

Another Way to Look at It

Donations & Christmas Collections
Effect on Assessment and CSA

Christmas Collections

- What qualifies as Christmas Collections?
 - All collections received on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
 - Collection envelopes received within 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after Christmas in Christmas Collection envelope or specifically designated by donor as “Christmas”
- Donations are not the same as Collections

Advantage of Recording as Donation vs. Christmas Collection

- Donations are not included in calculating in CSA Targets, but are included in calculating Archdiocesan Assessment
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- Archdiocesan Assessment = 7%
- CSA Target is between 9.5% - 15.5%, with most parishes calculated at 13.5%

Assessment vs. CSA

Type	Amount	Archdiocesan Assessment (7%)	CSA Target Average (13%)	CSA Target Minimum (9.5%)	CSA Target Maximum (15.5%)
Christmas Collection	\$25,000	\$0	\$3,250	\$2,375	\$3,875
Donation	\$25,000	\$1,750	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Difference on \$25K costs on average \$1,500 more (or at least \$625 more) if classify a Donation as Christmas Collections (4x that difference for \$100K Donation)
- Reclassifying a donation as Christmas Collections is financially disadvantageous to your parish

Another Consideration

- A parish may request approval to run a Capital or Debt Reduction Campaign thru CSA
 - Must submit request to Archbishop to be reviewed at College of Consultors meeting
 - Must meet criteria of true campaign (marketed at parish, finite period)
 - If approved, all campaign funds must be sent to/processed thru CSA
- **ADVANTAGE:** Not Assessed and Not included in CSA Target