

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a sign of mercy.

[JESUS] JOURNEYED FROM ONE TOWN AND VILLAGE TO ANOTHER, PREACHING AND PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. ACCOMPANYING HIM WERE THE TWELVE...AND MANY OTHERS WHO PROVIDED FOR THEM OUT OF THEIR RESOURCES. —Lk 8:1, 3



Dear Diocesan Director,

The Peter's Pence Collection is a way for your diocese to show solidarity with the Holy Father. When you participate, you support the ongoing works of the Holy See and also the pope's charitable efforts. The concrete participation in the needs of the universal ecclesial community has taken different forms throughout history. Collections and donations by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise the awareness that all the baptized are called to materially sustain the work of evangelization and, at the same time, to help the poor in whatever way possible.

In March 2019, a powerful tropical cyclone struck southeastern Africa, devastating homes and vital infrastructure, destroying entire villages, killing hundreds of people, and displacing hundreds of thousands. In an expression of spiritual solidarity, the Holy Father prayed for all the victims during his General Audience, and he followed by contributing €150,000 for the immediate relief of the people of Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi.

By participating in the Peter's Pence Collection, your diocese joins Catholics around the world in the Holy Father's efforts to show mercy to all in two ways: by supporting the activities of the Holy See and by contributing to the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those who are most in need. By doing so, your diocese builds up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

To learn more about the history of Peter's Pence and the initiatives it supports, please visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

You can support 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. If you have questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or ngerman@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

