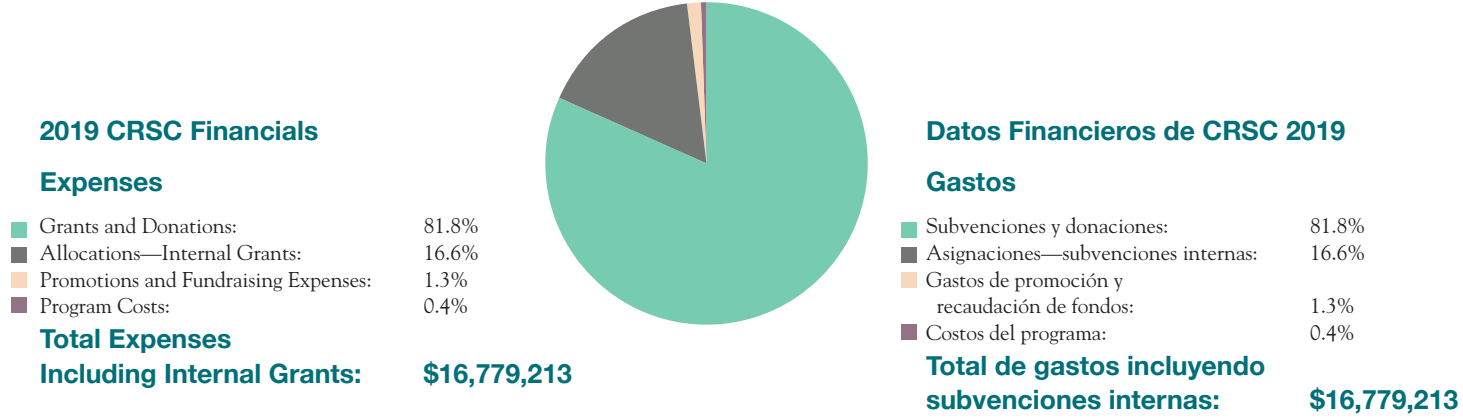


SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



HELP
Jesus
IN DISGUISE



DEAR FATHER,

This year’s Catholic Relief Services Collection provides your parishioners an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable people around the world and right here at home. The collection supports organizations that provide housing for victims of natural disasters, educational opportunities for refugees displaced by war, ministries to maritime workers who have unique pastoral needs, and legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers.

Asylum seekers coming to the United States by way of the southern border with Mexico face grave difficulties. Not only do they experience the difficulty of leaving home due to persecution, but they also make arduous journeys through unfamiliar countries where they are vulnerable to assault and exploitation by bandits and local government officials. The journey does not end once they reach the United States, as some asylum seekers are returned while their requests are adjudicated.

For one father fleeing Venezuela due to political persecution along with his son and daughter, this northward migration involved being harassed and targeted in Panama. Local residents in Panama even beat the son, while local officials denied the family basic education and health care. As they continued through Central America and Mexico, they were mistreated in Mexico by officials who retained their passports and by assailants who beat and attempted to kidnap the father and son, while the teenaged daughter endured an attempted sexual assault. Upon reaching the United States, they were returned to a shelter in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Asylum seekers such as this family have hope, though, thanks to the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), a legal advocacy organization specializing in informing immigrants and asylum seekers of their rights and referring them to attorneys to handle their cases. With funding from The Catholic Relief Services Collection, CLINIC puts Gospel teaching about welcoming the stranger and defending human dignity into action. When your parishioners contribute to the collection, they support those values and help protect vulnerable children and families who seek better lives.

Four effective ways you can support The Catholic Relief Services Collection are to mention it at Mass, tell this story, use the parish appeal or bulletin announcements inside, and use the additional resources, including web ads and a social media tool kit, available at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection. If you have questions or need additional materials, please contact Nicole Germain, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3365 or ngerman@usccb.org.

Thank you for helping **Jesus in disguise**. We could not do this without you.

In the Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne
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PARISH APPEAL

Today we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection gives aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies help Jesus in the guise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection today.

LLAMADO A LA PARROQUIA

Hoy realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Su apoyo a esta colecta brinda asistencia a las víctimas de persecución y de desastres naturales, proporciona servicios legales a inmigrantes pobres y aboga por los indefensos. Mediante su generosidad, seis agencias católicas ayudan a Jesús en el rostro del refugiado vulnerable, la familia inmigrante y el pobre y marginado. Por favor, en oración, consideren contribuir hoy a The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

YOUR DONATIONS HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS . . . IN THE UNITED STATES

Feed Jesus’ hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services** (MRS).

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.** (CLINIC).

Reach out to comfort Jesus’ loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

AND AROUND THE WORLD

Give water to quench Jesus’ thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services** (CRS).

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father’s Relief Fund**.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ENGLISH

Week Before the Collection
Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help **Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Week of the Collection
This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Week After the Collection
Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

ANUNCIOS PARA EL BOLETÍN SPANISH

Semana antes de la colecta
La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimentos al hambriento, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y traen el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todos los pueblos aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta ya que es **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudará?** Más información sobre la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Semana de la colecta
Esta semana realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection a fin de ayudar a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudará?** Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a brindar alivio y apoyo a las comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y trabajar por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados, aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a esta colecta. Más información sobre esta colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Semana después de la colecta
Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo a The Catholic Relief Services Collection y por ayudar a **Jesús con otro rostro**. Sus contribuciones hacen una diferencia para el pobre y el marginado alrededor del mundo. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, todavía lo pueden hacer! Solo visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections para obtener más información sobre cómo hacer su contribución.

SIMPLE STEPS

Use these simple steps to promote The Catholic Relief Services Collection. **How will you help Jesus in disguise?**

- 1

Announce the collection in your parish, using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided, so your parishioners know what the CRSC is, when to expect it, and why they should support it. **This is the best way to ensure the success of the collection.**
- 2

Preach about the challenges facing our world and about our call to stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalized here in the United States and around the world.

- 3

Pray for the suffering and marginalized around the world using the printed prayer card that you can request. A digital version is also available for download to share with parishioners at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection.