



June 12, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. As every year, the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken throughout the Church on or near that Solemnity. This year the collection will be taken in our parishes on the weekend of July 1 and 2.

Your support of this collection helps make it possible for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to carry out his charitable works around the world, including emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical and social facilities in developing nations.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy See's charitable works through your generosity. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the faith who are facing adversity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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