



Diocese of Worcester  
Office of the Bishop  
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June 19, 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of June 29, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, our diocese will participate in the global **Peter's Pence Collection**. This annual collection provides essential support for the Holy See's activities and helps Pope Leo XIV assist the victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster around the world.

The collection has ancient roots that reach back to apostolic times. The early Christians provided material support so that the apostles—those preaching the Gospel—could distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with those in need.

This tangible expression of unity with the Holy Father has a dual purpose set by the Holy See: **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. It also **supports the numerous charitable works** assisting 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](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html) (English) or [www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html) (español).

I invite you to join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help our Holy Father in his charitable outreach. Thank you for considering how you can respond to the call to "be a sign of mercy" by your prayers, by your spreading the word about this good work, and by your financial support.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

*Please announce the Peter's Pence Collection on the weekend of June 22 in your bulletin or by Flocknote and take up the collection at all Masses on the weekend of June 29.*