

A photograph of Pope Francis, dressed in white, kneeling and washing the foot of a man sitting on a bench. The man is wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in white robes.

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a Witness of Charity

IF I, THEREFORE, THE MASTER AND TEACHER, HAVE WASHED YOUR FEET,
YOU OUGHT TO WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET. I HAVE GIVEN YOU A MODEL TO FOLLOW,
SO THAT AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD ALSO DO. (JN 13:14-15)

Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator:

On Easter Sunday 2013, Pope Francis encouraged each person to **be a witness of charity**. "Let us be renewed by God's mercy . . . and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish," he said. Pope Francis has continued to remind us through his actions that we must serve our brothers and sisters in order to be true disciples of Christ.

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy Father and his works of charity to those in need. Your parish's contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection allow the Holy Father to support victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance.

Please support this year's Collection by using the bulletin announcements, parish appeal, and bulletin inserts. **The most important thing you can do is to mention the Collection during Mass.** Thank you sincerely for your support of the Holy Father and his charitable works.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis M. Schnurr".

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati
Chairman, USCCB Committee on National Collections

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Simple Steps

Please take the following steps to promote the **Peter's Pence Collection** in your parish:

- 1 Announce** the Peter's Pence Collection in your parish so your parishioners know what it is, when to expect it, and why they should support it.
- 2 Use** the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided. Additional promotional resources are available at www.usccb.org (search "Peter's Pence Collection Materials").
- 3 Distribute** the Peter's Pence bulletin insert and the collection envelopes to your parishioners.
- 4 Preach** about the Peter's Pence Collection as a tangible act of communion with our brothers and sisters in the universal Church.
- 5 Pray** that all people will offer their support to the Holy Father, so that he might assist those most in need around the world.

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The Week Before the Collection

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

The Week of the Collection

In the second collection today, we are supporting the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

The Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's work in the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help the Holy Father provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

La semana antes de la Colecta

La próxima semana nuestra diócesis realizará la Colecta Peter's Pence, la cual le proporciona al Santo Padre los fondos necesarios para realizar sus obras de caridad en todo el mundo. Lo recaudado en la Colecta beneficia a los más desfavorecidos: a las víctimas de la guerra, de la opresión y de desastres. Únase a nuestro Santo Padre como un testigo de la caridad para los que sufren.

La semana de la Colecta

En la segunda colecta de hoy, estaremos apoyando al Santo Padre en sus obras de caridad. La Colecta Peter's Pence se realiza en el mundo entero para apoyar a los más desfavorecidos: a las víctimas de la guerra, de la opresión y de desastres naturales. Esta es una oportunidad para unirse a nuestro Santo Padre, papa Francisco, y ser un testigo de la caridad para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren. Por favor, contribuya generosamente a la colecta de hoy.

La semana después de la Colecta

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo a la labor de nuestro Santo Padre en la Colecta Peter's Pence. Nuestras contribuciones serán combinadas con las de nuestros hermanos y hermanas del mundo entero para ayudar al Santo Padre a brindarles una ayuda imprescindible a las personas necesitadas. Su generosidad es un acto de solidaridad con la Iglesia universal al responder al llamado para convertirse en un testigo de la caridad. Que Dios le bendiga.

Parish Appeal

Read this text from the pulpit, or include it as part of your weekly announcements.

English

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity to those in need. In his address of March 20, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility before the world and creation. "There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy, and those who suffer; and to favor justice, promote reconciliation, and build peace," he said. Your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection allow the Holy Father to support victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance. Join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity in the world.

Llamado a la parroquia

Lea este texto desde el púlpito o inclúyalo en los anuncios de la semana.

Spanish

La Colecta Peter's Pence nos une en solidaridad con el Santo Padre y con sus obras de caridad para los más necesitados. En su discurso del 20 de marzo del 2013, el papa Francisco habló sobre nuestra responsabilidad ante el mundo y ante la creación: "Podemos hacer mucho por el bien de quien es más pobre, débil o sufre, para fomentar la justicia, promover la reconciliación y construir la paz", dijo. Sus contribuciones a la Colecta Peter's Pence le permite al Santo Padre socorrer a las víctimas de la guerra, de desastres naturales y a los más necesitados. Únase al papa Francisco y sea un testigo de la caridad en el mundo.

Intercessions

To further extend the theme of the Collection into the liturgy, consider using the following intercessions taken from the USCCB Office of Divine Worship's "Holy Hour for Peace."

R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the suffering people in the world, including those who are served by the Peter's Pence Collection, that God will send them a witness of charity, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

For all of us who have been blessed with good things, that we might enter more fully into the tasks God asks of us and become witnesses of charity to our brothers and sisters in need, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

For young people in our Church, that they might have the courage to follow Christ's call and enter into a personal relationship with Him, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

For Christians and all people of good will, may we never forget the great mercy of God or tire of asking for his forgiveness, we pray to the Lord. . . . **R/.**

Intercesiones

A modo de profundizar más el tema de la Colecta en la liturgia, consideren utilizar las siguientes intercesiones tomadas de "Holy Hour of Peace" de la Oficina de la USCCB para el culto divino.

R/. Señor, escúchanos.

Por todas las personas que sufren en el mundo, incluyendo aquellas que son atendidas por la Colecta Peter's Pence, que Dios les envíe un testigo de la caridad, oremos al Señor. . . . **R/.**

Por todos nosotros quienes hemos sido bendecidos con cosas buenas, que podamos realizar más plenamente las tareas que Dios nos encomienda y convertirnos en testigos de la caridad para nuestras hermanas y hermanos necesitados, oremos al Señor. . . . **R/.**

Por los jóvenes en nuestra Iglesia, para que puedan tener el valor para seguir el llamado de Cristo y establecer una relación personal con Él, oremos al Señor. . . . **R/.**

Por los cristianos y por todas las personas de buena voluntad, para que nunca olvidemos la gran misericordia de Dios o nos cansemos de suplicar su perdón, oremos al Señor. . . . **R/.**

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