



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

“A LITTLE MERCY MAKES THE WORLD LESS  
COLD AND MORE JUST.”

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 17, 2013

**Dear Editor/Communication Director,**

The Peter's Pence Collection is one way for the Church around the world to support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Since 2014, for example, the people of eastern Ukraine have suffered from the repercussions of a civil war. All those who live in this region have been hard-hit, but children and the elderly have suffered the most.

Pope Francis issued a call for funds and personally contributed to assist those most affected by this conflict. Our Holy Father said, “This act of charity, in addition to alleviating material suffering, seeks to express my personal closeness and solidarity and that of the entire Church,” with the hope “that it may help to promote, without further delay, peace and respect for law in that land so afflicted” (*Regina Caeli*, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016). When your diocese supports the Peter's Pence Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Holy Father to comfort those who suffer around the world, like our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Free resources—including a sample letter from your bishop that you can personalize, web ads, and a social media tool kit—are available for download at [www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection). Please use your publications, website, social media channels, and other outlets to talk about the charitable works of Pope Francis and promote how your parishioners can help through the collection. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at [ngermain@usccb.org](mailto:ngermain@usccb.org). Thank you for your support.

With gratitude,

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