

Diocese of Youngstown
Church Overseas Combined Collection
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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE

The Catholic Relief Services Collections supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation efforts for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

Your donation, in keeping with the theme "Help Jesus in Disguise," helps CRS support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person.

PETER'S PENCE

Pope Francis has called each of us to be witness of charity for our suffering brothers and sisters living on the margins. He encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" (*Misericordiae Vultus* [MV], no. 15).

Your support of the Peter's Pence Collection unites us with the Holy Father as he reaches out to our brothers and suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. We stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works and outreach of the Holy See.

THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Your generosity helps to fund projects of the USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Central and Eastern Europe in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church and to rebuild and restore the faith in these countries. The funds collected for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe are used to support seminaries, youth ministry, social service programs, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation, and Catholic communications projects.

THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Through the Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA), you help the Church in 25 countries in Central and South America as well as the Caribbean to address challenges to the faith. Only with your committed support can we continue to help develop evangelization and catechetical programs and fund activities that promote an encounter with Jesus Christ, so that the faithful can become missionary disciples. Your renewed support funds several ministries and projects that ensure the people in Latin America and the Caribbean can share their faith and strengthen connections with members of the church community.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!