

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



DEAR PASTOR/PARISH ADMINISTRATOR,

Human trafficking is the exploitation of a person through forced labor, domestic servitude, or commercial sex. It affects women, children, and men of all ages everywhere in the world, including in the United States. Although some victims of human trafficking are also smuggled across national borders, human trafficking involves anyone who is compelled by force, fraud, or coercion to provide work or service, regardless of nationality or citizenship or geographic location.

Poverty, isolation from the support of family and friends, and cultural or language barriers are among the factors that place people at risk of trafficking. Native Americans are particularly vulnerable to trafficking and violence, as many live in poverty away from reservations or tribal lands. Meanwhile, many reservations cover vast rural territories and have few law enforcement resources to aid victims of trafficking and bring perpetrators to justice.

In light of these challenges, successful antitrafficking efforts must involve communities that can recognize the signs of trafficking and provide direct assistance to victims. School teachers, parish staff and clergy, and health care providers at community clinics—with training to recognize the signs of human trafficking in their own communities—can be effective in combatting the exploitation of those they serve.

With funds received through The Catholic Relief Services Collection, the office of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a pilot program to combat human trafficking among indigenous Hawaiians in the Diocese of Honolulu and on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York. Working with local

partners, MRS staff assessed the challenges facing those communities, trained local leaders to recognize the signs of human trafficking, and helped leaders establish networks to respond to the needs of victims.

Your support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection empowers and brings healing to communities affected by poverty and injustice.

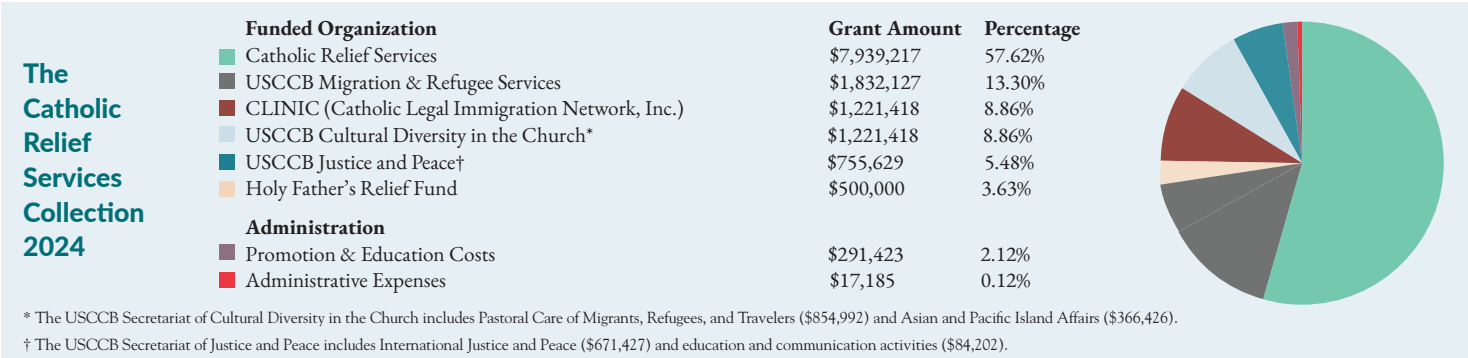
Four practical ways you can support The Catholic Relief Services Collection are to mention it at Mass, tell this story, use the parish appeal or bulletin announcements found inside, and use the additional resources, including web ads and a social media tool kit, available at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection.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

Thank you for **revealing Christ’s love** to people living on the margins of society. We could not do this without you. With every best wish and my assurance of prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+ *Daniel Mueggenborg*

Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg
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 THROUGH GRANTS TO THESE AGENCIES . . .

IN THE UNITED STATES

Reveal Christ’s love by welcoming suffering refugees . . . through **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services** (MRS).

Reveal Christ’s love through legal aid to struggling immigrants . . . through **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.** (CLINIC).

Reveal Christ’s love in ministry to people on the margins . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

AND AROUND THE WORLD

Reveal Christ’s love to hungry mothers and children in Nepal and elsewhere . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services** (CRS), the official overseas relief agency of the bishops of the United States.

Reveal Christ’s love by working for peace . . . through the public policy and education and communication work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace**.

Reveal Christ’s love to 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. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).

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. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).

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. iGiveCatholic also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online (see QR code).



SIMPLE STEPS

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

- 1 Announce** The Catholic Relief Services Collection in your parish, using the bulletin announcements and parish appeal provided here, so your parishioners know what it 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, both 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. iGiveCatholic también acepta donativos para esta colecta en el caso que prefieran donar en línea , vean el código QR.

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. iGiveCatholic también acepta donativos para esta colecta en el caso que prefieran donar en línea , vean el código QR.

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. iGiveCatholic también acepta donativos para esta colecta en el caso que prefieran donar en línea , vean el código QR.

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 prayer card that you can request in print format. A digital version is also available for you to download and share with parishioners at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection.