

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

“AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID
FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS
OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.” (MT 25:40)



DEAR FATHER,

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) funds six different Catholic agencies that serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. These agencies provide a broad range of services, including advocating for immigrants, providing humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, resettling displaced individuals, and working for increased peace in our world. This work seeks to **help Jesus in disguise**.

In the developing world, it is often hard for families to support themselves and their children. Sophie, a widow working in a village in Burkina Faso, was struggling to feed her family and pay for schooling for her children. Thanks to the help of Catholic Relief Services, one of the CRSC-supported organizations, her village was able to set up a Savings and Internal Lending Community (SILC). Through the SILC, members contribute what they can afford, allowing them to pool their resources and save collectively. Members can then borrow to meet pressing needs or develop business opportunities. Through the SILC, Sophie was able to take out a \$200 loan to cover startup costs for her own canteen, a sum that would be nearly impossible for her to save. Her canteen has been very successful and began to pay off in only six months. Her community has benefited too, as she has been able to hire three assistants to work with her. Without the SILC and the work of CRS, it would have been nearly impossible for her, and others like her, to create a sustainable life for her and her family.

We need your help to continue the work of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. **The most effective way you can support the collection is to announce it during Mass.** This guide includes bulletin announcements and simple steps to promote the collection. If you need additional materials or have questions, please contact the promotions director, Bevin Kennedy, at 202-541-3346 or ncpromo@usccb.org.

Thank you for helping **Jesus in disguise**.

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ *Thomas J. Rodi*

Most Rev. Thomas J. Rodi
Archbishop of Mobile
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PARISH APPEAL

ENGLISH

The Catholic Relief Services Collection works at home and abroad to give aid to struggling, poor, and underrepresented families. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide humanitarian aid, pastoral support, and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. This collection offers an opportunity for each of us to **help Jesus in disguise**. Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

SPANISH

*The Catholic Relief Services Collection trabaja en casa y en el extranjero ayudando a las familias pobres que cuentan con poca representación y que luchan por salir adelante. Las seis organizaciones mundiales apoyadas por la colecta proporcionan ayuda humanitaria, apoyo pastoral y socorro en caso de desastres a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren alrededor del mundo. Esta colecta nos ofrece una oportunidad a cada uno de nosotros para ayudar a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Por favor, da con generosidad en *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*.*

SIMPLE STEPS

Please use these simple steps to promote The Catholic Relief Services Collection. **How will you help Jesus in disguise?**

- 1** Use the parish appeal language, bulletin announcements, and poster.
- 2** **Distribute** the bulletin inserts to parishioners the week before or the week of the collection.
- 3** **Preach** about the great need of marginalized and impoverished communities of the world. Express concern for the poor, refugees, and the exploited. Explain Catholic social teaching and our moral obligation to help.
- 4** **Announce** the collection to your parish, so parishioners know what it is, where their money goes, and when to expect the collection. The most important thing you can do to promote this appeal is to mention it during Mass.
- 5** **Pray** for those affected by war, diseases, drought, displacement, and exploitation.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGLISH

Week Before the Collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise**.

Week of the Collection

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting today's collection, you **help Jesus in disguise**. Please be generous.

Week After the Collection

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Through your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief to learn how your donations make a difference and **help Jesus in disguise**.

ANUNCIOS PARA EL BOLETÍN

SPANISH

La semana antes de la colecta

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. Esta colecta da fondos a seis agencias católicas que tocan la vida de más de 100 millones de personas en el mundo. Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan a proporcionar alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y el respeto y el amor de Cristo a todas las personas. Por favor, contribuye generosamente a *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* de la próxima semana y ayuda a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¡le ayudarás!**

La semana de la colecta

"Yo les aseguro que, cuando lo hicieron con el más insignificante de mis hermanos, conmigo lo hicieron" (Mt 25:40). Hoy se nos recuerda que Jesús se identificó con los más pobres de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* sirve a Jesús en las víctimas del tráfico humano, en los que sufren por leyes injustas y en los que necesitan cuidado pastoral y asistencia humanitaria en todo el mundo. Al apoyar a la colecta de hoy, estarás ayudando a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¡le ayudarás!** Por favor, sé generoso.

La semana después de la colecta

Muchas gracias por tu generoso apoyo a *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. Mediante tu generosidad, se podrá reunificar a familias, enseñar habilidades valiosas a los que buscan una vida mejor y responder a las necesidades humanitarias vitales de muchas personas. Por favor, visita www.usccb.org/catholic-relief para informarte sobre la manera en que tus donativos hacen la diferencia y ayudes a **Jesús con otro rostro**.





WITH YOUR DONATIONS

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Bolivia and Ethiopia . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and abandoned . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

CON TUS DONATIVOS

Alimenta el hambre de Jesús en los refugiados que sufren . . . a través del **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Dale agua a Jesús para calmar su sed en los pueblos de Bolivia y Etiopía . . . a través de la labor humanitaria de **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Ofrécele asistencia legal a Jesús en los inmigrantes que sufren por salir adelante . . . a través del **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Acércate para consolar la soledad de Jesús en los trabajadores que se sienten aislados . . . a través de la labor pastoral del **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

Aboga a favor de Jesús en los pobres y los abandonados . . . a través de la labor que hace en las políticas públicas el **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Envíale ayuda a Jesús en las víctimas de desastres naturales . . . a través del **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.



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