



Office of the Bishop

Dear Brother Priest,

The Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with those who suffer and are marginalized. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti, for example, have faced difficult challenges as they rebuild from the 2010 earthquake and then Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Buildings have been destroyed, and many communities have struggled to rebuild in the wake of these natural disasters.

Pope Francis calls each of us to "respond with faith and charity" and to see in each person "a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ" (Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 98). When we support the collection, we affirm the dignity of our brothers and sisters around the world. Contributions help Pope Francis respond in our name with efforts of mercy and grace.

Let's join our brothers and sisters in faith around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the most marginalized in our world. For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert W. McElroy
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