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BUILD YOUR LIVES

My dear sisters and brothers,

I come to you again this year to ask for your support of the spiritual and charitable works of the Holy Father through the annual Peter's Pence Collection. We will join Catholics around the world as we remember Pope John Paul II through prayer and sacrifice on the weekend of June 25th and 26th.

Pope John Paul II calls us to "Build Your Lives on Christ" as the theme for the 1994 collection. It is with great joy that I recall a similar message to the youth of the world including nearly 600 from the Diocese during World Youth Day in Denver last August. The Holy Father's founding of World Youth Day expresses his commitment to young people and his concern that they place their faith at the center of their lives.

Pope John Paul II relies on us to provide the resources to assist him in his spiritual and charitable works of seeking peace amidst violence and justice for the innocent, the poor, the weak and the oppressed.

Our participation in the annual appeal supports Pope John Paul II in his worldwide mission to the universal Church. This special collection helps the Holy Father to provide emergency relief to those who suffer as a result of natural disasters, war or other calamities; to work with world leaders through diplomatic offices in 145 countries; to care for the worldwide Church through its administration in over 100 countries with a total Catholic population of over 700 million; and to maintain the work of the Holy See.

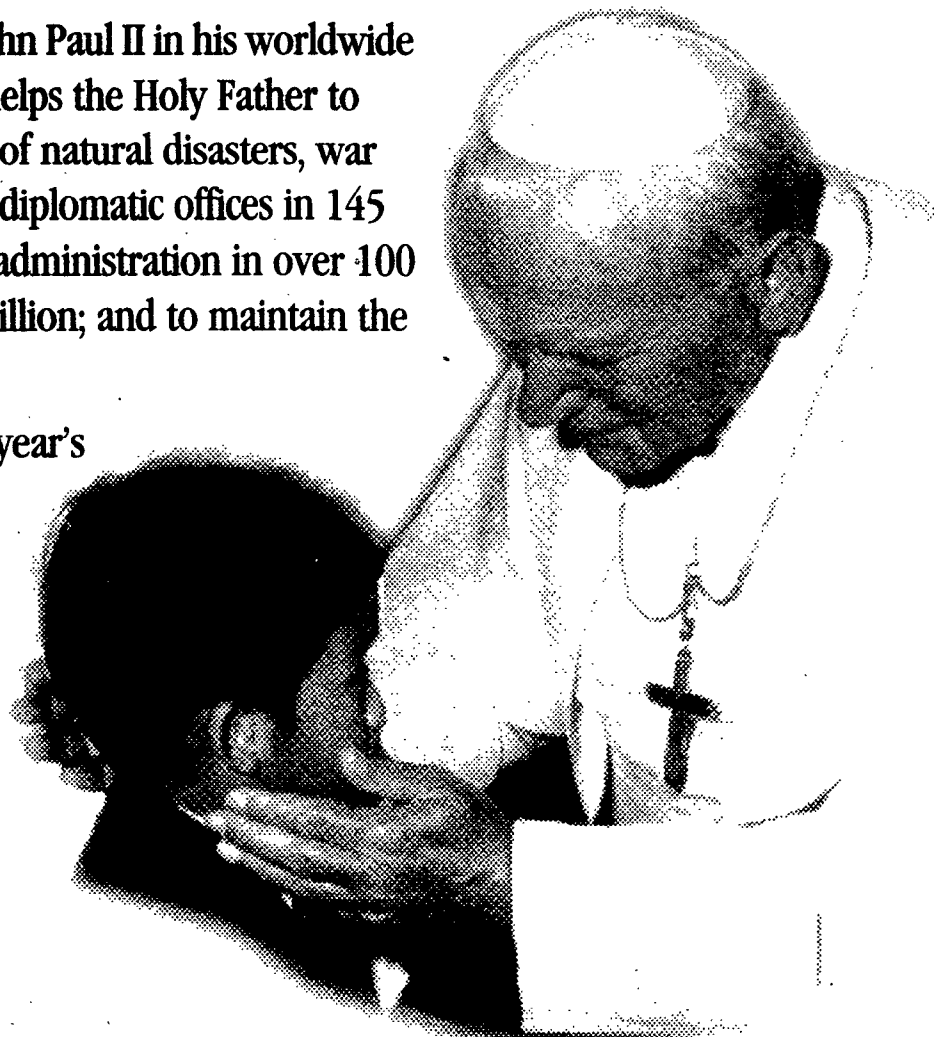
May God bless you for your generous response to this year's Peter's Pence Collection.

With every good wish, I remain

Your Brother in Christ,



† Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester



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POPE JOHN PAUL II challenges us to build our lives on Christ. His words and example encourage us to place our faith at the center of our lives.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, he tirelessly brings this message to the faithful and to those who have never heard the good news of God's love.

THE ANNUAL COLLECTION for the Works of the Holy Father gives us an opportunity to support John Paul II in sharing the good news.

Give generously in your parish.

1994 Collection for the Works of the Holy Father

June 25th & 26th

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