



## The Catholic Relief Services Collection

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# *How will you help* **JESUS** *in disguise?*

**Dear Diocesan Director,**

The Catholic Relief Services Collection prioritizes families, values their fundamental role in society, and strives to protect them. The Collection funds six Catholic agencies that protect families by providing basic humanitarian aid and life-skills training to those in need, protecting poor families all over the world, advocating for policies that strengthen families abroad, and resettling and welcoming refugees forced from their homes.

Recently, Collection funds helped Siphoncube, a widow and mother of three from Zimbabwe. Siphoncube was selected by Catholic Relief Services and the Organization for Rural Associations for Progress to receive assistance from a small livestock pilot project. The initiative helps extremely poor families lift themselves out of poverty by giving them goats, pigs, and poultry to build household wealth. Project staff showed Siphoncube how to properly care for, house, and breed her animals, which allowed her to sell the offspring and feed her family during hardships and food shortages.

*How will you help?* You can make this Collection more successful by encouraging your parishes to use the posters, fliers, and bulletin announcements provided. Additional materials, such as clip art and web banners, are available at [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections). The national date for The Catholic Relief Services Collection is approaching, taking place in most parishes the weekend of March 17-18 (your [arch]diocese may schedule it at a different time).

For more information please contact me at 202-541-3365 or [mcampbell@usccb.org](mailto:mcampbell@usccb.org). We truly appreciate your support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

With gratitude,

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