

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 Editor/Communication Director,

The Peter's Pence Collection is scheduled yearly on the Sunday closest to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined together in support of the Holy Father. Peter's Pence expresses this unity in two ways: through the support of the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through support of the pope's charitable works. 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 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.

When a powerful earthquake struck Albania in November 2019, killing dozens and leaving hundreds homeless, Pope Francis expressed his love and prayerful support of the Albanian people in both word and deed. By contributing €100,000 in emergency relief aid, the Holy Father provided much-needed relief to Albanian dioceses working to alleviate the suffering of those affected by the earthquake. 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. For more information about Peter's Pence, please visit www.peterspence.va/en.html.

Free resources—including a sample letter from your bishop that you can personalize, web ads, and a social media tool kit—are available for download at www.usccb.org/peters-pence. **Please use your publication(s), website, social media channels, and any other outlets to help promote this annual collection.** If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at ngermain@usccb.org. Thank you for your support today, which helps bring the hope and healing that the Catholic tradition offers to our world.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Germain'.

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