

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

“THE CHRISTIAN EXISTS TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED.”

—Pope Francis, Homily of the  
Mass at Santa Marta, April 26, 2018



**Dear Diocesan Director,**

The Peter's Pence Collection is one way for the Church around the world to support the charitable works of the Holy Father.

Over the past seven years, Islamist terrorists have attacked religious and ethnic minorities in northern Bangladesh, killing and wounding aid workers, destroying homes, and displacing families. During his apostolic visit to Bangladesh, Pope Francis called “leaders and followers of the religions present in this country to live together in mutual respect and good will” (address, Ecumenical and Interreligious Meeting for Peace, Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 1, 2017).

Showing mutual respect and good will toward the victims of violence in Bangladesh, the Holy Father funded a project to rebuild the homes of 55 families of all faiths who were attacked. When you support the Peter's Pence Collection, you help Pope Francis take concrete steps to foster reconciliation and peace anywhere conflict and violence exist in the world.

**You can help this year's collection by encouraging your pastors to mention it at Mass and by using the parish appeal, bulletin announcements, and social media tool kit available at [www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection).** If you have questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at [ngermain@usccb.org](mailto:ngermain@usccb.org). Thank you for your continued support of the national collections.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Germain".

Nicole Germain  
Assistant Director, Promotions

