

## Sample Pastor's Column

Dear Friends:

Each year all parishes in the Diocese of San Diego are asked to participate in the Annual Lenten Collection. This collection raises funds for Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and the Church in Latin America.

This weekend we have placed the envelopes for this collection ....(*indicate location of envelopes*). On the envelope, you may designate your contribution to one or more of the three causes included in this collection.

Special collections provide an opportunity for us as individuals and as a parish faith community to reach out in solidarity and assist those in need elsewhere in the world. Monies raised by this collection go to help the Church in areas beyond our national borders.

In this light, I encourage you to join others in our parish and throughout the diocese in responding generously to this collection.