

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, and I'd like to share with you a story of how your support makes a difference. Sofia* is a loving and devoted mother. Sofia was born in El Salvador to abusive parents and was constantly made to feel inferior by those around her. Throughout her life, she suffered at the hands of many who were meant to protect her. And then Sofia had a daughter, Lucia.* But when Lucia's life was threatened, Sofia knew she had to do something.

Sofia and Lucia came to the United States seeking asylum. They spent six months in three different detention centers without access to adequate food and health care. On top of that, a disbarred lawyer saw Sofia as an easy target and scammed her. Despite everything, Sofia did not give up. But she needed help.

Your support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection gave Sofia access to pro bono legal help to keep her and Lucia safe. Nearly everyone in her life had given up on her, but you did not. With your help, Sofia and Lucia were granted humanitarian asylum. Now they both live in peace and security, free from persecution and fear. Immigrants like Sofia and Lucia need your support so they can live in safety.

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, or any other outlets to tell this story and the story of all those who benefit from the collection.

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

Gratefully in Christ,



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