



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

June 19, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The **Peter's Pence Collection**, in support of the Holy Father's spiritual and charitable works, will be taken up on the weekend of **June 27 and 28, 2009**. Through your generous participation in this special appeal, you share in the concern of the Successor of Peter to respond with emergency financial assistance to our brothers and sisters who suffer as a result of war, oppression, disease and natural disaster.

In September of 2006, Pope Benedict XVI gave a homily in which he explained that those who are baptized create one family of believers who are never alone. The **Peter's Pence Collection** unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune.

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 according to your means.

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 20 and 21. The collection is taken up the following weekend of June 27 and June 28. Collection remittal should be made payable to ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA and sent to: Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103)