

## September 20–21, 2014

- **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 and the work of each diocese by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops including the Eastern Catholic Churches in Canada. Their president, the Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, has described this Collection as “an opportunity for all the faithful in our country to give a hand to helping the Gospel!” The annual Collection allows each diocese to meet its financial obligations to the regional episcopal assemblies and to the national episcopal Conference. “Any additional revenues raised help the diocese support its own diocesan pastoral programs and other activities,” Archbishop Durocher explains. The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held **September 27 and 28, 2014**. Through your contribution to the collection, you too can collaborate with the Bishops in their ministry to teach, sanctify and govern. Thank you.

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

For Bishop Jensen, all 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 families to be a guiding source of hope and joy for our society.

## September 27-28, 2014

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

To help continue the mission of faith and evangelization, the Bishops of Canada gather in four regional assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West), and also in a national Conference (the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops). The CCCB is particularly mandated by the Holy See and the Bishops of Canada to assist dioceses and their Bishops in a number of areas of pastoral life: faith formation, doctrine, ecumenical dialogues, international relations, interreligious conversations, liturgy, relations with Indigenous Peoples, social justice, and building a culture of life and family.

Pope Francis proclaimed two of the founders of the Church in Canada saints of the Universal Church: Bishop François de Laval and Mother Marie of the Incarnation. “By contributing to the Collection, you collaborate with us in our ministry and in following the steps of these two Saints who also gave a hand to helping the Gospel,” explains CCCB President Archbishop Paul-André Durocher of Gatineau.

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 all the Bishops of Canada and for Church organizations providing help to people in need, that their pastoral work, inspired by Pope Francis, continue to make visible our Church’s solidarity with the needs of all our brothers and sisters; and that these gestures of solidarity be always at the heart of the Church in promoting a world of justice and peace.