

# 2nd Collection Next Weekend



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE  
HOLY FATHER THROUGH THE

## Peter's Pence Collection

*Be a sign of  
mercy.*

Starting with the first disciples of Jesus and his Apostles and continuing today, Christians have given of their resources to support the Church's mission of preaching the Gospel and providing for the needs of the poor. As the Church has grown and spread across the world, Christians have long expressed their unity with the Holy Father and their commitment to his mission of mercy through an annual contribution called Peter's Pence.

Today, Catholics who contribute to the Peter's Pence Collection continue this legacy of church unity and care for the poor. Their gifts to the Holy Father are "concrete signs of hope" to Pope Francis and fulfill the two aims of Peter's Pence as set by the Holy See: "(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 that 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."

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website:

[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).

"Let us hasten to pursue paths of peace and fraternity. Let us rejoice at the concrete signs of hope that reach us from so many countries."—Pope Francis, "Urbi et Orbi" Message, April 9, 2023

### A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message exhorting us to take care of the poor, and it expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.

## How You Can Help

### PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he serves in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

### SHARE

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested.

### GIVE

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can minister to all for generations to come.



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