

THE
BISHOP'S PENCE



WHAT IT IS
AND
WHAT IT DOES

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WE send you with our greetings, this small container,—this can, inscribed with a prayer of blessing and a thanksgiving. The inspiring call of our Bishop is that we shall place this on our table at each meal as a summons to repeat these prayers and, each of us, to deposit in this can ONE PENNY in token of our sincerity. This, our smallest coin, is not a substitute for pledges or other gifts; it is not a tax, but is to be a joyful thank offering to the Giver of all good gifts.

CAREFULLY considered, in conferences with the Clergy, the Diocesan Council, the Finance Department, and other groups, and cordially endorsed by all of them, the plan of The Bishop's Pence has been formally organized, and, Pence-men have been appointed in Parishes and Missions to provide for local collections and accounting.

ONE-HALF of all the net receipts will go to our own Parishes and Missions and one-half to the Bishop for his Diocesan work.

RECTORS, Vestries and Committeemen have heavy burdens to bear; the Bishop's Pence will be auxiliary to pledges and other collections, which make it possible for them to carry on. The Bishop, too, has grave and difficult financial problems to meet as "Corporation Sole." Both are carrying burdens of obligations unavoidably brought over from former years and occasioned by present conditions.

A DEVELOPING Diocesan expression of devout and dedicated family life in this giving thanks, and one penny at each family meal, will relieve this situation.

ONE CENT! It isn't much, is it? Yet if the twenty thousand families to whom we send this little can, will use it, place it on the table, give their thanks and their pennies, we should have more than \$400,000 every year for this equal division. And this is assuming only two members per family. Every family may not be able to do this; to many it will be a real sacrifice, but hundreds—yes, we dare to think many thousands, will respond to our Bishop's call and the plan will gather strength and become increasingly a factor in developing the family life and service of our church.



WE ASK you to take this Pence can, bearing your number and that of your parish, and dedicate it today to its hallowed use. Take it to church on Pence Sunday—the last Sunday in each alternate month: January, March, May, July, September, and November—or whenever the can is filled. Get the special receipt of your Pence-man and a new can; or arrange for such other collections as your Rector or Pence-man may provide.

THE COSTS of cans, listing, mailing and setting up the plan, have been kept at the lowest possible point and will substantially decrease as the plan develops.

OUTSTANDING—before all else, is the suggestion that we give thanks and ask God's blessing even if pennies be scarce. This daily practice will do much to keep in mind our Church. Let this small can have regular place upon your table as a reminder of these privileges.

WE ADOPT the word "can" for our container as a word triumphant, indicative of our purpose, believing that in this, our Diocese of Chicago, WE CAN and WE WILL do our best and participate in this enterprise. Its success will be measured by the extent of your cooperation. In full confidence of its worth, and commending it to you, we ask that you join with us and humbly pray God's blessing upon The Bishop's Pence.

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THE BISHOP'S PENCE » » »

☞ Lends a spiritual note to your daily home life.



☞ Offers a possible solution to your parish financial problems.



☞ Helps enlarge the whole missionary program of your Diocese.



☞ Is entirely a voluntary free-will thank offering—separate and distinct from your regular pledge.



☞ Is not a financial campaign, but is a permanent Diocesan-wide program to increase the practice of thanksgiving and to furnish a unified and efficient financial burden-lifter for Diocese, Parish and Mission alike.



If your can is full before the regular Pence Sunday . . . don't wait . . . notify your Penceman . . . He will call to empty it and give you a new can.