



Office of the Bishop

Dear Brother Priest,

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which we participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. It is an activity that also supports the most needy ecclesial communities in difficulty who approach the Apostolic See for help.

In an act of charity, parishioners continue an ancient practice, which began with the community of apostles. With this gift, we can broaden our gaze and our hearts to embrace the Church scattered throughout the world. The Church then becomes a companion for families and peoples on their journey toward human, spiritual and material development, for the benefit of all societies.

Peter's Pence represents a small offering, accompanied by grand desires and visions. It is an offering that each member of the faithful decides to give to the Pope so that he can provide for the needs of the whole Church, and wherever it finds itself most in need.

The Holy Father has established that, for the current year 2020, the Peter's Pence collection, which traditionally takes place around the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, will be taken throughout the world on the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, October 4, the memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a small cross followed by the initials "RWM" and a stylized surname.

Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy  
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