



# Diocese of Palm Beach

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once a year we are asked to support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peterø Pence Collection gives us a chance to unite in solidarity with the Holy Father, the faithful worldwide, and those most in need of charitable love. In his encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, (no. 78), Pope Benedict XVI reminds the faithful that öGodø loveí gives us the courage to continue seeking and working for the benefit of all.ö

In our Diocese, this collection is scheduled to be taken this year on the weekend of April 9 and 10, 2011. As we in the Diocese of Palm Beach participate in this special appeal, we join with more than 1 billion Catholics in a loving expression of worldwide solidarity. The Holy See uses the collection proceeds to provide emergency assistance and aid to the most disadvantaged around the world: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster, as seen in these examples:

**Nazareth Boys Town** in Mbare, Rwanda where abandoned orphans who are victims of genocide and civil war are taken in and cared for,

**Hospital of St. Vincent de Paul** in Bosnia, a health institution in Sarajevo, staffed by religious,

In **Kenya**, a village for HIV/AIDS orphans.

Please be generous in donating to the Peterø Pence Collection next weekend. Together let us ask the Lord to continue to bless us and the Holy Father in all that we do. Please continue to pray for his intentions and good health.

With gratitude for your continued 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 2 & 3, 2011.**