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SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



DEAR FATHER,

Your diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection soon. When your parishioners participate in the collection, they support organizations that provide housing for victims of natural disasters, educational opportunities for refugees displaced by war, pastoral ministries to travelers and migrants who lack consistent access to the sacramental life of a parish community, and legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers needing help to understand and comply with complex immigration laws.

Fr. Jose Ruiz, known as Fr. Pepe, is a priest in the Jesuit order’s USA Central and Southern Province. He is originally from Ciudad Juárez, across the United States–Mexico border from El Paso, Texas, but he answered the call to priestly ministry in the United States to serve the Latino community in its own language. While he was in priestly formation, he changed his visa status from an F-1 student visa to an R-1 religious worker visa with help from the Catholic Legal Immigration Network’s (CLINIC) Religious Immigration Services. The expertise provided by CLINIC’s immigration attorney freed Fr. Pepe to focus on his discernment and formation, rather than on the navigation of U.S. immigration law.

In June 2019, Fr. Pepe took his oath as a naturalized United States citizen and celebrated his fourth anniversary as a priest. First as a religious worker on a visa, and now as a U.S. citizen, Fr. Pepe is living his vocation by ministering to Latino communities in their own language. “It is a great gift to be able to listen to people in a way that makes them feel understood,” he says.

By supporting The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you help fund CLINIC’s work of providing expert immigration legal services to religious workers like Fr. Pepe, which helps them to live their vocations of dedicated service more fully.

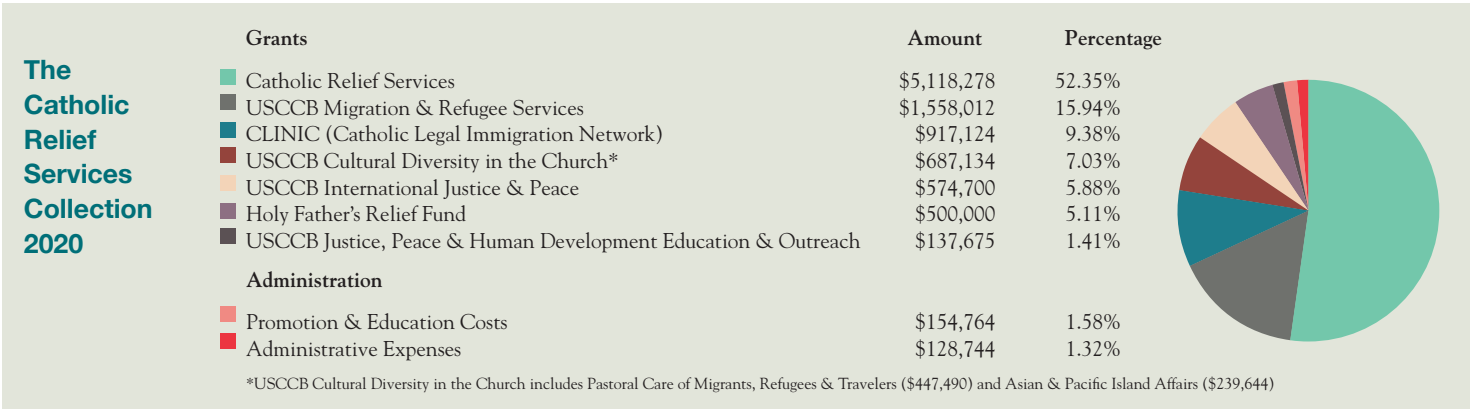
Four practical ways you can support The Catholic Relief Services Collection are to mention it at Mass, tell this story, use the parish appeal or bulletin announcements inside, and use the additional resources, including web ads and a social media tool kit, available at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection.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

Thank you for **revealing Christ’s love to people living on the margins of society**. We could not do this without you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+James S. Wall

Most Reverend James S. Wall
Bishop of Gallup
Chairman, USCCB Committee on National Collections



2022 COLLECTION INFORMATION INSIDE

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 reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are 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. El apoyo de ustedes a esta colecta ayuda a las víctimas de persecución y de desastres naturales, proporciona servicios legales a inmigrantes pobres y aboga por los indefensos. Gracias a su generosidad, seis agencias católicas revelan el amor de Cristo al refugiado vulnerable, a la familia inmigrante y a los pobres y marginados. 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 **reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need. 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 **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. 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 **revealing Christ's love** to those who are 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.

SIMPLE STEPS

Use these simple steps to promote The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). **How will you reveal Christ's love?**

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.

ANUNCIOS PARA EL BOLETÍN SPANISH

Semana antes de la colecta

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia llevará a cabo The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimento al hambriento, ayuda a los refugiados desplazados y llevan el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a los pueblos vulnerables aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor, contribuyan generosamente a la colecta y **revelen el amor de Cristo** a los más necesitados. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Semana de la colecta

Esta semana llevaremos a cabo The Catholic Relief Services Collection para **revelar el amor de Cristo** a nuestras hermanas y hermanos más necesitados. Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a proporcionar asistencia y apoyo a comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y a 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 dar su apoyo a la colecta. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Semana después de la colecta

Muchas gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a The Catholic Relief Services Collection y por **revelar el amor de Cristo** a los pobres y marginados alrededor del mundo. ¡Si no alcanzaron a dar en la colecta, todavía lo pueden hacer! Solo tienen que visitar www.usccb.org/nationalcollections para obtener más información sobre cómo hacer su donativo.

Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief and select "Parish Resource Guide" under "Collection Resources" for electronic version of text that can be copied into your parish bulletin.

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.