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Dear friends in the Lord:

Soon our archdiocese will take up the *Peter's Pence Collection*. Our participation supports the charitable work of Pope Francis as he reaches out to those who are marginalized and suffering around the globe. By supporting this collection, you join the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world.

Pope Francis called to us in his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, "May efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of encounter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people." We are taking up this collection to be part of the Church's effort to promote a culture of encounter and justice. Your support makes it possible for the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world by assisting those who suffer from war, natural disasters, and other difficult situations.

Let us join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Please prayerfully consider how you can best support the *Peter's Pence Collection* this year, as you have done in the past with my gratitude. For more information about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Thank you, and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York