-america. iGiveCatholic también acepta fondos para esta colecta si prefieren donar en línea, vean el código QR.

Oración de solidaridad

Dios amoroso y misericordioso, mediante la intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, te pedimos que nos ayudes a crecer en unidad y solidaridad con los fieles de todo el mundo, especialmente, con los de América Latina y el Caribe. Concédenos la gracia para dar generosamente de nuestro tiempo, tesoro y talento a aquellos que lo necesitan. Que aprendamos del ejemplo de san Junípero Serra, santa Rosa de Lima, y san Óscar Romero y de todos los demás santos del continente americano y compartamos nuestra fe con humildad y amor. Te lo pedimos por tu Hijo, nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



All collection resources can be found at
Estos recursos y otros se pueden encontrar en

> www.usccb.org/latin-america/collection