

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE



DEAR FATHER,

For some asylum seekers and legal permanent residents, the prospect of deportation can mean a death sentence, as in the case of a South Sudanese member of the Dinka tribe who fled his country and came to America when he was 18 through a United Nations program. Although he has been living with his fiancée and child and working in the United States legally for 13 years, he faces deportation following an altercation. Orphaned at age six when militants attacked his village and killed his parents, and lacking the traditional tribal scarification, he could face torture or death at the hands of his own tribe or other factions if he were sent back.

But he is not alone in his situation. With the assistance of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network's (CLINIC) BIA Pro Bono Project, his case and about 800 others are assigned to experienced immigration appellate attorney volunteers each year. Facing complex legal procedures, asylum seekers without resources to hire legal representation are at risk for deportation leading to persecution and even death. With funding from The Catholic Relief Services Collection, CLINIC is there to represent and advocate for the lives and human rights

of the vulnerable. Your generosity to the collection has the power to deepen respect for human dignity and change and save 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 at ngermain@usccb.org.

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

In the Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Etienne".

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne
Coadjutor Archbishop of Seattle
Chairman, USCCB Committee on
National Collections

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

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 (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here 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.

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 struggling communities with relief and support 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! 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 (CRSC). Los fondos de esta colecta proporcionan comida 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 CRSC. **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 para ayudar a **Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudará?** Esta Colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a fin de brindar alivio y apoyo a las 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 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! Para más información sobre cómo contribuir, visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

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 can be requested. A digital version is also available for download to share with parishioners at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection.



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