

Diocese of Fresno
Cathedraticum Assessment Policy

Ordinary offertory income, subject to the cathedraticum, is defined as plate collections, baptism and wedding offerings, and mission station receipts. These categories are further defined as follows:

Plate Collections

This includes the ordinary first collection taken: weekly for Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses; for Holy Day vigil and Holy Day Masses; for Easter and Christmas collections; and for weekday Masses. This also includes ordinary first collection envelopes received in the mail.

Baptism and Wedding Offerings

The suggested baptism offering is \$35 and is ordinary income received by the parish. The suggested wedding offering is \$250 and is ordinary income received by the parish (this offering does not include wedding coordinator or music fees).

Mission Station Receipts

All ordinary plate collections, as defined above, taken at parish mission stations. All baptism and wedding offerings, as defined above, received by parish mission stations (this does not apply to the parish mission stations that report offertory income directly to the diocese).

Exempted offertory income, not subject to the cathedraticum, is defined as special collections, funeral and quinceañera offerings, and any other designated in writing by the Bishop. These categories are further defined as follows:

Special Collections

Any collection required to cover ordinary church expenses not met by plate collections. This is at the discretion of pastor and parish finance council. Any collection taken to cover capital campaigns (i.e. building fund, improvement to parish property, organ fund, school subsidy, and donations from affluent parishes). Any collection taken for the various outside organizations designated in the Diocesan Special Collection Schedule and for any other organization which has the permission of the Bishop and pastor to solicit funds.

This includes the special second collection taken: weekly for Saturday vigil and Sunday Masses; for Holy Day vigil and Holy Day Masses; for Easter and Christmas collections; and for weekday Masses. This also includes special collection envelopes received in the mail as well as parish special days of prayer given by a visiting missionary.