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Dear Friends in the Lord:

Sadly, each year brings tragedies to different corners of the globe. All too often, local authorities alone are unable to address the immense property and natural resource damages, not to mention the tremendous personal pain and suffering caused by these occurrences.

The Holy Father, when he travels abroad and when he is at home in the Vatican, daily receives countless appeals for assistance from nations and people in dire need of the essentials of life – food, clothing, and shelter. The annual *Peter's Pence Appeal*, a collection taken up in parishes throughout the world, is the principal means by which the Holy Father is able to care for our hurting brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our participation in this appeal enables us here in the Archdiocese to demonstrate our fidelity to the Holy Father, as well as to express our solidarity with those less fortunate than ourselves.

Please, therefore, be as generous as you can possibly be in your offering to this year's *Peter's Pence Appeal*, which is scheduled for the weekend of February 11th and February 12th. In doing so, you will be collaborating with the Holy Father in the crucially important work of the Lord – caring for others.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,  
+*Cardinal-designate Timothy M. Dolan*  
Archbishop of New York