

Step 1: Fill in the amount of your gift in the box titled "My Total Gift" as shown in the example to the right.

Step 2: You must clearly state your gift intention by choosing either Option 1 or Option 2 (See examples below).

Step 3: Make your check payable to (Your Parish Name) International Appeal

By choosing Option 1, I allow Bishop to decide the best way to distribute my contribution among any of the programs in the National, International or Mission Appeal.

OR

By choosing Option 2, I decided to distribute my contribution to one or more of the four programs of this Appeal.

Bishop, please distribute my total gift according to your determination of need.

Please designate my total gift as indicated

Your giving option - 1 My Total Gift \$ 100

Your giving option - 2 My Total Gift \$ 100

Peters Pence
 Catholic Relief Service
 Collection
 The Church in Central and Eastern Europe
 World-wide and U.S. Disaster Relief Fund - Rockford
 Diocese Response

How do I fill out my International Appeal envelope?



2011 Combined Collection for the Universal Catholic Church

International Appeal

March 12-13, 2011

To donate online, please visit: www.stewardshiprockford.org/donate

March 2011

A Message from our Bishop

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Dear Friends in Christ:

On the weekend of March 12 and 13, our diocesan parishes will conduct the collection for the International Appeal. This Appeal includes: Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, Aid to Central and Eastern Europe, and the Rockford Diocese's Response to World-wide Disasters and Needs. Information about these worthy causes is found within this brochure.



As I did in my letter for the National Appeal, I wish to focus on one of these causes, Peter's Pence. This collection allows the Holy Father to support victims of disaster, war and oppression, and others in most need of emergency assistance. The Pope, as pastor of the Universal Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes, and the faithful in grave difficulties.

A couple of examples of how our Holy Father has used some of the resources from this collection include:

- *Nazareth Boys Town in Mbare, Rwanda*, which provides for abandoned orphans who are victims of genocide and civil war.
- *The Hospital of St. Vincent de Paul in Sarajevo, Bosnia*, a health institution staffed by religious, was established with support from this Collection.

I am very much aware of the economic hard times many of our families and friends are suffering. I ask you to sacrifice what you can for the Holy Father's Collection and the other three worthy causes that benefit from this International Appeal.

In Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, he reminds us, "To love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it" (no.7).

With every personal good wish, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

+ *Thomas G. Doran*

The Most Reverend Thomas G. Doran, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Rockford

Peter's Pence

We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this Collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Because of your generosity, Pope Benedict XVI will be able to help millions of people around the world quickly and effectively. Your important contributions are truly helping the Holy Father to make a difference for those most in need. Visit www.usccb.org/ppcl. Last year, the people of the Diocese contributed \$159,012 to this collection.



Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRS)

Catholic Relief Services is the International Relief and Development Program of the Catholic Church in the U.S. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food and sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking and supply pastoral care advocacy for immigrants and refugees. For more information visit: <http://www.usccb.org/crs/>. Last year, the people of this Diocese contributed \$133,803 to this appeal.



Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe

This Collection supports the essential and unmet pastoral needs of the church in the region. One example is the Poor Clares in Poland who received a central heating system through this collection. Without the heat, the sisters have been falling ill frequently in the long, cold Eastern European winters, affecting their ministry of prayer. Great needs remain in the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. For more information visit: <http://www.usccb.org/aeel>. Last year the people of the Diocese contributed \$46,797 to this appeal.



World-wide and U.S. Disaster Relief Fund Rockford Diocese Response

Whenever a natural disaster occurs and/or a significant need exists, Bishop Doran receives numerous petitions for financial assistance from his brother bishops in the affected area. With the creation of this fund, he has resources available to respond. He responds in name of the people of the Rockford Diocese and sends our concern for their wellbeing. This past year Bishop Doran sent \$50,000 to the Conventual Franciscan Friars to assist their ministry and provide for the pastoral and educational needs of the people in Matugga, Uganda.

