

Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
Charity

“THE CHRISTIAN EXISTS TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED.”

—Pope Francis, Homily of the
Mass at Santa Marta, April 26, 2018



Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator:

Pope Francis has shown the world what it means to care for the marginalized. The Peter's Pence Collection is one way for us to join him in this mission.

The Diocese of Chingleput in northeastern India is home to a community of some 150,000 Catholics, many of whom are of the marginalized Dalit caste. Faced with exclusion, 54% of Dalit children are malnourished, and about 45% of Dalits are illiterate. But with your support of the Peter's Pence Collection, the Holy See has contributed to the construction of a primary school in the diocese that provides a basic school education to Dalit children regardless of their creed. Your generosity to the Peter's Pence Collection shows those on the periphery and in great need that they are not forgotten but loved. Please be generous today.

The most important things you can do to help the collection are to announce it at Mass and use the parish appeal, bulletin announcements, and prayer intentions found inside this mailer. Additional resources are available at www.usccb.org/peters-pence. If you have questions, please contact Nicole Germain, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3365 or at ncpromo@usccb.org.

Thank you for continuing to be a witness of charity by supporting this collection.

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Etienne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne
Archbishop of Seattle
Chairman, USCCB Committee on National Collections

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 using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal so your parishioners know what it is, when to expect it, and why they should support it. This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.
- 2 Preach** about the Peter's Pence Collection as a tangible act of mercy and communion with the Universal Church.
- 3 Pray** for the Holy Father as he reaches out compassionately to people who are marginalized, and for those around the world who are suffering and will benefit from this collection.

Bulletin Announcements

Week Before the Collection

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Week of the Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$[amount]. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Anuncios para el boletín

Semana antes de la Colecta

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta Peter's Pence, la cual le proporciona al papa Francisco los fondos necesarios para llevar a cabo sus obras de caridad en el mundo. Lo recaudado beneficia a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que viven en los márgenes de la sociedad, incluyendo a las víctimas de la guerra, la opresión y los desastres naturales. Por favor, sean generosos. Para más información, visiten www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Semana de la Colecta

Hoy es la Colecta Peter's Pence, una colecta a nivel mundial que financia las obras de caridad del papa Francisco. Los fondos recaudados en esta colecta ayudan a las víctimas de la guerra, la opresión y los desastres naturales. Tomen esta oportunidad para unirse al papa Francisco y ser testigos de la caridad para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren. Por favor, sean generosos hoy. Para más información, visiten www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Semana después de la Colecta

¡Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la Colecta Peter's Pence! Como parroquia, recaudamos \$[cantidad]. Nuestras contribuciones se juntarán con aquellas de nuestros hermanos y hermanas alrededor del mundo para ayudar al papa Francisco a proporcionar una ayuda crucial a los más necesitados. ¡Si no les fue posible contribuir a la colecta, todavía lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Parish Appeal

English

Today, we take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. This collection, supported by Catholics around the globe, helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. Please be generous today.

Llamado a la parroquia

Spanish

Hoy realizaremos la Colecta Peter's Pence, la cual financia las obras de caridad del papa Francisco. Esta colecta, apoyada por católicos alrededor del mundo, ayuda al Santo Padre a socorrer a las personas que sufren en nuestro mundo, especialmente aquellas que padecen los efectos de la guerra y la violencia, los desastres naturales y la persecución religiosa. Por favor, sean generosos hoy.

Intercessions

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 merciful witness of charity, we pray to the Lord. **R/.**

For all of us who have been blessed with an abundance of good things, that we may 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

R/. Señor, escúchanos.

Por todos los que sufren en el mundo, incluyendo a aquellos que son socorridos por la Colecta Peter's Pence, para que Dios les envíe un testigo misericordioso de la caridad, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

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

Por los jóvenes en nuestra Iglesia, para que tengan el valor de 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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