

Peter's Pence Collection

Be a sign of **mercy.**

I SHOULD NO LONGER SAY THAT I HAVE
NEIGHBORS TO HELP, BUT THAT I MUST
MYSELF BE A NEIGHBOR TO OTHERS.

—POPE FRANCIS, *FRATELLI TUTTI*, NO. 81



Dear Diocesan Director,

The Peter's Pence Collection is a way for your diocese to show solidarity with the Holy Father. When you participate, you support the ongoing works of the Holy See and the pope's charitable efforts.

The COVID pandemic profoundly impacted families around the world. Whether through the death of loved ones, long-term health effects of the illness, or economic consequences from loss of work, everyone's lives changed. For needy families in Hong Kong, the Holy Father's donation of \$100,000 to the diocese, distributed through Caritas and local parishes, provided much-needed relief during the crisis.

By participating in the Peter's Pence Collection, your diocese funds not only the activities of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also solidarity projects to aid those most in need. To learn more about the ways in which Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's ministry of mercy, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html (English) or www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html (español).

You can support this year's collection by encouraging your pastors to mention it at Mass and by using the parish appeal, bulletin announcements available at www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection. If you have questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or ngermain@usccb.org. Thank you for your continued support of the national collections.

With gratitude,

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

Nicole Germain
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