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2024 COLLECTION INFORMATION INSIDE

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



DEAR FATHER,

Your diocese will soon take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. When your parishioners participate in the collection, they support grants to organizations that not only aid people with urgent needs, such as victims of wars and disasters, but also help solve long-term challenges like environmental destruction.

Climate change, pollution, soil depletion, and drought impact our environment, with devastating consequences for the people living in places affected by these conditions. For this reason, the Catholic Church teaches that environmental responsibility and care for the poor are closely linked.

Informed by these teachings as the official overseas relief agency of the bishops of the United States, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is making a difference in the lives of Kenyan families affected by an acute regional water crisis. By rehabilitating water systems, building water access points, and delivering feed supplements for livestock affected by lack of water and pasture, CRS is helping Kenyans in severe need. More than 1.2 million people have benefited from this life-giving program of water resource repair and healthy rangeland management.

Elsewhere, CRS is helping families in Zambia improve nutrition outcomes through its Food and Nutrition Security Enhanced Resilience (FANSER) project. Zambian parents are trained in the FANSER program to learn how food hygiene and gardening skills will help them grow nutrient-rich foods year-round and lower the risk of food-borne diseases. Through the efforts of CRS-trained FANSER participants, minimum dietary diversity—defined as access to five out of eight

food groups—has improved from 56.8% to 66.5% for women, and from 34% to 64% for children between the ages of 6 months and 23 months.

Your support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection makes lifesaving, positive impacts in the lives of people affected by environmental catastrophe and poverty in Africa and throughout the world every day.

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 Margaret Hren, assistant director for promotions, at 202-541-3365 or mhren@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James S. Wall".

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

PARISH APPEAL

Today we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids 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 los inmigrantes de bajos recursos y aboga por las personas indefensas. Gracias a su generosidad, seis agencias **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 Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

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

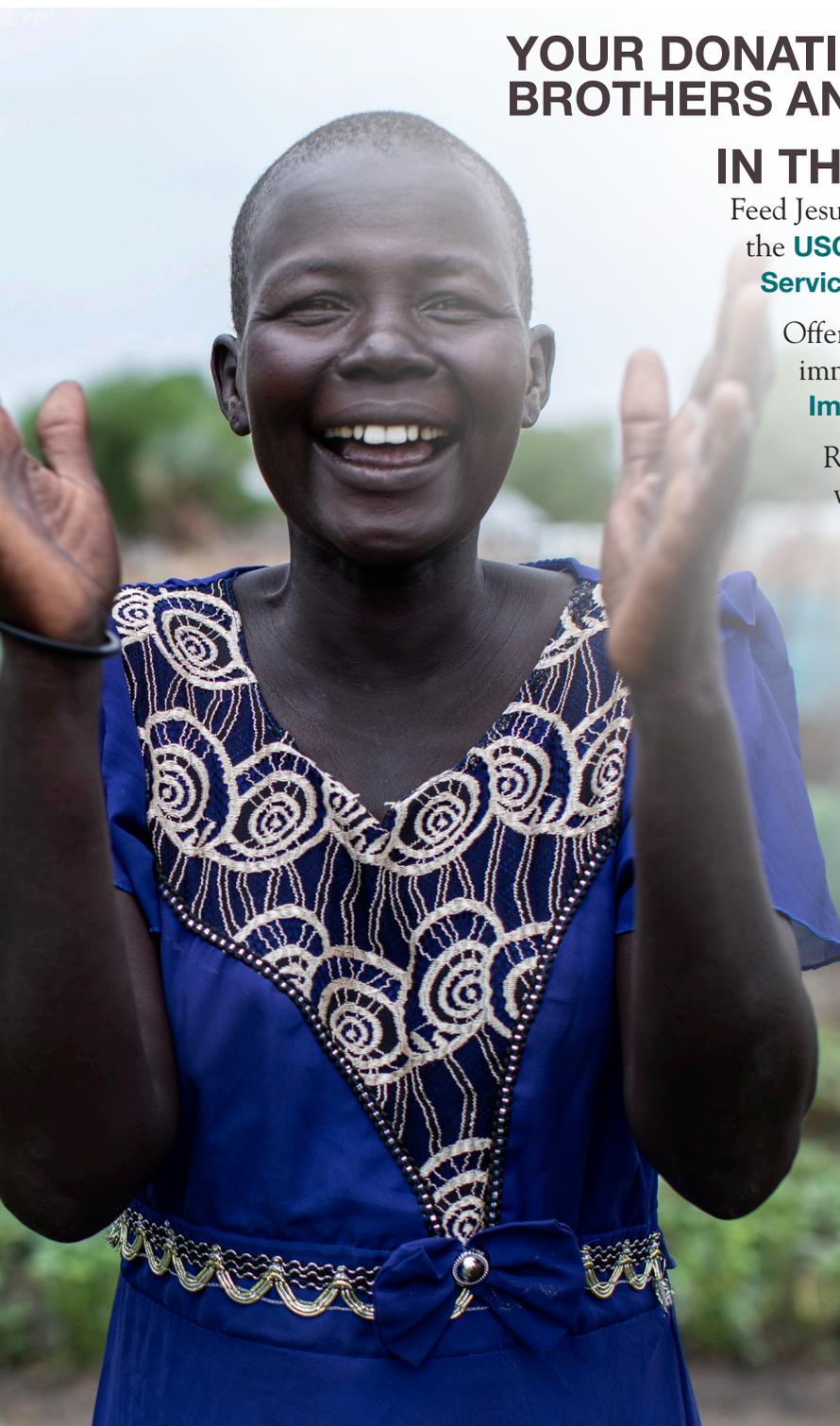
Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

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 makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both 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. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

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 globe.

ANUNCIOS PARA EL BOLETÍN

SPANISH

Semana antes de la colecta

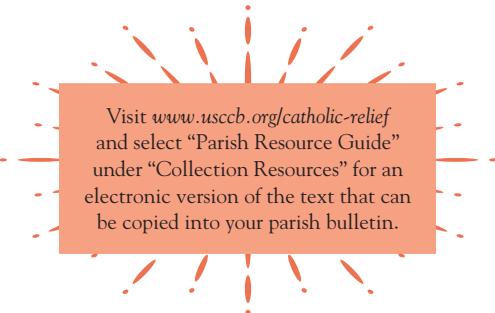
La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizará The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan alimento al hambriento, ayuda a los refugiados desplazados y llevan el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a los pueblos vulnerables, aquí y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, 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 realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection para **revelar el amor de Cristo** a nuestras hermanas y hermanos más necesitados. Esta colecta brinda subvenciones a seis agencias católicas, proporciona asistencia y apoyo a comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y trabaja 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 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 visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections para obtener más información. #iGiveCatholicTogether también acepta donativos para esta colecta (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).



Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief and select "Parish Resource Guide" under "Collection Resources" for an electronic version of the 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 you to download and share with parishioners at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection.