

*For publication in the parish bulletin during the weekend of September 18 – 19 2010,  
preceding the Collection*

**Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada**

The annual *Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada* will be held in most parishes in Canada next weekend. The monies raised will be sent to our diocese, which will use these revenues to help pay its annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). Through the work of the Bishops of Canada who are its members, the Conference is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements. It also provides the Bishops a forum to share their experiences and insights on the life of the Church and the major events that shape our society.

The offices of the CCCC B are located at 2500 Don Reid Drive, in Ottawa, where a staff of approximately 40 works in different services, supporting the pastoral work of the Bishops nationally and internationally.

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Today, a special collection is held in parish communities across the country to support the pastoral work of the Bishops nationally and internationally. Known as the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*, this collection helps dioceses pay their annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB).

Founded more than 65 years ago, the CCCC B is the assembly of all the Bishops of Canada, including those of the Eastern Catholic Churches. In addition to assisting in consultations with the Holy Father and the various departments of the Holy See, the CCCC B works in close partnership with other Episcopal Conferences around the world, and in particular with those in the Americas. Through the work of its commissions and committees, it is involved in the issues that affect the life of the Church today and shape society.

The Bishops of Canada wish to thank you in advance for your generosity.