

# HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

“AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID  
FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS  
OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.” (MT 25:40)

Dear Diocesan Director/Coordinator,

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) funds six different Catholic agencies that serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. These agencies provide a broad range of services, including advocating for immigrants, providing humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, resettling displaced individuals, and working for increased peace in our world. This work seeks to **help Jesus in disguise**.

For the past 12 years, the Asian and Pacific Catholic Network, with the support of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church and Asian and Pacific Island Affairs, has invited Asian and Pacific Island Catholics to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, for a pilgrimage. This pilgrimage affords attendees an opportunity to celebrate the various Marian devotions honored in Asia and the Pacific Islands and celebrate their cultures. Through funds from the CRSC, this event brings together almost 30 organizations and communities and is attended by several hundred Asian and Pacific Islander Catholics.

For those who traveled for this event, it became an opportunity to participate in prayer with one another in their home language. The day began with confession, and for many, this was the only opportunity for them to participate in the sacrament in their native tongue. The day continued with prayer and processions of the various communities with images of Mary, and each congregation then had the opportunity to pray the Rosary with a decade prayed in Vietnamese, Chinese, Malayalam, and Korean. The pilgrimage culminated with Mass celebrated by Bishop Martin Holley of the Archdiocese of Washington and with plans to continue this opportunity for cultural celebration and prayer.

We need your help to continue programs like this that serve our brothers and sisters of all cultures and backgrounds. In most parishes, The Catholic Relief Services Collection will take place **the weekend of March 5-6**. You can make this collection more successful by encouraging your parishes to use the posters, fliers, and bulletin announcements you ordered for them. Additional materials, such as ads and web banners, are available at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief) under the “Collection Resources” tab on the left.

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

With gratitude,



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