



## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

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



**Dear Pastor/Parish Administrator:**

The Holy Father's mission of sharing the Gospel and Christ's mercy with the world depends upon the daily operations of more than one hundred papal nunciatures worldwide, as well as the Roman Curia and the dicasteries that help him employ his ministry. These dicasteries carry out the pope's charitable outreach in the form of disaster relief, care for migrants and refugees, and the missionary activities of the Church, among other aspects of the Holy Father's mission.

These daily operations of the Vatican are funded through the annual Peter's Pence Collection. In recent years, these dicasteries have been reorganized to reduce internal expenses and increase efficiency, so that the Holy See can more effectively support the Holy Father's mission.

Parishioners' contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection help fund not only all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in his ministry but also a number of solidarity projects that aid those most in need. 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).

**The most important things you can do to help the collection are to announce it at Mass and to use the parish appeal, bulletin announcements, and prayer intentions found inside this parish guide.** Additional resources are available at [www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence/collection). If you have questions, please contact Margaret Hren, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3365 or [ncpromo@usccb.org](mailto:ncpromo@usccb.org).

**Thank you for continuing to be a sign of mercy by supporting this collection.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James S. Wall  
Bishop of Gallup  
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on National Collections

# Simple Steps

Please take the following steps to promote the **Peter's Pence Collection** in your parish:

- 1 Announce** the Peter's Pence Collection in your parish using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal so your parishioners know what it is and when to expect it. This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.
- 2 Preach** about the Peter's Pence Collection as a tangible act of mercy and communion with the Holy Father and the Universal Church.
- 3 Pray** for the ongoing activities of the Holy See and for the Holy Father as he reaches out compassionately to people who are marginalized, and pray for those around the world who are suffering and who will benefit from this collection.

## Bulletin Announcements

### Week Before the Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

### Week of the Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

### Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$[amount]. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

## Anuncios para el boletín

### Semana antes de la Colecta

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta Peter's Pence, para apoyar a la Iglesia universal y la labor de la Santa Sede, incluyendo la ayuda al papa Francisco para que pueda llevar a cabo sus obras de caridad. Estas obras benefician a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la periferia de la sociedad, incluyendo a las víctimas de guerra, de opresión y de desastres. Por favor, sean generosos. Para más información, visiten [www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html).

### Semana de la Colecta

Hoy es la Colecta Peter's Pence, una colecta a nivel mundial que apoya la labor de la Iglesia universal, incluyendo la labor de la Santa Sede y las obras de caridad del papa Francisco. Tomen esta oportunidad para unirse al papa Francisco y sean un signo de misericordia para nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren. Por favor, sean generosos hoy. Para más información, visiten [www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html).

### Semana después de la Colecta

Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la Colecta Peter's Pence. Como parroquia, recaudamos \$[cantidad]. Nuestras contribuciones se juntarán con aquellas de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en todo el mundo para ayudar al papa Francisco en su ministerio con la Iglesia universal, incluyendo ayuda a las personas necesitadas y un apoyo a la Santa Sede. Si no les fue posible contribuir a la Colecta, aún lo pueden hacer. Visiten [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).

## Parish Appeal

### English

Today we take up the Peter's Pence Collection, a significant way to support the Universal Church. This collection, supported by Catholics around the globe, funds the ongoing activities of the Holy See and helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world. Please be generous today.

## Llamado a la parroquia

### Spanish

Hoy realizaremos la Colecta Peter's Pence, una manera significativa de apoyar a la Iglesia universal. Esta colecta, apoyada por católicos alrededor del mundo, financia las actividades en curso de la Santa Sede y ayuda al Santo Padre a llegar a las personas que sufren en nuestro mundo. Por favor, sean generosos hoy.

## Intercessions

**R/.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That God, who has blessed us with an abundance of good things, will make us signs of mercy to our brothers and sisters in need, we pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That God will turn our hearts to all the suffering people in the world, especially those who are helped by the Peter's Pence Collection, we pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That God will give courage to young people to follow his call to communion with him and with our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray to the Lord. **R/.**

That God will ever remind Christians and all people of good will of his great mercy and make us tireless in asking for his forgiveness, we pray to the Lord. **R/.**

Visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence) and select "Parish Resource Guide" under "Collection Resources" for an electronic version of this text that can be copied into your parish bulletin.

## Intercesiones

**R/.** Señor, escúchanos.

Que Dios, quien nos ha bendecido con una abundancia de cosas buenas, nos convierta en signos de misericordia para nuestras hermanas y hermanos necesitados, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Que Dios abra nuestro corazón a todas las personas que sufren en el mundo, especialmente hacia aquellos que reciben ayuda de la Colecta Peter's Pence, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Que Dios les otorgue valentía a los jóvenes para que sigan su llamado a la comunión con él y con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en todo el mundo, oremos al Señor. **R/.**

Que Dios siempre le recuerde a todo cristiano, y a toda persona de buena voluntad, su gran misericordia y que seamos incansables al suplicarle su perdón, oremos al Señor. **R/.**