

# *Be a sign of hope.*

**“Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.”—Pope Leo XIV, Homily at Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, May 18, 2025**



**Dear Diocesan Director,**

Catholics are called to unity with one another—not merely as individuals in our own communities, but as the Body of Christ united in prayer and fraternity with our bishops in communion with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Soon, parishes in your diocese will have the opportunity to express this unity with the Pope in a practical way by giving to the Peter's Pence Collection.

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christian disciples have given of our resources to support the preaching mission of the Apostles and to give aid to the poor and needy, both in our local communities and abroad. Based on this foundation, Catholics throughout the centuries have given an annual collection to the Holy Father as a sign of unity with his mission of mercy to preach the Gospel and aid those most in need.

From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Leo XIV called upon Catholics to live in peace and unity with one another within the Church and to share this invitation to peace and unity with the whole world. One way for us to answer this call is to support the twofold mission of the Peter's Pence Collection: “(1) **To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See who assist him every day; and (2) **To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.”

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[www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html) (English) or [www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html) (español).

**You can support this year's collection by encouraging pastors to mention it at Mass and use the parish appeal and bulletin announcements 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 [ncpromo@usccb.org](mailto:ncpromo@usccb.org). Thank you for your continued support for the national collections.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Hren".

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