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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Each year, through the generosity of Catholic parishioners around the world to the annual Peter's Pence collection, the Holy Father is able to provide emergency assistance wherever it is needed – for victims of disaster, war and oppression worldwide. Through loving charity, the Holy Father may cast Christ's love upon the world.

Last year, for example, Nazareth Boys Town in Mbare, Rwanda, received assistance for abandoned orphans who are victims of genocide and civil war. Casa di accoglienza Giovanni Paolo II Opera Don Orione, a residence that gives free shelter and specializes in assisting special-needs pilgrims traveling to Rome, was recently refurbished through the Peter's Pence Collection. And in Bosnia, the Hospital of St. Vincent de Paul, a health institution in Sarajevo staffed by religious, was established with support from the collection.

**These types of projects are only possible through your assistance. Please be generous in supporting the Peter's Pence Collection this June 26 and 27, and help cast the love of Christ upon the world. Thank you and may the Lord bless the Holy Father, each of you and all of those in need throughout the world.**

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout  
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Moderator of the Curia