



# Be a Witness of Charity

“A LITTLE MERCY MAKES THE WORLD LESS COLD AND MORE JUST.”

—Pope Francis, *Angelus*, March 17, 2013

The Peter's Pence Collection has ancient Christian roots, linking back to the New Testament times when people would provide material support to those preaching the Gospel to distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today the collection is the way we as members of the Catholic Church unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the assistance of those most in need.

### How Pope Francis Invites Us to Make the World Less Cold and More Just

In his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, Pope Francis reminds us, “The Lord . . . enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and

prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence.” By opening our eyes to the suffering and injustice in the world, we can open our hearts to the call of Pope Francis that “efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people.”

### How We Can Join Pope Francis and Be a Witness of Charity

By supporting this collection, you support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Your donations are a witness of charity and help the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized. Contributions to this collection provide assistance to victims of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

## How You Can Help

### PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father as he reaches out compassionately to make the world less cold and more just, and for those around the world who are suffering and will benefit from this collection.

### SHARE

As a way to spread the message of mercy and peace, share this flier with someone who might be interested and tell others how Pope Francis supports the marginalized.

### GIVE

Please give generously to this collection, as a witness of charity, and give hope to those who suffer around the globe.



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