

# Peter's Pence Collection

## *Be a sign of* **mercy.**



**Dear Diocesan Director,**

In the summer of 2021, unusually heavy seasonal rains caused devastating floods in South Sudan's Diocese of Malakal. Nearly 400,000 people were affected, including people who have resided in the Bentiu camp for internally displaced persons since the civil war that began in 2013. Many of those in the camp attempted to return to their lands to harvest crops but were forced to stay because of the flooding.

In an expression of mercy and solidarity to the victims of this flooding, Pope Francis contributed \$75,000 to affected people in the Diocese of Malakal. This gift, made through the Holy See's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, was followed by a \$30,000 gift to the Vatican's nunciature through the papal almoner, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski. Through these efforts, necessary items such as tents, plastic sheeting, blankets, and sleeping mats were made available to those affected by the flooding.

By participating in the Peter's Pence Collection, your diocese helps fund all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia, assists the pope in the exercise of his ministry, and supports solidarity projects to aid those most in need, including victims of war and natural disasters. To learn more about the ways in which Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's ministry of mercy, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html) (English) or [www.obolodisanpietro.va/es/cos-e-l-obolo.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/es/cos-e-l-obolo.html) (español).

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

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Hren".

Margaret Hren  
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