



Dear Pastors, Administrators, and Business Managers,

We remain grateful for your assistance in supporting the care for our priests through our special collections. Your help is invaluable in these efforts. As we plan for the 2022 Clergy Trust collections, we do so with a continued commitment to being responsible stewards of Clergy Trust funds. With this in mind, we have taken a closer look at the costs for the printing and distribution of collection envelopes for our parishes.

There seems to be a wide variety in the ways in which parishes use envelopes that we send for collections, and we recognize that many parishioners are now taking advantage of online giving options. Last year, you received a box of 250 envelopes for both the September and Christmas collections. With all of the changes happening due to the pandemic in how envelopes are distributed during Masses, as well as how parishioners are contributing, we are seeing a decline in the number of envelopes that are returned with donations.

We are happy to provide Clergy Trust envelopes in the event your parish has used your full supply. However, as a way to be cost conscience and recognize the various methods of online giving, we won't be sending additional boxes of envelopes unless specifically requested. So please email clergytrust@rcab.org or call (617)746-5725 if you would like to request a shipment of envelopes for the upcoming Easter collection.

Experience has shown that the greatest response to the Clergy Trust collections comes when there is a direct appeal of support from the altar in the weeks leading up to the collections. We encourage parishes to continue to make this appeal, whether it be directly from priests or parish staff. This direct appeal is more important now than ever, particularly to the increasing number of parishioners who are donating through online giving options.

As always, thank you for all you do to support these collections, which benefit the health and wellness of all of our priests in good standing. We will be in touch with all of the materials and resources you will need to promote the Easter collection as it gets closer.

With gratitude,
Your Clergy Trust Team