

18<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Father,

The annual Peter's Pence collection takes place on the Sunday nearest to the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. This year it will be held on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world.

You are aware of the growing needs, especially in mission countries, and the requests for aid that come from peoples, individuals and families in precarious conditions. Many expect Pope Francis to give them the support they often fail to find elsewhere. In this perspective, the Peter's Pence Collection is a true and proper participation in the work of spreading the Good News, especially if one considers the meaning and importance of concretely sharing in the concerns of the universal Church.

The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Holy Father and attention to the needs of one's sisters and brothers on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

I ask for your generosity in supporting the charities of Pope Francis. This year's Peter's Pence collection will replace the second collection for Share.

I wish to thank you for the many ways you show charity and solidarity with those most in need in our common home.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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+Dermot Farrell,  
Archbishop of Dublin