



## ANNUAL DISCLOSURE 2023

### Peter's Pence

#### General overview

*Peter's Pence receives offerings made to the Holy Father. These donations are intended to provide for the necessities of the universal Church and to support numerous initiatives in favour of the most in need.*

In 2023, Peter's Pence income totalled **€ 52 million**, while expenses borne by the Fund amounted to **€ 109.4 million**, as detailed below:

€(000,000)	2023
<b>Income</b>	<b>52</b>
<i>Donations received</i>	48.4
<i>Financial &amp; other</i>	3.6
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>109.4</b>
<i>Contributions granted</i>	103
<i>Financial &amp; other</i>	6.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>- 57.4</b>

#### Donations received (€ 48,4 million)

The donations to Peter's Pence Fund are received in three main forms, as detailed below.

- Diocesan collection. On the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, offerings are gathered in the churches across the world and subsequently forwarded to the Holy See via the Pontifical Representations, with exception of Italian dioceses that send them directly.
- Direct offerings. The direct offerings are made available via a variety of channels, including bank and postal accounts, cheques or credit card and PayPal through Peter's Pence website (<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/dona.html>).
- Inheritance legacies. In the latter case, the offerings are received by means of a will in which the donor expresses a specific wish to allocate part of the legacy to Peter's Pence or directly to the Holy Father.



The following prospect shows the amounts received grouped by type of donor in 2023.

€(000,000)	2023	
<b>Donor</b>		
<i>Dioceses</i>	31.2	64.4%
<i>Private donors</i>	2.1	4.4%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>68.8%</b>
<i>Foundations</i>	13.9	28.8%
<i>Religious orders</i>	1.2	2.4%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>31.2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>100%</b>

The donations originating from dioceses and private individuals are further detailed by geographical area.

€(000,000)	2023	
<b>Countries</b>		
<i>United States of America</i>	13.6	28.1%
<i>Italy</i>	3.1	6.4%
<i>Brazil</i>	1.9	3.9%
<i>Germany</i>	1.3	2.7%
<i>Korea</i>	1.3	2.7%
<i>France</i>	1	2%
<i>Mexico</i>	0.9	1.8%
<i>Ireland</i>	0.9	1.8%
<i>Czech Republic</i>	0.8	1.7%
<i>Spain</i>	0.8	1.7%
<i>All others</i>	7.7	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>68.8%</b>

### **Contributions granted (€ 103 million)**

*Peter's Pence sustains the universal mission of the Holy Father, by supporting the numerous activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, entities and bodies of the Holy See and funding many initiatives of charity and solidarity.*

In 2023, the Peter's Pence Fund made contributions totalling **€ 103 million**. **€ 90 million** was allocated to support the activities of the Holy See in the service of the Holy Father's apostolic mission, while **€ 13 million** was directed towards projects providing direct assistance to those in need.

The contributions granted consist of: **€ 48.4 million** in offerings received, **€ 3.6 million** in financial income generated by the remuneration of assets, and **€ 51 million** from the Peter's Pence Fund patrimony.

The preceding remarks may be summarized as follows.



€(000,000)	2023
<b>Destination</b>	<b>103</b>
Support to the apostolic mission	90
Projects of direct assistance	13
<b>Source</b>	<b>103</b>
Donations	48.4
Financial & other	3.6
Patrimony	51

### Direct assistance to those most in need (€ 13 million)

The Pope, Pastor of the universal Church, is concerned with providing material assistance to those who are most in need. This includes people and families, migrants and refugees, as well as dioceses, parishes and religious institutes that are experiencing difficulties. It also encompasses entire populations that have been affected by natural calamities, wars or that are in need of humanitarian assistance.

In 2023, the Peter's Pence Fund has allocated € 13 million to support 236 projects in 76 countries.

€(000,000)	2023			
Continents	Projects	%	€	%
Africa	68	28.8%	5.4	41.6%
Europe	100	42.4%	2.4	18.5%
America	34	14.4%	2.3	17.7%
Asia	33	14%	2.8	21.4%
Oceania	1	0.4%	0.1	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100%</b>

With regard to the projects carried out in Europe, it is necessary to highlight the following:

- € 0.5 million has been used to finance educational scholarships for priests, seminarians and religious from Africa, Latin America and Asia enabling them to pursue their studies at pontifical universities;
- € 0.8 million has been donated to Ukraine to sponsor a range of pastoral and social initiatives for those affected by the ongoing conflict.

Projects providing direct assistance can be divided into three distinct areas of activity, each with its own specific aim.

