

HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

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

Dear Diocesan Director/Coordinator,

For a mother, father, and two sons in Belmont, MA, safety is a brand-new feeling made possible with your diocese’s support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This family fled Iraq as refugees because they feared persecution. They waited for two years in Indonesia in a resettlement camp while they underwent the extensive interview, screening, and security clearance process. They came to the United States to find safety, but first, they needed to navigate the complex process of resettlement.

With your support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection, volunteers have welcomed this family and provided comfort and hospitality. Twelve people from local churches came to the airport with signs and a warm welcome, and dozens more donated household items and furniture. A landlord reduced the rent for the family during their transition, and a group of military service members and veterans transported all the donated furniture. Refugees like these need our ongoing support to learn English, find employment, and create new homes.

We are here to support your efforts to promote this collection. Bulletin announcements, parish appeals, web banners, and more are available for your use at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection. There you can also find a social media tool kit with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram posts and photos to use. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at ngermain@usccb.org. On behalf of the National Collections staff and all who benefit from this collection, thank you.

Gratefully in Christ,



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