



WE ARE THE HANDS OF CHRIST

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 24th and 25th.

This year's theme, "We are the hands of Christ," expresses Pope John Paul II's call for all of the faithful to join him in service. Together we can participate in this wonderful opportunity to serve Christ and a much-troubled world. Your generosity is a vital part of the success of his mission and will make a difference.

The Holy Father relies on us to provide the resources to assist him in his spiritual and charitable works of seeking peace amidst violence and oppression and seeking justice for the innocent, the poor, the weak and the oppressed.

Our participation in this 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

SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER



POPE JOHN PAUL II challenges us to guide 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 this good news.

Give generously in your parish.

1995 Collection for the Works of the Holy Father

June 24th & 25th

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