



DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout centuries of history, Catholics have supported the Church's mission of evangelization and charity by giving to the annual Peter's Pence Collection. This collection, which began as a way for Catholics around the world to express their unity with the Pope, continues to the present day.

This tangible expression of unity with the Holy Father has a dual purpose set by the Holy See: "(1) **To support the Holy Father's mission**, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See that assist him every day; and (2) **To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development."

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html (English) or www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html (español).

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help the Holy Father carry out his ministry to the Universal Church and reach out to the most marginalized in our world.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

"Let us hasten to pursue paths of peace and fraternity. Let us rejoice at the concrete signs of hope that reach us from so many countries."—Pope Francis, "Urbi et Orbi" Message, April 9, 2023