

# SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

## HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

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

—REV 3:20



### DEAR FATHER,

Support to The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) helps six different Catholic agencies to answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise** around the world. The CRSC provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. The support of your parish is vital to continuing these ministries.

In Niger, changes in climate in western Africa are adversely affecting poor and rural farmers. No matter how hard these farmers work, droughts are shortening the rainy season, leaving harvests too small to support families and communities. Your support of the CRSC is helping connect businesses that provide drought-resistant seeds to these communities. These new relationships are providing hope for a sustainable future.

Thank you for taking up the CRSC. **The most effective way you can support the collection is to announce it during Mass.** Tell the story of these Nigerien farmers, 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 Reverend Thomas J. Rodi  
Archbishop of Mobile  
Chairman, USCCB Committee on National Collections

# PARISH APPEAL

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) works at home and abroad to give aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless. By supporting six Catholic agencies, this collection offers an opportunity for each of us to **help Jesus in disguise**. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the CRSC.

# LLAMADO A LA PARROQUIA

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) trabaja en nuestro país y en el extranjero para ayudar a las víctimas de persecución y de catástrofes naturales, para dar servicios legales a los inmigrantes pobres y para abogar por los indefensos. Esta colecta, la cual mantiene a seis agencias católicas, nos ofrece una oportunidad a cada uno de nosotros para ayudar a **Jesús con otro rostro**. Por favor, en oración, consideren dar una contribución a CRSC.

## SIMPLE STEPS

Use these simple steps to promote The Catholic Relief Services Collection. **How will you help Jesus in disguise?**

- 1** Use the parish appeal language, bulletin announcements, and poster.
- 2** **Distribute** the bulletin inserts to parishioners.
- 3** **Preach** about the great needs of marginalized and impoverished communities of the world. Express concern for the poor, refugees, and the exploited. Explain Catholic social teaching and our moral obligation to help. Connect this collection to the works of mercy.
- 4** **Announce** the collection to your parish, so parishioners know what it is, where their money goes, and when to expect the collection. *The most important thing you can do to promote this collection is to mention it during Mass.*
- 5** **Pray** for those affected by war, disease, drought, displacement, and exploitation.



## 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 Christ's love and respect 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, nuestra parroquia llevará a cabo The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Los fondos recaudados en esta colecta ayudarán a proveerles alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y el amor y el respeto de Cristo a todas las personas aquí en nuestro país y en el extranjero. La próxima semana, por favor contribuye generosamente a la colecta de CRS y a **Jesús con otro rostro**, ¿le ayudarás? Aprende más acerca de la 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 proporcionar asistencia y apoyo a las comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y trabaja para lograr la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, piensa en cómo vas a apoyar a esta colecta. Aprende más acerca de la colecta en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://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 harán una diferencia a los pobres y los marginados alrededor del mundo. Si no alcanzó a dar en la colecta, ¡todavía lo puede hacer! Visite [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), y haga clic en el enlace "How to Give", al lado izquierdo.





# HELP *Jesus* IN DISGUISE

## 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 disaster . . . 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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