

HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE

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

Dear Editor/ Communications Director,

Soon your diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). The needs of our world are great; we need not look far to see the suffering Christ around the globe. He bears the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized. Your promotion of this collection in your diocese helps support six Catholic organizations to answer the gospel call to serve Christ in our midst.

For example, in El Cajon, California, a parish composed mostly of refugees and asylees gathers each week to celebrate Mass in the Syriac rite. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is part of the Syriac Catholic Diocese of Our Lady of Deliverance and is the center of the community for its members, most of whom fled from Iraq. The pain of their past runs deeply through the hearts of these parishioners and healing can be difficult. One man was forced to flee his country to escape the violence that killed his daughter. Tears ran down his face as he listened to the gospel message of forgiving our enemies. With your support to the CRSC, you help provides pastoral care to refugees and people on the move. You help bring the Gospel to migrants, refugees, and travelers, who need to hear its message of comfort and hope.

We appreciate your help in promoting this collection. Promotional materials, including prayer cards, web banners, and a social media tool kit, are available online at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection. Use your publication(s), website, social media channels, and any other outlets to tell the story of these refugees and all those who benefit from the collection.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or ngermain@usccb.org. Thank you for your continued support.

With gratitude,



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