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Press Release of the Secretariat of State: Peter's Pence is now on social network sites Twitter and Instagram

The aim is to go out to those who want to help the most needy and to make them aware of the charitable works being carried out through the solidarity of the faithful across the world, including men and women religious, lay faithful, societies, institutions and foundations, together with the offices closely assisting the Holy Father in the exercise of his mission.

After the launch last November of the new website <u>www.obolodisanpietro.va</u>, the longstanding charitable Office will now be on social networks.

The **Twitter** and **Instagram** accounts of Peter's Pence have been active since 1 March last, with the goal of communicating directly, accurately and transparently with Catholics throughout the world and with all people who want to help those most in need.

Peter's Pence can be found on Twitter in Italian, English and Spanish, whereas there is one Instagram account.

The Messages of Pope Francis found on the Peter's Pence website are being published daily on **Twitter** and **Instagram**, together with photos, reflections and further information on the charitable works of the Holy See carried out through this historic initiative of Christian charity.

As was tweeted in one of the inaugural tweets: "Mercy is about moving together, it is about meeting the needs of the needy". It is in this spirit that Peter's Pence has committed itself to sustain small and large projects throughout the world, such as the creation of a paediatric hospital in Bangui in the Central African Republic, the collection taken up to alleviate the suffering of the Ukrainian people, and support for the first Catholic University on Jordanian soil.

An initiative of the Holy See and the result of close collaboration between the Secretariat of State, the Secretariat for Communication and the Governorate of Vatican City, the three Twitter accounts – "Obolo di San Pietro: @obolus_it"; "Obolo de San Pedro: @obolus_es"; "Peter's Pence: @obolus_en" – and the Instagram account "Obolus: obolus_va" can now be followed by Catholics throughout the world who are inspired by a