



Peter's Pence Collection *Be a Witness of* **Charity**

“THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU.” (JN 15:12)

Dear Editor/Communications Director,

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis calls us to be attentive to the voices of those on the margins and respond readily to their needs. He reminds us that “it is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters” (*Misericordiae Vultus* [MV], no. 10). The Peter's Pence Collection gives each of us an opportunity to be a **witness of charity** to those who suffer most.

In Pope Francis, we have a joyful witness of charity. By supporting this collection, we answer his appeal to “open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and . . . recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!” (MV, no. 15).

Contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection support the charitable works of the Holy Father, as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. Through this collection, we stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works and outreach of the Holy See.

Materials have been sent to parishes, but please use the ads, web banners, and other promotional material available online at www.usccb.org/peters-pence under the “Collection Resources” tab on the left. Encourage your parishes to use these materials and mention the collection at Mass. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at bkennedy@usccb.org.

Join with Pope Francis to be a **witness of charity**. We appreciate your support of the Peter's Pence Collection.

Sincerely,

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