



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 Diocesan 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 collection, you stand in solidarity with the Holy Father to comfort those who suffer around the world, like our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Resources to promote the collection can be found at www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection. There, you will find bulletin announcements, a parish appeal, and a social media tool kit. **The most important thing you can do is to remind your pastors to mention the collection at Mass.** If you have questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at ngermain@usccb.org. Thank you for your continued support of the national collections.

With gratitude,

Nicole Germain
Assistant Director, Promotions

