



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Cardinal
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

June 20, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year the annual **Peter's Pence Collection** in support of the Holy Father's spiritual and charitable works will be taken up on the weekend of **June 28 and 29, 2008**. Through this annual collection, Catholics offer a powerful witness of love, assisting those who suffer from war, oppression, disease and natural disasters.

Your generous participation in this special appeal is an expression of solidarity with more than one billion Catholics worldwide. You share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe.

With gratitude for your past contributions and relying on your compassion for the needy, I ask you to respond generously once again to this collection.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Justin Card. Rigali

Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia

(Please communicate the contents of this letter to your parishioners in the most appropriate manner on the weekend of June 21 and 22. The collection is taken up the following weekend of June 28 and June 29. Collection remittance should be made payable to ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA and sent to: Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103)