€(000,000)	2023	
Type of project		
Extension of the evangelizing presence	5.6	43%
Social projects	4.3	33%
Support the evangelizing presence	3.1	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100%</b>



The following section presents a sample of projects for each of the aforementioned activities.

- i) **Extension of the evangelizing presence:** construction of new churches and buildings, with the aim of strengthening and encouraging the evangelizing presence in new local Churches.

€(000)

Country	Project	Amount
Guatemala	Construction of the cathedral of the Holy Spirit, archdiocese of Los Altos	98
Tanzania	Construction of a parish church, diocese of Kayanga	98
Albany	Construction of a parish church, diocese of Sapè	98
Rwanda	Construction of a pastoral centre, Rwanda Episcopal Conference	98
Senegal	Construction of a parish catechetical centre, diocese of Kaolack	98
Ivory Coast	Construction of Caritas diocesan headquarters, diocese of Agboville	98
Bangladesh	Construction of a girls' hostel, parish of St. John the Apostle	98
Myanmar	Construction of a multi-purpose building for the Catholic Youth Commission of Kalay	81

- ii) **Social projects:** these initiatives are of a social nature, which may take the form of training and support programmes or material aid designed to support local communities.

€(000)

Country	Project	Amount
Syria	Support for the "Ospedali aperti" project	654
Mexico	Support for pregnant women, archdiocese of México	130
Ukraine	Support for the pastoral programme against war trauma, Kyiv-Halyč	101
Uganda	Maternity ward of "Saint Kizito Hospital in Matany"	97
Malawi	Post cyclone 'Freddy' humanitarian assistance, archdiocese of Blantyre	96
Southern Africa	Support for the Three2Six programme for refugee and migrant children	93

- iii) **Support the evangelizing presence:** this concerns activities and projects aimed at helping, strengthening and assisting local Churches operating in mission countries and in conditions of special need.

€(000)

Country	Project	Amount
Congo	Renovation of Missionaries of charity house, archdiocese of Brazzaville	177
Algeria	Cathedral restoration, archdiocese of Alger	98
Angola	Restructuring of the Good Shepherd major seminary, diocese of Benguela	98
Sri Lanka	Renovation of Saint Martin minor seminary, diocese of Jaffna	98
Ghana	Construction of retirement home for elderly priests, Navrongo-Bolgatanga diocese	98
Benin	Repairing the roof of the sanctuary, National pilgrimage centre	96
Venezuela	Support for the Caritas Community Training programme	21



### **Support to the Holy Father's apostolic mission (€ 90 million)**

*The contributions provided by the Peter's Pence Fund are intended to support the Holy Father's apostolic mission, which encompasses a range of activities and initiatives on a global scale. These include the proclamation of the Gospel, the promotion of human development, education and training at various levels, and the pursuit of diplomatic efforts in support of peace and fraternity among nations. In order to support the Holy Father in the fulfilment of this mission, the invaluable service provided by the dicasteries, entities and bodies of the Holy See is essential. As previously stated, this is made possible, in part, thanks to donations made to Peter's Pence.*

For illustrative purposes only, the dicasteries and bodies of the Holy See can be grouped into three main categories: i) Services and administration; ii) Entities managing the patrimony; iii) Support for the Holy Father's apostolic mission. With regard to the latter activity, the expenses incurred by the 68 dicasteries, entities and bodies amounted to **€ 370.4 million**. Of this total, approximately **€ 90 million** (equal to 24%) was covered by the Peter's Pence Fund.

€(000,000)	2023			
	Support for the Holy Father's apostolic mission		Peter's Pence contribution	
	€	%	€	%
<i>Support local Churches in difficulty and specific contexts of evangelization</i>	144.2	38.9%	35	
<i>Cult and evangelization</i>	48.4	13.1%	12	
<i>Message diffusion</i>	44.8	12.1%	11	
<i>Apostolic nunciatures</i>	37	10%	9	
<i>Charity service*</i>	31.9	8.6%	8	
<i>Organization ecclesial life</i>	20.3	5.5%	5	
<i>Historic patrimony</i>	17.4	4.7%	4	
<i>Academic institutions</i>	10.2	2.8%	2	
<i>Human development</i>	6.8	1.8%	2	
<i>Education, science &amp; culture</i>	4.2	1.1%	1	
<i>Life and family</i>	5.2	1.4%	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>370.4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>24%</b>

\* Pope Francis, through the dicasteries of the Holy See, made a donation of approximately **€ 32 million** (of which € 8 million was financed by Peter's Pence) for charitable works. This, combined with the **€ 13 million** earmarked for 236 supported projects, brings the total to **€ 45 million**.

***“The Church may become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world”.***

Pope Francis