



## ANNUAL DISCLOSURE 2024

### Peter's Pence

#### General overview

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

In 2024 Peter's Pence income totalled **€ 58 million**, while expenses borne by the Fund amounted to **€ 75.4 million**, as detailed below:

€ (000,000)	2024
<b>Income</b>	<b>58</b>
<i>Donations received</i>	54.3
<i>Financial &amp; other</i>	3.7
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>75.4</b>
<i>Contributions granted</i>	74.5
<i>Financial &amp; other</i>	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>- 17.4</b>

#### Donations received (€ 54.3 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 parishes 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 2024.

<i>€ (000,000)</i>	<b>2024</b>	
<b>Donor</b>		
<i>Dioceses</i>	31.8	59%
<i>Private donors</i>	8.9	16%
	<b>40.7</b>	<b>75%</b>
<i>Foundations</i>	12.2	22%
<i>Religious institutes</i>	1.4	3%
	<b>13.6</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

<i>€ (000,000)</i>	<b>2024</b>	
<b>Countries</b>		
<i>United States of America</i>	13.7	25.2%
<i>France</i>	8	15%
<i>Italy</i>	2.8	5.2%
<i>Brazil</i>	1.7	3%
<i>Germany</i>	1.5	2.8%
<i>Korea (Rep. of)</i>	1.4	2.6%
<i>Mexico</i>	1.1	2%
<i>Ireland</i>	0.9	1.7%
<i>Spain</i>	0.8	1.5%
<i>Colombia</i>	0.6	1%
<i>All others</i>	8.2	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>75%</b>

### **Contributions granted (€ 74.5 million)**

In 2024, the Peter's Pence Fund made contributions totalling **€ 74.5 million**, **€ 61.2 million** was allocated to support the activities of the Holy See in the service of the Holy Father's apostolic mission, while **€ 13.3 million** was directed towards projects providing direct assistance to those in need.

The contributions granted consist of: **€ 54.3 million** in offerings received, **€ 3.7 million** in financial income generated by the remuneration of assets, and **€ 16.5 million** from the Peter's Pence Fund patrimony.



The preceding remarks may be summarized as follows.

€ (000,000)	2024
<b>Destination</b>	<b>74.5</b>
Support to the apostolic mission	61.2
Projects of direct assistance	13.3
<b>Source</b>	<b>74.5</b>
Donations	54.3
Financial & other	3.7
Patrimony	16.5

**Direct assistance projects to those most in need (€ 13.3 million)**

The Holy Father is concerned to offer material assistance to developing countries and people affected by war, as well as to support, in various ways, the evangelizing presence of parishes, dioceses and religious institutes in situations of particular need.

In 2024, the Peter's Pence Fund financed projects for a total of € **13.3 million**. These are categorized into three distinct areas of activity, each pursuing specific objectives.

€ (000,000)	2024	
<b>Area of activity</b>		
Extension of the evangelizing presence	5.5	41%
Social projects	4.3	33%
Support the evangelizing presence	3.5	26%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.3</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
Senegal	construction of a missionary training, evangelization and animation center	93
Perù	construction of a parish church	91
Thailand	construction of a hostel for girls	85



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
Romania	construction building dedicated to the rehabilitation of disabled people	275
Syria	health care project for vulnerable families	92
Benin	construction of the headquarters of the “Catholic University of West Africa”	90

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
Cuba	repair of a monastery	92
Angola	renovation of a dormitory	92
India	construction of a nursing home	84

A total of 239 projects were financed in 66 countries. Their distribution by geographic area is summarized in the following table.

Continents	€ (000,000)		2024	
	Projects	%	€	%
Africa	64	27%	5.7	43%
Europe*	118	49%	3.3	25%
America	26	11%	1.9	14%
Asia	29	12%	2.3	17%
Oceania	2	1%	0.1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*In Europe, it is important to acknowledge that several scholarships were awarded to priests, seminarians, and religious individuals from Africa, Latin America, and Asia, enabling them to pursue their studies at pontifical universities. Additionally, humanitarian aid was provided to support the Ukrainian population.

### **Support to the Holy Father’s apostolic mission (€ 61.2 million)**

*Peter’s Pence supports the Holy Father’s universal mission, sustained through the service activities conducted by the dicasteries, entities, and bodies of the Holy See.*

For illustrative purposes only, the dicasteries and bodies of the Holy See can be grouped into three main areas; i) *Support for the Holy Father’s apostolic mission;* ii) *Services and administration;* iii) *Entities managing the patrimony.*



In 2024, expenses within the first area, dedicated to supporting the Holy Father's mission, totaled **€ 367.4 million**. The Peter's Pence Fund covered approximately **€ 61.2 million** (17%) of this amount.

The table below summarizes the activities that define the Holy Father's apostolic mission.

€ (000,000)

Support for the Holy Father's apostolic mission	Total expenses		Peter's Pence contribution	
	€	%	€	%
<i>Support local Churches in difficulty and specific contexts of evangelization</i>	146.4	39.8%	24.4	
<i>Message diffusion</i>	45.5	12.4%	7.6	
<i>Apostolic nunciatures</i>	38.8	10.6%	6.5	
<i>Charity service*</i>	37.3	10.2%	6.2	
<i>Cult and evangelization</i>	30.9	8.4%	5.1	
<i>Organization ecclesial life</i>	21.1	5.8%	3.5	
<i>Historic patrimony</i>	19.6	5.3%	3.2	
<i>Academic institutions</i>	11.2	3%	1.9	
<i>Human development</i>	7.8	2.1%	1.3	
<i>Life and family</i>	4.5	1.2%	0.8	
<i>Education, science &amp; culture</i>	4.3	1.2%	0.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>367.4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>17%</b>

\*The Holy Father, through the dicasteries of the Holy See, donated **€ 37.3 million** (of which € 6.2 million was financed by Peter's Pence) for charitable works. This amount, together with the **€ 13.3 million** allocated for the previously referenced projects, results in a total of **€ 50.6 million**.

*To all of you, **brothers and sisters** ... throughout the world: we want to be a synodal Church, a **Church** that **moves forward**, a Church that always seeks **peace**, that always seeks **charity**, that always seeks to be **close above all to those who are suffering**.*

Pope Leo XIV, *First Blessing*, 8 May 2025