



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Cardinal
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

June 23, 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year the annual **Peter's Pence Collection** in support of the Holy Father's spiritual and charitable efforts has as its theme, *Anyone who has discovered Christ must lead others to him*. Certainly, Pope Benedict XVI exemplifies this theme in his ministry on behalf of the Gospel. Through this annual collection, Catholics offer a powerful witness of love and deeds toward the weak, the defenseless, the voiceless and those who suffer.

Your generous contribution to this collection allows the Holy Father to provide emergency relief assistance around the world. Joining with more than one billion Catholics worldwide, our sacrificial giving is an expression of solidarity with the Vicar of Christ.

With gratitude for your past contributions and relying on your compassion for the needy, I ask you to respond generously once again to this collection which will be taken up on the weekend of **June 30 and July 1, 2007**.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Justin Card. Rigali

Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia

(Please communicate the contents of this letter to your parishioners in the most appropriate manner on the weekend of June 23 and 24. The collection is taken up the following weekend of June 30 and July 1. Collection remittance should be made payable to ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA and sent to: Office for Accounting Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103)