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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, we will hold the annual Service Collection. This important collection helps four influential Catholic charities: Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, and the Church in Africa. Though their missions differ slightly, all are devoted to making Christ present through the healing work of his servants.

I want to give a brief description of each of these charities:

Peter's Pence is the personal charity of the Holy Father. It provides the Pope with the means to respond to those who are suffering from war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Catholic Relief Services is one of the largest Catholic charities in the world and helps over 85 million people in 101 countries. CRS is often one of the first to respond to major tragedies.

The Church in Latin America empowers the people of the region to deepen their faith and share it with the world.

The Church in Africa gives those communities the tools to address poverty while providing educational opportunities and a strong voice championing social justice initiatives.

Your contribution to the Service Collection helps all of these diverse organizations do the hard, but grace-filled work of building the Kingdom of God among us. I thank you for considering a donation to this important collection.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Andrew Bellisario, C.M.
Apostolic Administrator