

# HELP *Jews* IN DISGUISE

“BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK.”  
—REV 3:20

Dear Diocesan Director/Coordinator,

Your diocese will be taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection soon. When your diocese participates in the collection, it supports organizations that provide housing for victims of natural disasters, educational opportunities for refugees displaced by war, legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers, and ministries to maritime workers who have unique pastoral needs.

When Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines in 2013, it destroyed over one million homes and impacted 14 million people. Anibong, a community on the coast, was so severely damaged that the government declared it unsafe for habitation. Catholic Relief Services has worked to help the families from Anibong relocate to safe homes.

Girlita “Girli” Ascalona is one of the Anibong residents who was affected by the storm damage. With assistance from Catholic Relief Services, Girli purchased a new lot to build a new home using advanced, hurricane- and earthquake-resistant construction methods for herself, her husband, and their six children. Not only is the house protected from future disasters, but it is also protected from water shortages by a rainwater-capture system that provides access to clean water for all the families in the new settlement. Catholic Relief Services also coached and mentored homeowners in community management techniques to ensure the settlement continues to meet residents’ needs into the future.

Catholic Relief Services works not only to provide disaster relief, but also to empower aid recipients with tools to rebuild flourishing lives after catastrophe strikes. When parishioners in your diocese participate in The Catholic Relief Services Collection, they support works that respect the dignity of vulnerable people and build them up.

We are here to support your efforts to promote this collection. Bulletin announcements, parish appeals, web banners, and more are available for your use at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). There you can also find a social media tool kit with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram posts and photos to use. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or [ngermain@usccb.org](mailto:ngermain@usccb.org). On behalf of the National Collections staff and all who benefit from The Catholic Relief Services Collection, thank you.

Gratefully in Christ,



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