



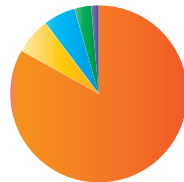
COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA
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2020 CLA Financials

Expenses

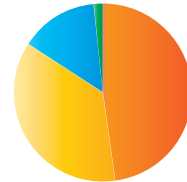
- Grants and Donations: **83.31%**
- Program Costs: **6.42%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **6.07%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **2.90%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.30%**

Total Expenses: \$6,877,734



Total Number of Grants Approved: 358
 Total Amount Approved: \$10,851,081

- Emergency Disaster Funds: **47.93%**
- General Pastoral*: **36.41%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **14.22%**
- Child Protection: **1.44%**



*includes evangelization, religious education, and family and other pastoral ministries

2020 Funding Snapshot (Where Your Donations Go)

\$1.5 Million



More than 80 grants, totaling over \$1.5 million, supported formation and education programs for priests, permanent deacons, seminarians, and consecrated religious men and women.

\$3.9 Million



More than 240 grants, totaling over \$3.9 million, funded evangelization, catechesis, and religious education ministries for prisoners, university students, and diverse ethnic groups as well as pro-life, marriage, family life, and youth ministries.

Share YOUR Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America



Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. We need your help to promote this collection with your parishioners.

Brazil's Associacao do Sementes do Verbo (Seeds of the Word Community) is a young and growing congregation with a unique vision of forming missionary communities of disciples in all states of life—consecrated men and women, clergy, lay missionaries, and married couples and families, all living together in community. Founded in 2004, Sementes do Verbo has 20 communities throughout Brazil, as well as in Portugal, Belgium, Canada, Comoros, and Mozambique. A central aspect of the group's spirituality is a nine-month formation period called a "sabbatical year," during which participants live in a mission house with the community and study Scripture; take courses in the theology of the body and human sexuality, with an emphasis on prevention of abuse; and participate in spiritual exercises and parish mission weeks.

Supported by a grant from the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America, 100 participants from 25 dioceses in 11 Brazilian states had the opportunity to become formed as more effective missionary disciples in 2021. When your parish supports the Collection for the Church in Latin America, your material gift makes it possible for disciples to use their gifts and abilities as evangelizers, regardless of their states in life or economic backgrounds.

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 Nicole Germain, 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.

Gratefully in Christ,

James S. Wall

Most Reverend James S. Wall
 Bishop of Gallup
 Chairman, USCCB Committee on National Collections



2022 Collection Information Inside

Parish Appeal

English

This week our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers make it difficult for 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. A muchas personas que viven en América Latina y el Caribe, una creciente cultura secular, unos terrenos rurales difíciles y una escasez de ministros, les hace difícil practicar su fe. Sus donativos financian la catequesis, los programas para el matrimonio y la vida familiar y la formación de seminaristas, a fin de que las personas se acerquen más a Cristo. Por favor, en oración, consideren dar su apoyo a esta colecta para 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 version of text that can be copied into your parish bulletin.



Intercessions

English

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

That our Holy Father, Francis, 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 and become humble and loving witnesses in our own communities, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**



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

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

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 ministry, and leadership training for priests, seminarians, religious, and lay ministers. The stories provided to you (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 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 collection posts include timely announcements, information about grantees, and information about other events in Latin America and the Caribbean. Like and follow the USCCB's Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/USCCB) to view images and videos, and read stories about the life-saving impact of the collection. Comment and share the posts with parishioners.

Español

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

Que nuestro Santo Padre, Francisco, 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 y seamos 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. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, 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 www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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 do not have 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 www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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], which will be used 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 www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!



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, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Español

Semana antes de la Colecta

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Para muchos en América Latina y el Caribe, una creciente cultura secular, terrenos rurales difíciles y una escasez de ministros son obstáculos para practicar la fe. Su apoyo a la colecta proporciona capacitación para el liderazgo laico, la catequesis, la formación para sacerdotes y religiosos 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 www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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 no tienen acceso a los programas y ministerios de la Iglesia debido a una creciente cultura secular, terrenos rurales difíciles y una escasez de ministros. Su generosidad hace posible 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 www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Semana después de la Colecta

Muchas gracias por su apoyo generoso la semana pasada a la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Como parroquia recaudamos \$[poner cantidad], que utilizaremos 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, todavía lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/latin-america y hagan clic en "How to Give." ¡Sus donativos hacen una diferencia!

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, un solo Dios, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.