

HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

“BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK.”
—REV 3:20

Dear Diocesan Director/Coordinator,

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) is an opportunity for those in your diocese to help the marginalized and suffering in our world. By encouraging your parishes to support this collection, you are answering the knock of **Jesus in disguise**. The CRSC supports six Catholic agencies as they provide humanitarian aid, legal services, and advocate for peace and justice, serving some of the most vulnerable populations at home and abroad.

Migrant farmworkers often face dangerous working conditions, deportation, and abuse by their bosses. These workers often would rather be home but come to the United States in the hope of earning money to support their loved ones. In Birmingham, Alabama, the Guatemalan Mayan migrant community often feels increased isolation because of a language barrier, since they often do not speak Spanish like other migrant workers. Your support of the CRSC is bringing staff and bishops to these communities to pray and discuss ways to advocate for their rights. Gifts to this collection are connecting these communities to the faith and welcoming them into the life of the Church.

The national date for the CRSC is **March 25-26**, and we appreciate your help in encouraging your parishes to participate. Resources for the collection can be found online at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection. Bulletin announcements, parish appeals, web banners, and more are available for download and use. A social media tool kit is also available with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram posts and photos to download and use.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at bkennedy@usccb.org. On behalf of the national collections staff and all who benefit from this collection, I thank you for your continued support.

Gratefully in Christ,



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