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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On August 14, 2021, a powerful earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale struck within 100 miles of Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince. More than 2,000 people were killed, 12,000 were injured, and 300 missing. Then widespread damage to houses and other structures was worsened by a tropical storm that hit the island shortly afterward. In responding to the urgent needs of the victims of these disasters, Pope Francis donated more than \$200,000 through the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to support immediate emergency relief efforts in the most affected dioceses in Haiti.

Your contribution to the Peter's Pence collections helps fund not only all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also several solidarity projects that aid those most in need. On the weekend of **July 1-2**, parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will take up this collection to support the Holy Father's ministry of mercy.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this year's collection as an act of mercy and charity. Join our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis carry out his ministry to the Universal Church, reaching out to the most marginalized in our world.

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Charles C. Thompson*

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