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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year, the annual Peter's Pence Collection in support of the works for the Holy Father is held in parishes across the country. In our diocese, this collection is scheduled to take place on the weekend of April 18 and 19, 2009. 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.

Last year this important collection generated \$155,118. The proceeds from your generous contribution will fund emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters. As we join together in the Diocese of Palm Beach to participate in this special appeal, we join with over 1 billion Catholics in a loving expression of worldwide solidarity – combining faith and action.

Together let us ask Jesus Christ to continue to abundantly bless our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, in all he does in service of the people of God and those in need all over the world.

With gratitude for your dedication and generosity, and with assurance of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach

Note to Pastors:

Please publish this letter in the parish bulletin or have it read at all Masses on the weekend of April 11/12