

# SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

## HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.”*

—REV 3:20



**DEAR FATHER,**

Christ is standing at the door of our hearts, knocking, seeking relief from the pain and suffering found around world. He comes to us bearing the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized, and our faith calls us to respond. The support of your parish to The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) answers this call and comforts Christ, whom we find in the suffering brothers and sisters in our midst.

The civil war in Syria has killed more than 400,000 people and forced 4.8 million others to find refuge in neighboring countries. Zahaya, a twenty-one-year-old Syrian refugee, found safety in a Catholic Relief Services–supported refugee settlement in Lebanon. She was forced to flee her home with her husband and one-year-old son due to the extreme violence. Zahaya lost her mother from a bus bombing, and another bombing destroyed her family’s home. They lost everything except for the clothes they were wearing. Zahaya made the painful decision to flee with her family to Lebanon. They took several buses before finally making it to a refugee settlement on the other side. Zahaya mourns what has happened in her country, but thanks to your support to the CRSC, Zahaya’s family has critical food, shelter, and living supplies to survive in Lebanon.

**The most effective way you can support the collection is to announce it during Mass.** Tell the story of Zahaya, or use the parish appeal and bulletin announcements inside. Additional resources, including a social media tool kit, bulletin cover, and web ads, can be found online at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection).

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

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ *Thomas J. Rodi*

Most Rev. Thomas J. Rodi  
Archbishop of Mobile  
Chairman, USCCB Committee on National Collections

# PARISH APPEAL

Today we will be taking The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of 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 will help Jesus as he bears the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the collection today.

# LLAMADO A LA PARROQUIA

Hoy realizaremos *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. El apoyo que le des a esta colecta ayuda a las víctimas de persecuciones y de desastres naturales, provee servicios legales a inmigrantes pobres y aboga por los indefensos. Gracias a tu generosidad, seis agencias católicas ayudarán a Jesús cuyo rostro se refleja en el refugiado vulnerable, en la familia inmigrante y en el pobre y marginado. Por favor, en oración, considera contribuir a la colecta de hoy.

## 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 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 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. A digital prayer card is available online at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection).





## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENGLISH

#### *Week Before the Collection*

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

#### *Week of the Collection*

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward 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 at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://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 will 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](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

## ANUNCIOS PARA EL BOLETÍN

### SPANISH

#### *Semana antes de la colecta*

La próxima semana realizaremos *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* (CRSC). Los fondos recaudados en esta colecta ayudan a proporcionar alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y trae el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todos los pueblos, aquí en casa y en el exterior. La próxima semana por favor contribuye generosamente a la CRSC y ayuda a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Infórmate más sobre esta colecta en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

#### *Semana de la colecta*

Esta semana realizaremos *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* para responder a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás?** Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a brindar asistencia y apoyo a las comunidades luchan por salir adelante y trabajar para conseguir la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, considera la manera en la que puedas contribuir a esta colecta. Infórmate más en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

#### *Semana después de la colecta*

Muchas gracias por tu generosa contribución a *The Catholic Relief Services Collection* y por ayudar a **Jesús con otro rostro**. Tu contribución hará una diferencia para el pobre y el marginado alrededor del mundo. Si no alcanzaste a dar en la colecta, ¡todavía lo puedes hacer! Solo tienes que visitar [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) y hacer clic en "How to Give" en el lado izquierdo.





## WITH YOUR DONATIONS

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

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

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**.

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 disasters . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

## CON SUS DONATIVOS

Se alimenta el hambre de Jesús en los refugiados que sufren . . . a través del **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Se le da agua a Jesús para calmar su sed en los pueblos de Siria y de Níger . . . a través de la labor humanitaria de **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Se le ofrece asistencia legal a Jesús en los inmigrantes que luchan por salir adelante. . . a través del **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Se acercan para consolar la soledad de Jesús en los trabajadores que se sienten aislados . . . a través de la labor pastoral del **USCCB Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

Abogan a favor de Jesús en los pobres y los marginados . . . a través de la labor que hace en las políticas públicas el **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development**.

Se le envía ayuda a Jesús en las víctimas de desastres naturales . . . a través del **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.



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