

## Please read and/or publish in conjunction with the Second Collection for the Peter's Pence Collection on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On July 8 and July 9, 2023, our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection. The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Pope Francis calls each of us to witness to charity and to show God's mercy to one another. He encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 15).

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Please prayerfully support this collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the most marginalized in our world. For more information about the collection, please visit <a href="https://www.usccb.org/peters-pence">www.usccb.org/peters-pence</a>.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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