

### September 21–22, 2013

- **For publication in the parish bulletin the weekend preceding the collection**

#### **Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: Why is there such a collection?**

Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support its work through the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The CCCB is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops in Canada, including the Eastern Catholic Churches in Canada. This collection helps support their work by providing each diocese the means to make its annual *per capita* contribution to the CCCB. “Any amount exceeding this contribution is then put at the disposal of the dioceses for their own pastoral needs,” Archbishop Smith, President of the CCCB explains. The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held **September 28 and 29, 2013**. Through your contribution to the collection, you too can collaborate with the Bishops in their ministry to teach, sanctify and govern.

- **Suggested addition to the Prayers of the Faithful:**

For the Bishops of Canada and their national assembly, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, that their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and governing enable the Church and all her people to be a guiding source of hope and joy into the future.

### September 28-29, 2013

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#### **Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: An Act of Solidarity!**

This past year was marked by several pastoral projects initiated by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), including the National Week for Life and Family, which is part of the pastoral plan for life and family. The CCCB also published a number of educational materials and resources to support the work of the dioceses in teaching the faith. These include the CCCB document on the environment (*Building a New Culture: Central Themes in Recent Church Teaching on the Environment*) and the resource for helping clergy and laity to use the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on the Word of God (*Verbum Domini*). The CCCB also helped to coordinate the participation of over 1,000 young Canadians at World Youth Day which took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during July 2013. This celebration involved Pope Francis' first apostolic visit outside Italy.

The pastoral mission of the CCCB is accomplished through love and solidarity. The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is being held today across Canada. We thank you in advance for your generosity, solidarity and support.

- **Suggested addition to the Prayers of the Faithful:**

For international Church organization providing help abroad, which are funded and supported by the Bishops of Canada and their dioceses, may these continue to make visible the solidarity of our Church with the needs of all our brothers and sisters outside Canada; and that these gestures of solidarity be always at the heart of the Church in promoting a world of justice and peace.