

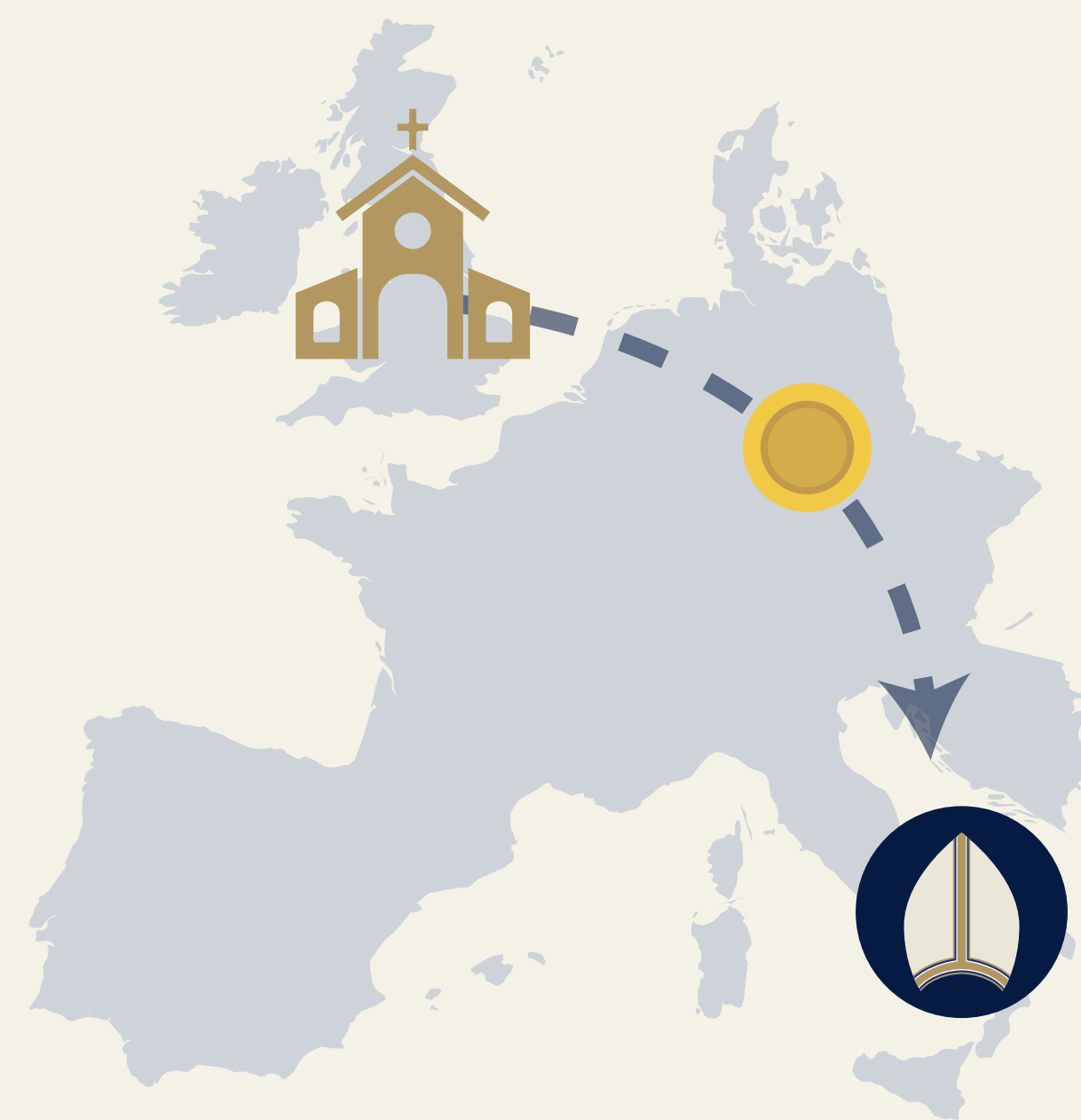
PETER'S PENCE

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The History

Peter's Pence is a tradition over a millennium old in which Catholics worldwide make an annual offering to the Pope supporting his ministry leading the Catholic Church.

The practice originated in the 7th and 8th centuries when Catholic Anglo-Saxons in England gave offerings to the Pope as acts of religious devotion and unity.



The Modern Practice

1 Local priests invite their parishioners to join in the worldwide tradition, and then collect and send offerings to the Pope.

2 The offerings support the Pope's charitable works in advancing the Church's mission of evangelization and service to the needy.

