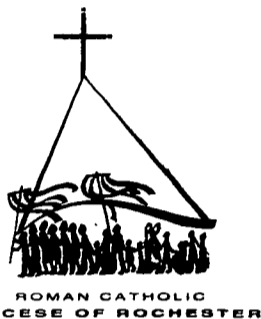


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June 1, 1996

My dear sisters and brothers,

We were blessed this past fall to witness the impact of Pope John Paul II's mission when he visited the United States and inspired millions with his message of dignity, hope, and love. In a speech to the United Nations General Assembly, the Holy Father said, "Love of Christ does not distract us from interest in others, but rather invites us to responsibility for them, to the exclusion of no one and indeed, if anything, with a special concern for the weakest and the suffering."

These words underscore the annual Peter's Pence Collection that will be held on the weekend of June 29 and June 30. Your generous contributions support Pope John Paul II in his spiritual and charitable works and enable him to reach out to those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. By participating in this special appeal, we join him in proclaiming the love of Christ throughout the world.

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



*Remember
Pope John Paul II
in your prayers and ask
God's blessing on
his life and work.*

*June 29th & 30th, 1996
1996 Collection for the Holy Father*